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Cleveland is admirably situated, being the home of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, one of the oldest and best known philatelic clubs in America. Philately is also well organized in the neighboring cities of Buffalo, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and numerous other places in Ohio, Western New York, Western Pennsylvania, and Eastern Michigan.

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The Continental Ribbed Paper U.S. Issue 1873-74

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PART II.

The reader will remember that this series was inspired by the derogatory remarks of a writer in a recent publication, casting reflection on the legitimate status of the Continental printings on ribbed paper.

Review of a number of works by various specialists touching on the same subject shows several of them to be in the same apparent darkness concerning the ribbed paper variety.

J. W. Sampson, in his work on "The Seven Cent Vermilion," says: "So-called 'ribbed paper' specimens are occasionally offered, but the writer confesses that he does not hold them in high esteem as collectible varieties. The corrugations, supposed to be characteristic of ribbed paper, are very difficult to detect."

E. B. Power, in his work on "The Postage Stamps of the United States," produced for Stanley Gibbons, Inc., does not mention the ribbed paper varieties.

Others might be quoted, but space does not permit.

Many students of United States stamps have avoided the serious study of paper varieties in the Bank Note Company printings from 1870 to 1890, and as a result, an astonishing confusion exists in the mind of the average collector.

This failure to study paper varieties in these issues has resulted in these particular stamps not being nearly as popular as they should be, considering their age, their historic and philatelic interest and the scarcity of some issues.

After ten years of study, I am convinced that the papers used by the National, Continental and Bank Note Companies form *the most interesting and most important branch of study in these issues.*

In the 1851-57 issues, plate varieties hold the greatest interest, plate varieties have much of interest for the student of the 1870-88 issues, but when the specialists of the United States turn earnest attention to these stamps, I am confident that paper will hold the center of the stage or at least divide honors evenly with plate varieties.

Fortunately not all students have assumed that the ribbed papers were difficult to detect and of more or less doubtful character.

Frank E. Goodwin recognizes both the horizontally and vertically ribbed papers in his work on "United States Department Stamps."

Luff recognized the ribbed paper and the Scott Stamp & Coin Company rightly lists the ribbed papers in its Specialized Catalogue, although a contradictory and confusing statement exists in the general catalogue which should certainly list the variety considering that it gives recognition to the laid paper of the 1861 issue.

H. L. Wiley, in his book on "The Three Cent Green" gave full recognition to the ribbed paper varieties, both horizontal and vertical (no, we are not speaking of cross word puzzles).

When one thinks of the confusion existing regarding the Continental printings of the 24 cent, 30 cent and 90 cent values, the importance of thoroughly understanding the various papers used by the Continental Company will be understood.

Many of the thirty cent values that I have seen offered by the most reputable of dealers as Continental printings have been American printings on the American hard paper. Others have been on National papers. While I personally do not study any denomination above the six cent, excepting the ten cent values, and therefore cannot speak with certainty regarding the thirty cent, I doubt much if it is possible to distinguish the Continental printings of this stamp by color alone. Paper should be the deciding factor and if the dealers and specialist do not know papers, how is the general collector to decide?

Consider the 24 cent "deep purple" of the Continental printing listed by Scott at $1,500. If some collector were to find this stamp on a true ribbed paper, there could be absolutely no doubt that it was a Continental printing for the reason that a study of hundreds of thousands of copies of the one, two, three, and six cent values furnishes conclusive proof that the ribbed paper was used by the Continental Company only.

I attempted to show in the first article of this series, by proof of dated copies and covers of the three cent green, that the probable date of the printing by the Continental Company on ribbed papers was during the summer and fall of 1873, or the fall and winter of 1873-74, and that this paper was likely in use only a few months.

WHAT IS RIBBED PAPER?

We will now examine into the characteristics of the ribbed paper. It should be kept in mind that this article deals with the Three Cent Green only, but that in general the statements can be applied to other denominations of the Continental printings.

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Situated in the Central part of Asia, it borders the Eastern and Southern provinces of tumultuous China, the U. S. S. R. and the newly formed Republic of Tannu Tuvynsk. It occupies an area of 2,780,000 square kms. and has a mixed population of nearly two and a half million Mongolian, Chinese and Russian. Like China, who has dominated its political life for over two centuries, Mongolia has shown no progress and even today remains a backward country.

Through its domain no railway winds its steely ribboned way. Only at its borders the Eastern China Railway encroaches for a short distance. So we find just ordinary country roads over which to travel, with two or three of the famous caravan routes passing southeasterly through the great Gobi (Shamo) desert. Telegraph and telephone lines found their way into Mongolia during the 20th century and today a radio station operates at the capital city Ulan Bator Khoto (Urga).

Russia has poured a more or less progressive influence into Mongolia throughout the past score of years. Russia was instrumental in bringing in the telegraph and telephone lines and is now ready to extend its Baikal Railway line through to Ulan Bator Khoto (Urga). When young China rose up and ousted the Manchus Dynasty in 1911, the Czarist government of Russia, still stinging from its defeat at the hands of Japan, sought solace in sending its political agents into the land to incite the reigning prince of Mongolia to revolt and throw off the stagnant influence of China and hoping in this way to strengthen its own prestige among these people. On November 18, 1911, Mongolia did proclaim itself an independent republic. On December 1, 1912, the Great Khan of Mongolia was proclaimed "Bogdo Gegeno." Immediately steps were taken to drive out the Chinese rule and in the fall of 1913, in less than a year's time, almost all of the central and outlying parts of Mongolia were under his power. When in 1914 the great world war required the attention of Russia within its own domain and the near east, the Republic of China quickly seized this open advantage and exerted its influence in outer Mongolia. In 1915 this outer part of Mongolia was acknowledged a part of China with a sort of autonomy from inner Mongolia. When the Soviet Republic overthrew the shackles of the Czarist government in 1917, the new leaders at once made over-

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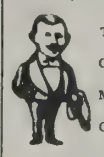

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Philatelically, the new Mongolian National Republic has but recently made its bow. However, the first postal service made its appearance in Mongolia in 1863 through the efforts of a Russian tea merchant and at first was exclusively private in character. Later this was changed into a government establishment. In the twentieth century the government postal system included Moned Ulastutoy, Kosh Agach Kobdo and Urga Ulasutay. A Chinese postal service on the Kakhta-Urga-Kalga line was operated by Englishmen in 1918 and within the Urga Republic only one Mongolian government postal system was in operation.

Prior to 1914 was known as the pre-stamp period of postal operations in Mongolia. Mail matter was prepaid in cash and an impression was made on the cover with a rubber stamp and in the center of the impression was written in ink the amount paid.

The first issue of stamps appeared in 1924. This issue was printed in Moskow by the government printing bureau (Hosnak) from an approved design supplied by the government. These stamps were issued in the following denominations: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 cents and $1.00 in Chinese values. They were printed on Surface Tinted Paper of very stout texture and vary in size and details of design. All values are known to have been perforated horizontally across the middle so that they might be divided and used for half their face values. The central design appears to be a coat of arms OCHERA of Mongolia and symbolic of the theocratical peer of the past. Cancellations on the stamps are square with inscription in English horizontally and Mongolian vertically, the date, month and year are inscribed in Arabic figures across the center. There also appears the name URGA, the former name of the capital and ULAN BATOR KHOTO, the present name. The supply of this issue is exhausted.

For the second issue the government surcharged the then current revenue stamps with a rectangular box design. These surcharges were of four colors:

Violet surcharge on the 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50c and 1 and 5 dollar.

Red surcharge on the 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50c and 1 dollar. Also the black surcharge and the blue surcharge on the same values.

The third issue and last was printed by the government printing bureau and on these appeared a new coat of arms SOEMB and also a new value of "mung" equivalent to the American cent and "tuhrck" equal to the American dollar. There appears two types in the 5m and 20m, the difference being in the pearl above the crescent and the devices and panels in the middle of the stamp. The values issued were the 1 yellow, 2 brown-orange, 5 lilac, 10 light blue, 20m yellow-green, 40 lemon and 50m buff, 1t brown, 3t red and yellow and 5t brown-violet, with the insignia on all denominations in black.—*Stamp Echo.*

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AIR POST CHRONICLE

Austria.—On August 1st, the first Contract Airmail Service between Vienna and Rome was opened, when a mail consisting of 602 ordinary pieces and 132 registered letters left the capital, and 522 ordinary and 20 registered letters were despatched from Aspern. A special first-day cachet was applied, circular in shape, and depicting an aeroplane around which were the words "Post-Erstflug Wien-Rom." It is reported that during the year 1925, 438,700 air stamps were sold in Austria, the value totaling 151,220 schillings, and in 1926, 276,700 air stamps to the value of 266,950 schillings were purchased by the public, an increase in value of over 100,000 schillings.

Albania.—The following are the quantities of the airmail stamps issued with the "Rep. Shqiptare" overprint, according to the *Baltic Philatelist:*—5q, 55,000; 10q, 55,000; 25q, 58,100; 50q, 78,100; 1fr, 72,000; 2frs, 48,450; 3frs, 22,200.

Colombia.—Germany was the first country, we believe, to issue postal stationery with imprinted air stamps, but to Colombia may be given credit for the first stationery bearing imprinted semi-official air stamps, for the S. C. A. D. T. A. company has placed on sale a letter-card for use on its airways, which bears the inscription of the company, the representation of a flying machine, and the imprinted stamp, value 20c, in grey on salmon.

Czecho-Slovakia.—On the opening day, July 4th, 1927, of the new line between Prague and Marienbad, a mail of 800 pieces was flown from the capital, and a special reception postmark applied at Marienbad. The editor of *Letectvi* has been good enough to point out that the commemorative mail reported in the last number of *The Aero Field* was not an official mail leaving this country for Poland. It seems evident that the mail was first carried on the balloons and then posted for despatch by ordina routes from Prague afterwards.

Chile.—Reports are in circulati that the Chilian Post Office states t the air stamps are issued by the Co mercial Aviation Co. and are in no w of an official character. That flo covers bear the full franking fee in n tional stamps apart from the air stam supports this statement, but there c be no doubt that the air post adhesiv are fully recognised by the authoriti for they are wholly unobtainable unus Letters intended for despatch by air h to be handed over the Post Office co ter, as the special stamps were appli after payment, to the envelopes by t postal clerks only. Further, these stam are catalogued both by Yvert and Sco while a recent number of Champio Bulletin published a copy of a dec authorising their issue and quoting act numbers prepared for use. We beli that the air service, after operating fo very short period, was suspended so time ago, for no special cancellation h been applied since the end of Augu Further news is promised us by c correspondents.

Cuba.—A regular service betwe this island and Florida was inaugurat in the middle of October, and a spec official cachet in addition to the ordina postmark, was applied to all outgoi airmail at Havana. In the first m were about fifty letters bearing varieti of the imperforated stamps.

France.—It is proposed to establi a service between Marseilles and Mona and hydroplanes have already made tr flights on this extension of the line b tween London-Paris-Lyons and Ma seilles. The aerial service between To louse and South America, about whi we have already given details, is n planned to open, according to one repo at the end of this year, and according foreign publications, at some time duri 1928.

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Guatemala.—A first airmail flight etween Guatemala City and Chiquimala ok place on June 12th, two machines ing in use. Mr. A. A. Cohen informs that both machines were rather badly maged upon arrival through coming wn on a muddy landing field. The regular circular air cachet was applied, and all covers were backstamped upon arrival.

Great Britain.—On September 17th, the afternoon letter mail service to Holland was suspended for the winter, and on September 30th the following routes were also closed for the season, though the service between London, Amsterdam and Hamburg has been extended to Berlin:—London to Basle and Zurich via Paris; and London, via Paris, to Lyons, Marseilles and Geneva.

On September 29th, mail was receivable at the London Post Office for despatch to connect with the re-opening of the Kenya service.

Greece.—The airmail vignettes reported in the December, 1926, *Aero Field*, of which 100,000 series were ordered, but only 20,000 released for circulation, 414 sets being despatched to the Postal Union at Berne, have now been recognised as officially issued.

Germany.—Both the machines that attempted the trans-Atlantic aeroplane flight to America were carrying airmail, and it has been said that 3,500 covers, the postage of which amounted to 74,000 marks, were held up on the return of the unsuccessful plane pending the decision of the Director of Posts.

Holland and Dutch Indies.—Lieut. Koppen and his two companions successfully completed their flight from Amsterdam to Batavia and back on October 28th, in the record period of 28 days, or 19 days actual flying time. Leaving Amsterdam on October 1st, they covered the 8,750 miles to Batavia on October 10th and started their return journey on October 21st. Experimental mail was carried in both directions, for which a special franking fee was charged and special air postmarks applied in addition to the ordinary ones. Six hundred and sixty-nine letters and 1,423 postcards were flown on the outward journey and 1,288 letters and 3,054 postcards were brought back from the Indies. The special cancellation was at times rather carelessly applied on the latter mail, as we have seen several pieces without it. We are indebted to Mr. A. Cossar for the news that on the return trip of Mr. Van Lear Black from Batavia to Holland, 42 covers were carried from Karachi, five being for Baghdad, 33 for Holland and four for Great Britain, those for Baghdad and Holland being postmarked at Karachi on July 13th. This mail is said to have been sanctioned by the Post Office authorities.

Hungary.—In the course of the Exhibition at Debreezen about eighty cards bearing a special propaganda postmark and vignette were despatched and carried on the regular air-line from Budapest outwards.

Japan.—*The Yuraku* announces that the first attempt to connect the airmail lines between Tokyo and Osaka and Fukuoka and vice versa was made successfully on July 27th. From Tokyo 336 pieces were carried for Fukuoka, the mail bag being transferred from one machine to the other at Osaka, where an additional 29 letters were added. On the same day, a mail of ten pieces for Osaka and fifty for Tokyo was flown from Fukuoka, to which were added 36 more pieces at Osaka en route.

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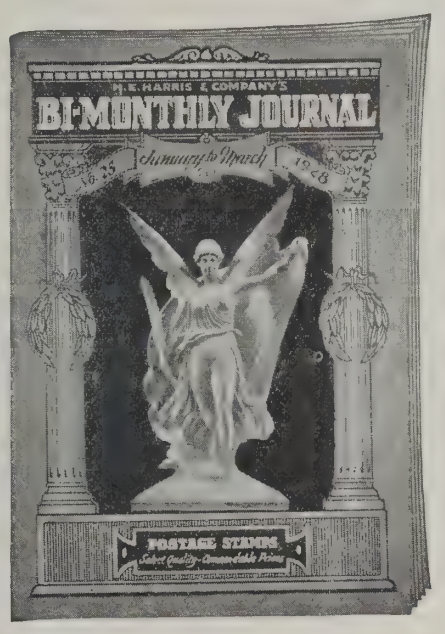

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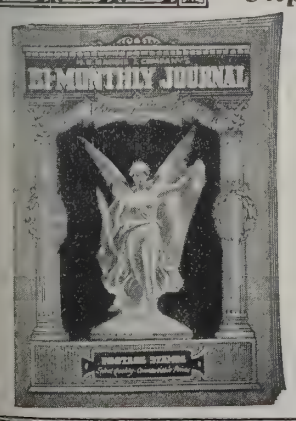

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The New Year starts well and it is unnecessary to make predictions which carry little weight as a rule even though they are useful in filling space. While it is true that the prosperity of commercial philately is dependent to some extent upon the general well-being of the country, yet it was once pointed out by a shrewd observer that when general business is slack, the man of affairs who is a philatelist has more time to devote to his stamps and in consequence he is more in the market than customarily. Come what may, philately cannot lose.

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There will always be problems for discussion and some difference of opinion among the citizens of the philatelic world; and we are glad that it is not otherwise. It has been said that only a small percentage of the public does the thinking for the nation, but with philatelists, the statement does not ring true. Judging from our correspondence, the number of collectors who do not think or who are inarticulate is small, relatively speaking. In the first stage of his collecting career, the philatelist may busy himself merely with his stamps and be an on-looker on the philatelic life of the streets, so to say, but it is not long before he is prone to join the throng and his opinion is heard among that of his fellows.

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If thanks are due any division of collectors, they are to those who have been instrumental in getting publicity for stamps in periodicals and newspapers that are read by the general public. We have harped on the desirability of obtaining notices of the kind until the subject has become tiresome to some, but we know that the good that results in the aggregate from efforts of workers do more to establish philately as an accepted occupation than any other means, from first to last. It is not always easy to turn the trick, but when once the collector finds that he has prevailed and the printed page bears testimony to his enterprise, he has reason to feel that he is advancing the pursuit. Philatelic publicity is the shortest cut to the practical advantage of stamp collecting.

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We have been told of the discovery of several Hawaiian Missionary stamps by several readers who based their reports on a newspaper announcement to that effect; and now we have word from the principal in the find. The fortunate man is none other than Mr. J. Lynn Avery of Long Beach, California, whose position as a banker and lodge man makes him well known in his locality; and we have just received particulars from Mr. Avery that will prove of interest to our readers. The two Missionaries are the 5c blue, and the 13c blue of the second type, evidently, and were found by Mr. Avery in the possession of "the widow of a man who had owned them for many years, having originally been given them by a sea captain who traded in the South Seas in the early days." An account of the find, illustrated by a cut of the 2c Missionary is given in the Long Beach *Press Telegram* of December 15th, in which it is said that the term, Missionary, was given to "these stamps for the reason that the comparatively few copies known were nearly all found on the letters written by the missionaries, at that date constituting nearly the entire white population of the islands." It is needless to say that the resurrecting of one or more Missionary stamps is an event of importance and any increase in the visible supply of these great rarities is an interesting development. The supposition is that the two copies found by Mr. Avery have been or will be closely scrutinized. Further details will certainly be awaited with attention.

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Mr. E. M. Ash nominates the cancellation longest in use in any country and says: "To the best of my knowledge, the one I enclose was used on Cuba No. 1, in the year 1855; and intermittently on all issues up to 1881. In going over a large accumulation of Cuban stamps I find a number of the map issue of 1914 cancelled with the old No. 1 grid, all of them having been used on registered mail at the Havana General Post Office. Can any one beat this?" Sure enough, the familiar grid-like oval cancellation seen on No. 1 Cuba appears on the block of 10c, 1914, as enclosed. Incidentally, Mr. E. M. Ash should know his Cuba, as he has moved again and he is now "Supte. Terminal, Puerto Tarafa, Camaguey, Cuba." It is written: "There's more movement to this family than to a whole jazz orchestra."

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A photograph has been received from Mr. Arthur de Vaux, Lyon, France, of a sheet of 25 of the American Legion, 90 centimes, without the numeral of value in the lower left hand tablet. Mr. de Vaux says: "As you will see, the value has not been printed. The stamps were printed in two operations, first the background and then the value. It is probable that two sheets went under the second machine stuck together and only the first one received the impression of value. Up to this date there is only one sheet known of this variety. It was sold to myself and by mistake in a lot of 5,000 at the Main P. O. of Lyon (Lyon-Recette-Principale, bureau des Archers) September last. I thought that you might be interested in this queer error, as to my knowledge this is the first time in French stamp history that a stamp was sold without value." The photograph shows this striking error to advantage; and there is not any sign of impression on the tablet that ordinarily bears the tablet of value.

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An inquiry has been received asking when the American Philatelic Society was organized and by searching through old files to refresh our memory, we are able to submit the following particulars. The committee on organization met at the Metropolitan Assembly Rooms, 64 East 4th Street, New York City, on September 13th and 14th, 1886, when officers were elected. Previously, it had been said that the proposal to organize the national society had met with favor and that over 400 members were enrolled. All of these who sent in their ballots with a postal note for 25c to defray expenses were entitled to vote for officers. The committee on organization was the result of the expression of a wish of four philatelic societies that a national body be formed. The total number of votes cast was 219 and John K. Tiffany received 127 as president; and he succeeded himself many times. The New York meeting of 1886 may be said to have been the first convention, and Chicago nosed out Philadelphia as the place of the 1887 convention by sixteen votes. At the Chicago convention, Mr. Wm. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass., and Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, Philadelphia, acquired the habit of attending the annual meetings.

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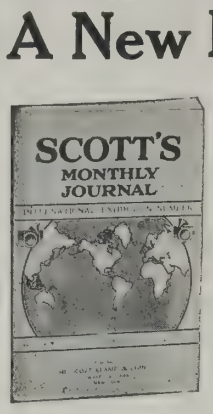

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We were also pleased to find several interesting pages of editorials, notes, and letters, unusually good because they were for the most part impersonal—devoted to philately quite apart from the goods H. E. Harris & Co. has to sell. We think this practice of printing editorial comment in a house organ should be encouraged, and we are glad to see Mr. Harris so worthy an exponent.

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REFERRING TO THE RECENT ARTICLES OF MESSRS. "CALABAR" AND HILL

By ROBERT S. GORDON, Middletown, O.

Aden—Stamps of India are used at times, but those of Great Britain are found oftener, I believe. A recent letter posted on board a P & O boat enroute from India to Aden bore British, not Indian, stamps.

Ascension—Mr. Hill's estimate that used are twenty times as scarce as unused seems pretty high. Has anyone any statistics at hand regarding postal receipts from sale of stamps in Ascension compared to the sale of them by the Crown Agents? That would help, although of course all local sales wouldn't be used, nor would all C.A. sales be unused.

British Honduras—Classing these with Virgin Islands is not accurate, in my opinion. The first has nearly fifty thousand, the second only five thousand, population. The first has upwards of ten PO's, the second has three. Virgin Islands used on cover are far scarcer than Brit. Honduras, which are not exceptionally hard to find.

Brunei covers are rated rather low by Mr. Hill. They are much harder to find than the same stamps used. These stamps were, until recent years, at least, occasionally used on letters from Labuan,—whether by oversight or not I do not know.

Cayman Islands, while having nearly the same population as the Virgins, nevertheless seem to be much commoner used, and hardly seem to justify Mr. Hill's rating of used values at twice catalog.

Curacao is certainly rated too high. As to Suriname, I have no first hand information, but I was a resident in Venezuela for some time, and never found the slightest difficulty in obtaining Curacao in any condition at prices considerably lower than prices for the same unused at the Willemstad (Curacao) PO.

Falklands are, as Mr. Hill states, more common on cover recently than in former years, and perhaps three times catalog is not too much to pay for some values on cover. As a rule, though, that is too much. With a little hunting, they can be bought for less.

French Colonies—French India and Togo, as well as St. Pierre et Miquelon, are rated rather high. Chad, Niger, Ubangi, and Upper Volta could well be classed with Mauritania and Wallis et Futuna as regards approximate scarcity on cover. (Letters from Fort-Lamy, Chad, to New York average 110 days in transit!)

Gambia and **Gilbert & Ellice** seem to be high—especially the former. Gambia should certainly not be valued used at more than Brunei and Span. Western Sahara.

Kuwait—Is it obsolete, as "Calabar" says? I received a cover in the fall of 1926 franked with the overprinted stamps—and it wasn't one of these "self-addressed, cancelled-to-order" covers, either. The writer of the letter may have used a "left-over," however.

Montserrat and **Nauru** are given higher values by Mr. Hill than seem consistent; although it is surprising, as "Calabar" remarks, how many more used Naurus seem to be in existence than would appear reasonable from the size of the place.

New Guinea—In "Calabar's" notes under New Guinea he lists 11 PO's. There are, or were recently, two others: Buka Passage and Salamea, making 13 in all.

Somaliland Protectorate—Mr. Hill's statement that these "are worth three times catalog if used" is surprising. I suspect that Mr. Hill has merely been having a little bad luck in obtaining them. Can anyone add to my list of PO's of this colony, which I am sure is not complete: Berbera, Bulhar, Burao, Erigavo, Hargeisa, Las Khorai, Sheikh, and Zeyla.

Spanish Colonies—La Aguera and Western Sahara do not seem to be fully appreciated. La Aguera in particular (it is now obsolete) ought to bring on cover an enormous price, if rarity and not demand was the controlling factor. Used off cover, from any Spanish colony of the twentieth century should be regarded with suspicion. They are often seen with cancellations, correctly named and dated, but the stamps themselves never saw the colony from which they are supposed to have been issued, in a great many cases. I have recently seen a postcard, unaddressed, bearing one stamp each of Elobey, Rio de Oro, and Spanish Morocco—each stamp being cancelled with its correct postmark.

It must of course be remembered that used stamps of some colonies vary greatly in potential, even if not in actual, value, according to the size of the particular town or hamlet cancelling the stamps. It is hard to lay down a general rule for such colonies; especially since such values are subject more to personal preferences than to the law of supply and demand. Gilbert & Ellice; India used in Persia, Arabia, and Tibet; and the scarcer French colonials are good examples. To my mind, a cover bearing Indian stamps posted at Gyang-tse, Tibet, may have a value entirely disproportionate to that given to it by someone not so interested in postmarks. A Chad cover from Abeshr (which I have been trying to get for some time) may be, and probably would be, of no particular interest to many collectors. It savors too much of collecting postmarks and not stamps.

And yet the postmark field is bound to overlap slightly to anyone who is interested in used stamps at all. Notice, for example, the prices now being paid for U. S. cancellations, for Queensland used in British New Guinea, for Ballon Monte items. I believe the time is fast approaching when collectors, realizing the impossibility of completing general collections or even group collections, will turn to the individual colonies more and specialize on a scale heretofore unknown. When that time comes we may have specialized catalogs, along the line of the present U. S. Specialized, which will give a truer value to the many items, such as cancellations that are now almost entirely neglected.

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Argentina.—Meaning "silver land" is from the latin Argentium which signifies "silver," whilst the river has received its name Rio de la Plata (Plata silver) from the Spanish.

Belgium.—The new kingdom which separated from Holland in 1831, was named after its old inhabitants the Cetic Belgae, as the land of the Belgians had already been called Belgico in the time of the Romans.

Holland.—This name was formed from the original "Holtland," on account of the thick copsewood of the islands at the mouth of the Maas. Holt is the low-German form for the high-German Holz (wood).

—Ill. Briefmarken Jour.—Am. Jour. Phil

EL ERIZO THE HEDGEHOG

This stamp, the 1c 1905, pictures the statue of Juan Santa Maria, erected in the town of Alajuela in honour of this Costa Rican hero. The story of this man's bravery will bear re-telling.

It was on April 11, 1856, that the Costa Rican army tried conclusions with the American buccaneer, William Walker, in the town of Rivas. Walker had resolved to conquer the whole of Central America, and had already succeeded in subduing Nicaragua, and was making ready to crush Costa Rica. The Costa Rican army found him strongly fortified in an inn, while his men were quartered in the church and other buildings in the town. In order to obtain a decisive victory, it was necessary to dislodge him from his stronghold. Every inch of the intervening space was covered with the rifles of the enemy. General Canas, who was in command, conceived the idea of setting the inn on fire.

"Is there no one brave enough to risk his life to save his compatriots?" asked the general. Immediately there sprang from the ranks a soldier. "I will go," he said, "but I charge you not to forget my mother." A torch was prepared and he started on his perilous journey. As he drew near to the inn a bullet shattered his right arm. Placing the torch in his left hand he soon covered the remaining space. A second bullet laid him low, but before he died he was able to apply the torch to the wooden structure which was soon in flames. The invaders fled in terror and the Costa Ricans were masters of the situation. Juan Santa Maria, commonly known as El Erizo the hedgehog, was the name of this brave soldier, and the statue shows him still grasping the fatal torch in his right hand.—*Postage Stamp.*

The Mosque of Omar

(Palestine, 1927, 13m)

Jerusalem, says a writer in the "Popular Pictorial," is one of the most ancient and interesting cities in the world. Situated 2,500 feet above sea-level, the district in which it stands is somewhat uninviting, being both rugged and barren. The city occupies the greater part of the space occupied by two ravines—the Valley of Jehoshaphat and the Valley of Hinnom.

The walls of the city have a circuit of about two and a half miles. They were built by the Turks about three centuries ago, partly on the site, and mainly with the materials of still more ancient walls. The present walls vary in height from 30 to 50 feet, flanked, at intervals, by massive towers.

The public buildings within its walls are numerous, and occupy a large amount of space. The largest is Moriah, now called El-Haram Esh-Sherif (The Noble Sanctuary). Christians are but rarely admitted to this building. Its area is nearly one-eighth of the whole city, and where not built upon, is laid out as a lawn, planted with trees.

The most conspicuous building is the Mosque of Omar, strikingly shown on the current 13m stamp of Palestine. It is situated near the centre of the area, on an elevated terrace, approached by four porticos, one of them with a beautiful marble colonnade. It is lighted by forty-eight windows of stained glass, and surmounted by a magnificent dome. This mosque occupies the site, and is supposed to contain some remains of the Jewish temple.

Mohammedan Calif, Omar, who took the city in 636 A.D., was responsible for the erection. Within recent years, a considerable improvement has taken place in the appearance and prosperity of the city. Pilgrims and travellers annually visit it in large numbers, and numerous hotels have been erected to satisfy their wants. It was in 1892 that Jerusalem was connected with Jaffa by railway.—*Postage Stamp.*

Mixed Perforations

This is a combination of perforations found in the case of some modern stamps. The term "mixed" is applied to stamps from sheets which were either defectively or incompletely perforated and were then patched on the backs with strips of paper and re-perforated by a machine of a different gauge in those parts where the original perforation was not satisfactory.

Romance in Stamps

By NELL LOUNSBERRY.

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True, many of the portholes do not frame such interesting scenes as do these looking out on this Portuguese Colony in East Africa.

We can fairly feel the chill of the North as we sight Newfoundland. Our ship glides on by the monument to the fighting Newfoundlanders, and past a cold mountain lake, surrounded by lofty snow-capped domes. In the Royal Naval Reserve, a majestic bull caribou flings his head in the air and sends forth his clarion cry. And there, among the other porthole views are the portraits of Good Queen Mary and George V!

Romance in stamps? Why one can circle the globe and penetrate to the heart of darkest Africa, via the Magic Carpet of the album page.

Perplexing Surcharges

V. R. I.—Victoria Regina Imperatrix. (Victoria, Queen and Empress). An overprint applied to many Trans-

vaal and Orange Free State stamps during the last South African war.

V. N.—Vaccination. Another South Australian surcharge.

Junior Dictionary

Post Office.—The chief inscription on the famous 1d and 2d stamps of Mauritius issued in 1847, and it also appears upon the Annapolis, Millbury, New Haven, New York, Providence and St. Louis "postmasters' stamps" of the United States.

Post Office Dept.—Found on the U. S. official stamps used by the government department dealing with postal affairs prior to the introduction of the "penalty envelopes."

Post Office Telegraphs.—The series of stamps issued in Great Britain for use on telegrams in 1876 and used for a few years until postage stamps for this purpose were authorised.

Post Stamp.—The only English inscription, except that relating to the facial value, shown on many of the stamps of the Indian native state of Hyderabad.

Post Tenebras Lux.—The motto shown above the Arms on the first stamps issued in the Swiss Canton of Geneva. It means "After darkness, light."

Pound.—The £1 stamps of Great Britain and Victoria have the value expressed as "one pound," but the stamps of similar denominations in other parts of the British Empire using the same currency as the motherland are usually expressed as "£1" or "20s." In normal times the pound has a value of $4.87 in United States money.

Pre.—An abbreviation for "piastre" overprinted on the 1876 provisional issue for Turkey.

In Lighter Vein

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"Perhaps they would be more useful on the parcel," answered the young lady sweetly.

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ELSEWHERE in this issue Allen-Bolton advertises an approval book of interest. He has submitted a specimen for our examination and we think well enough of it to invite our subscribers to send for a sample copy, which may be had for 5c. Address the firm at 38 Stretton Rd., Croyden, England.

WE have been favored by Albert E. Gorham with specimens of two first flight covers. One left Cincinnati Dec. 17, 1 P. M., for Chicago, and at 6 A. M., Dec. 18, took off for New York and arrived 8.30 P. M.. The other was used on Indianapolis-Chicago route same date.

THE Stamp Collectors Club of N. J., having outgrown its club rooms, has moved to 413 27th St., Union City, N. J. The Society has just been granted a charter by the A. P. S. and this fact will bring more members, as the sales circuit of this organization is something worthwhile. Anyone interested in the A. P. S. in New York or New Jersey within traveling radius is heartily invited to attend our meetings. Write A. Klingenstein, 49 Waverly St., Jersey City, N. J.

WE have been shown by Albert E. Gorham a Buffalo-Cleveland first flight inaugurating airmail. The route number is 20 and the date, Dec. 17.

WE are indebted to a host of our subscribers for the many Christmas greetings and well wishes. We heartily reciprocate the many kind expressions of good will. Our old friend, A. W. Dunning, now in the Southland, gave a very practical and very acceptable token of the Christmas spirit by mailing us a package of extra fine pecans. Many thanks, Mr. Dunning.

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AIR POST CHRONICLE

(Continued from page 7)

Luxemburg.—In connection with the Philatelic Exhibition, a special balloon mail was despatched on September 8th. This consisted of philatelically prepared postcards inscribed for the event and bearing on the reverse particulars. in French, of the first issued stamps of the Duchy. We have heard that 15,000 of these cards were prepared, but have not received exact data as to number flown. Cachet was officially applied to obliterate the franking stamps, while each card was also postmarked at Roodt on the same day.

Persia.—We are indebted to a correspondent for the following information. The first flight from Teheran to Bender-Pehlevi, on the Baku route, took place on February 8th, 1927, the date on the postmarks in Arabic representing 18 Bahman (11th Persian Solar Month) of the year 1305. Flown covers bear a special air cachet in red inscribed in Persian and Arabic, while the Teheran postmark is in violet. Flown covers were backstamped with a special postmark at Pehlevi four days after the departure from the capital. We are informed that less than 150 pieces were carried on this first flight, and are promised the exact number later, if available. Practically all the flown covers bear air-overprinted stamps, in addition to the ordinary franking stamp.

The following is a list of overprinted stamps kindly furnished by the same writer:—1ch, 65,000; 2ch, 30,000; 3ch, 45,000; 6ch, 40,000; 9ch, 35,000; 10ch, 55,000; 13ch, 18,000; 26ch, 18,000; 1kr, 20,000; 2kr, 15,000; 3kr, 11,000; 4kr, 5,000; 5kr, 5,000; 10kr, 20kr, and 30kr, 600 of each.

Russia.—Champion's Bulletin reports that of the new air stamps, 200,000 of each were issued.

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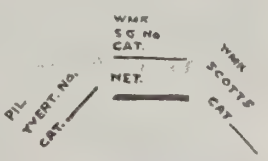

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The Suburban Stamp Club of Boston held a Christmas tree party Thursday evening, Dec. 15. It was a complete success with one hundred and twenty in attendance, by actual count. Sandwiches, coffee, cakes, cigars, etc., were enjoyed by all, and our own Sam Bailey performed with tricks of magic. We had five applications for membership, making a total of ten for December.

The club has outgrown its quarters in the Quincy House and beginning with Jan. 5, it will meet at the American House, 56 Hanover St., where it will have three large connecting rooms, all nicely furnished.

C. A. Davis, who has rendered splendid service as chairman of the entertainment committee has been nominated for the presidency of the club for 1928. I am personally glad of this, for his loyalty to the club in the past is an indication that it will progress still further under his direction.

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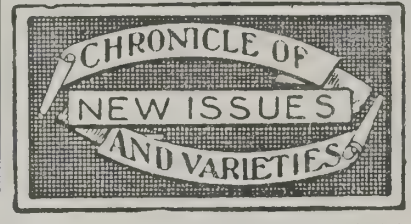

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United States

Annual Report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing

The Annual Report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, has just been received. The booklet, consisting of forty-eight pages, gives a detailed resume of the activities of the Bureau, as well as a detailed list of the products which were turned out during the twelve months.

It is to be noted that the Post Office Department expended with the Bureau in payment of postage stamps $1,350,607.64. The cost of the Bureau's activities at the International Philatelic Exhibition held at New York amounted to $341.87. In all, just short of two hundred and thirty million sheets of stamps were produced, totaling nearly twenty-four billion stamps or an average of about two billion per month. The largest number of an individual item was in excess of eight billion 2-cent stamps in sheet form. The smallest item was twenty-five thousand, five hundred and ninety $5 stamps, showing that the use of this denomination is decreasing, rather than increasing. Over six million of the Sesqui-Centennial stamps were distributed, and more are to come. The 2-cent White Plains totaled 43,324,435.

The use of the higher denominations of the Postage Due series is evidently increasing, for this year five hundred ninety thousand six hundred 30c (the scarcest) reached postmasters. A detailed list of specimen stamps is given, but this does not mean that the stamps are overprinted "Specimens," but are specimen copies distributed to the Universal Postal Union.

The Canal Zone received a half-million 1-cent stamps, two million 2-cent, and quantities ranging from one hundred thousand to four hundred twenty thousand 2c in books, 3c, 10c, 17c and 20c. In excess of fifty-five million stamps went to the Philippines, of which eleven thousand, six hundred were of the 10 peso denomination. The list gives the number of pre-cancelled stamps furnished of each denomination.

Wine and Cordial stamps of the series of 1914 were distributed, although I was under the impression the use of these stamps was discontinued sometime back. There were over twenty million of the "Stock Transfer" varieties furnished the Treasury Department, in comparison with less than one-half million of the "Future Delivery." This would indicate that the Future Delivery, which are at present quite common, are more likely in the long run to be scarcer than the Stock Transfer varieties, which seem difficult to obtain. It is to be noted that nearly two hundred million of both the Documentary and Future Delivery type, were delivered to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for destruction. Why, I cannot say.

Seventeen million pre-cancelled Playing Card stamps printed from the rotary press were distributed, while twice as many in unused condition, printed from the flat bed press were delivered to the Collector of Internal Revenue. The report is signed by Mr. A. W. Hall, Director.

Air Mail Notes

In accordance with previous announcement, the contract air mail route between Chicago and Cincinnati was established on December 17th, at which time the special octagonal cancellations generally used on the first day of such a route, were applied by the three offices of Chicago, Indianapolis and Cincinnati. Those that I have seen are in black, green, and magenta, being used from the three cities in the order named. In addition, Cincinnati applied a large concentric cancellation 2½" in diameter, showing an airplane in the center, and reading—"First Flight, U. S. Air Mail, Chicago to Cincinnati Route — Cincinnati the Queen City, Now Your Neighbor." I wish to thank Messrs. A. D. Fennel and O. C. Rittenhouse for first day cover.

The Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, predicts that within three years commercial airplanes in the United States will fly fifty thousand miles daily. At present, the total is 17,314 miles per day, with the prospect of an additional daily mileage within three months of 4,094 miles, making a total of 21,408 miles.

The length of existing routes on which air mail is carried is 9,000 miles and 2,047 miles more will be added within three months. During the month of November, 1927, planes in the contract air mail service traveled a total distance of 456,434 scheduled miles, carrying 141,079 pounds of mail, for which the contractors received compensation totaling $304,082.00.

2-Cent Coil

In further reference to the special 2-cent coil recently placed on sale by the Department, containing three thousand 2-cent rotary coil stamps, coiled sidewise, I am advised by Mr. A. D. Collins, the Philatelic Stamp Agent, that these individual stamps do not differ from the normal stamps from the smaller coils.

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Switzerland — *Pro Juventute.*—Pestalozzi, the old pedagogue of whom the Swiss are so proud, is to be the hero of two denominations of the forthcoming "Pro Juventute" series, viz., the 20 and 30c. Having exhausted the available range of "Arms" during recent years, it has been necessary for fresh subjects to be chosen, and we understand the 5c will have the effigy of a Swiss waif and the fourth value of the new set, the 10c, the picture of a young scholar in an Orphan School. The 5 + 5c are surface-printed and the 20 + 5c and 30 + 10c printed in *taille-douce* and, as already announced the stamps will be issued on December 1st, remain on sale at Swiss post offices until and including the last day of the month, and be valid for postal use until April 30, 1928.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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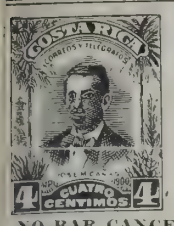

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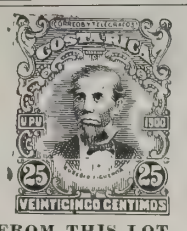

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57	25c lilac and brown	.20	.03
59	**1907,** 1c brown and indigo..	.03	.02
60	2c yellow green and black	.10	.03
62	5c yellow and blue	.10	.02
63	10c blue and black	.15	.02
64	20c olive green and black ..		.20
65	25c lilac and black	.30	.15
67	1 col brown and black ...	1.25	..
69	**1910,** 1c bistre brown	.02	.02
70	2c deep green	.02	.02
71	4c scarlet	.03	.03
72	5c orange	.03	.02
73	10c deep blue	.03	.02
74	20c olive green	.05	.05
75	25c deep violet	..	.05
76	1 col dark brown	.20	..
77	**1911,** 2c green and black ..	.10	..
78	1c green and black	.10	.15
79	1c brown and indigo	.03	.03
80	2c green and black	.08	.05
81	4c red violet and black ..	.20	.20
82	5c yellow and blue	.04	.03
83	10c blue and black (B) ..	.15	.10
84	10c blue and black (R) ..	.75	.75
	1911 Sur. on Telegraph Stamps		
86	1c on 10c blue	.03	.03
88	1c on 25c violet	.03	.03
89	1c on 50c red brown	.12	.12
90	1c on 1 col brown	.12	.12
91	1c on 5 col red	.30	.30
92	1c on 10 col brown	.30	.30
94	2c on 10c blue (R)	..	2.00
95	2c on 50c claret	.06	.06
96	2c on 1 col brown	.06	.06
97	2c on 2 col carmine	.12	..
98	2c on 5 col green	.10	.08
99	2c on 10 col maroon	.10	..
98	**1921,** 5c blue and black	.15	..
98a	5c tete beche	.50	..
94	5c violet	.15	..
10	**1922,** 15c deep violet	.10	.03
11	5c violet	.06	.03
12	**1923,** 2c brown	.04	.04
13	4c green	.05	..
14	5c blue	.03	.03
15	20c carmine	.08	..
16	1 col violet	.20	..
	1923 Pictorial Issue		
17	1c violet	.02	.02
18	2c yellow	.03	.02
120	4c deep green	.08	.06
121	5c light blue	.05	.02
122	10c red brown	.08	.03
124	20c deep blue	..	.10
125	40c orange	.20	.12
126	1 col olive green	.40	.40
128	**1924,** 2c dark green	.03	.02
	1924 Nicoya Issue		
129	1c carmine rose	.05	.05
130	2c violet	.06	.06
131	5c green	.06	.06
132	10c orange	.12	.12
133	15c light blue	.15	..
124	20c gray black	.25	..
135	25c light brown	.50	..
	1926 Provisionals		
136	3c on 5c blue	.10	..
137	6c on 10c red brown	.10	..
138	30c on 40c orange	.40	..
139	45c on 1 col orange	.40	..
140	10c on 12c carmine rose	.05	.03
141	**1926,** 5c yellow green	.03	.02
142	10c carmine rose	.06	.03
143	3c ultramarine	.02	..
144	**1927,** 6c brown	.03	..
145	30c orange	.12	..
146	45c black brown	.18	..
	Postage Due		
351	**1903,** 5c slate blue	..	.30
352	10c orange brown	..	.30
353	15c yellow green	.40	..
354	20c carmine	.40	..
355	25c ultramarine	.40	..
356	30c brown	.50	..
	Official Stamps		
448	**1908,** 1c brown and indigo..	.03	.02
449	2c yellow and black	..	.03
454	25c lilac and black	.15	.08
455	50c red lilac and black ..	.25	..
456	1 col brown and black ...	.60	..
460	**1917-1921,** 5c orange	.05	.05
461	10c deep blue	.08	.08
462	15c on 20c olive green ...	.25	..
463	10c on 5c orange	.25	..
464	4c carmine and indigo ...	.25	..
465	6c on 1c brown & indigo	.25	..
469	2c brown	.03	..
470	4c green	.06	..
471	5c blue	.03	..
472	20c carmine	.08	..
473	1 col violet	.20	..

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CHARITY STAMPS AT NEWARK

Several thousand persons in Newark have viewed during the past week Newark's first exhibit of charity stamps. The collection, gathered and owned by William L. Kinkead, Treasurer of the New Jersey Tuberculosis League, Inc., a well-known philatelist, of Ridgewood, has been exhibited since Monday at the National Newark and Essex Banking Company in connection with the league's present campaign throughout northern New Jersey. Before coming to Newark, the stamps were shown in Paterson, and it is planned to exhibit them in Hackensack in the immediate future.

Included among the stamps shown were a large number issued for various forms of welfare and relief work by the Red Cross and kindred national war relief organizations. These stamps came from England, Scotland, France, Serbia, Greece, Portugal, Czechoslovakia, Siberia, Mexico, Dutch Indies, Esthonia, a multitude of French colonies, Siam and other nations.

The bulk of the exhibit, however, was composed of tuberculosis seals and stamps of various years, societies and nations. The earliest stamps in the collection were issued in 1862-4 by the United States Sanitary Commission and sold at the great "Sanitary Fairs" held in Boston and Springfield, Mass.; Chicago, New York, Brooklyn and other large cities throughout the northern section of the country. The charity stamp does not seem to have appeared again, according to Mr. Kinkead, until 1897, when the first postage stamps for the benefit of sufferers from tuberculosis were sold in New South Wales.

Einar Hoelbell, a Danish postal clerk, who is generally accredited with the origin of the Christmas Seal idea as this country knows it, did not get his idea from the New South Wales stamp but from early sanitary stamps, Mr. Kinkead said today. Captain Anderson, who knew Hoelbell well, had never heard of the New South Wales issue until Mr. Kinkead wrote him of it a few years ago. Denmark permitted the anti-tuberculosis seal to be used on Christmas mail first in 1904, and this use has come to be an integral part of Danish Christmas observance.

"While Einar Hoelbell cannot truthfully be called the originator of the charity stamp idea," Mr. Kinkead said, "its adoption as a means of fund raising in the United States was undoubtedly due to the influence of the Danish stamp which he originated. In 1906, Jacob Riis, New York's prominent writer and publicist, received a letter from his native land, Denmark, bearing one of the Christmas Seals. He was greatly impressed with its potentialities as a 'fund raiser' for tuberculosis work and wrote an article on it for *The Outlook,* which was read by a Miss Emily B. Bissell of Wilmington, Del. She organized the first Christmas Seal sale in America in 1907 to raise funds for a small tuberculosis sanatorium."

The exhibitor went on to explain the early relationship of the Red Cross with the National Tuberculosis Association. The Red Cross, he said, had formed an agreement with the anti-tuberculosis body in 1910, whereby the Red Cross gave its then more influential name and sufficient capital for financing the sale. The tuberculosis organization agreed to organize the sale and direct the expenditure of the funds raised. This partnership, Mr. Kinkead added, went on until 1919, with only the emblem of the older organization appearing on the seals. The seal in that year, however, contained in its design the familiar double-barred cross, now the emblem of international tuberculosis work.

The collection includes, in addition to specimens of every seal issued in this country, seals from twenty European countries which have issued this form of stamp between 1904 and this year. Sweden was the first to follow Denmark's example, issuing a seal in 1904. The Netherlands also printed an issue in December, 1904; Norway's came in 1907, as did that of the Danish West Indies.—New York *Times.*

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Nicaragua 1895, 1c to 10p, 10 vars., Nos. 71-80	.51	.25
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Nicaragua 1891, 1c to 10p, 10 vars. off. cpl., Nos. 811-20	.55	.25
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Nicaragua 1894, 1c to 10p, 10 vars. off. cpl., Nos. 842-52	.54	.25
Nicaragua 1895, 1c to 10p, 10 vars. off. cpl., Nos. 853-62	.56	.25
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All day stamp collectors and others filed past the glass-topped tables, wondering and admiring at the variety and value of the collections shown. A large majority of the stamp issuing countries of the world were represented in the collections. Awards of prizes were announced by Eugene Klein and George M. Emery, the judges, as follows:

Class 1—C. W. Brazer, United States collection, first; H. C. Hayes, United States collection, second. Class 2—Dr. F. E. Locy, Jamaica collection, first; C. W. Brazer, Canada, second. Class 3—Albert B. Maris, Latvia and Saar, first; Dr. J. Sinexon, Belgium, Austria, Denmark, France and Sweden, and Mrs. Mary G. Cook, Italy, tied for second. Class 4—Albert B. Maris, Congo and Liberia, first; John R. Huston, Egypt, second. Class 6—Dr. F. E. Locy, French Oceania, first. Class 7—Edward E. Meacham, British Colonies, first. Class 8—Frederick W. Pickard, collection of U. S. 90c 1869, first; Herbert C. Hayes, Cape of Good Hope triangles, second; Dr. James J. Waygood, Pennsylvania pre-cancels, third. Class 9 (For Juniors)—Robert Schelhorn, first. Class 10 (For Outsiders)—A. J. Squier, U. S. collection.

A collection of Hungarian postage stamps, containing many unique pieces and cancellations, was displayed by Mr. Klein, but was not entered in competition for the prizes. To each of the prize winners was awarded an engraved certificate. The grand prize for all-round excellence of the collection displayed was given to Mr. Brazer for his United States display.

The Lansdowne Stamp Club, composed of stamp collectors of Delaware County and vicinity, was formed several years ago and has rapidly increased in membership and prestige. Mrs. Cook is president, Dr. John B. Davis is vice-president, Robert H. Thomson is secretary and treasurer, and Dr. F. E. Locy is exchange manager. Approximately thirty collectors are now enrolled as members.

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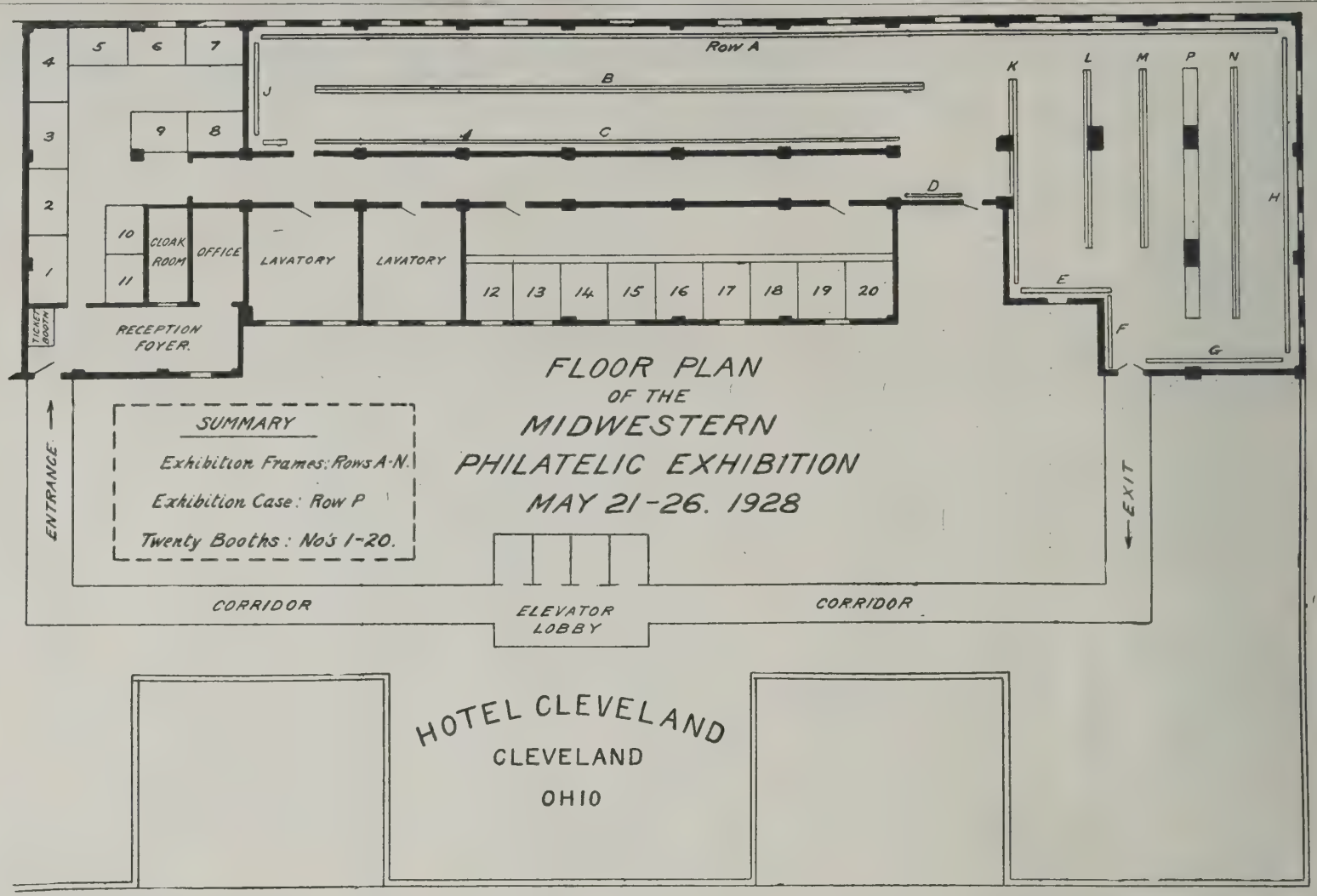

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CONTINENTAL RIBBED PAPER 1873-74

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To begin with, these stamps come either horizontally or vertically ribbed.

Why this should be so, I do not know. The wire screening on which the pulp was run at the paper mills, and which undoubtedly was responsible for the ribbed paper, may have run horizontally in one machine and vertically in another.

A more likely theory is that the paper, after being manufactured, was cut in different ways, so that one sheet would show the horizontally ribbed variety and another the vertically ribbed.

Thirdly, it is possible that the sheets of paper were fed into the printing press in different ways, so that sometimes the stamps were printed perpendicularly to the ribbing, which would have produced the stamp on horizontally ribbed paper, and vice versa, producing stamps on vertically ribbed paper.

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However, the plates on which these stamps were engraved were oblong, rather than square. If the paper was fed into the presses in sheets, as probably was the case, the sheets were probably cut oblong shape, and if so they would all be placed on the plates the same way. Therefore, the two varieties of ribbing would have been produced by the cutting of the paper into sheets rather than by the manner in which they were fed into the presses.

At any rate, the stamp designs show differences which undoubtedly are caused by the direction in which the ribbing runs, so this fact is of importance.

Now, what is ribbed paper.

I will try to define it briefly and then treat at length of the various physical characteristics.

The Continental Ribbed Paper is a paper which, when held between a strong light and the eye, so as to look directly through the stamp, generally shows alternate parallel lines of light and dark, and which, when held close to a strong light so that the eye can look transversely across the surface (either front or back), often, but not always, shows parallel corrugations, the ridges of which, on the printed surface of the stamp, appear to glisten in comparison with the furrows.

In copies strongly ribbed, such as the light olive-green shade on ribbed paper, the stamp has every appearance, when looking through it at a strong light, of being laid paper, the alternate parallel lines of light and dark being very strong and distinct, and from this extreme there is every variation down to copies which show the "laid" lines only when the stamp is held in a certain position somewhat below the level of the eye, as is the case with "vertical laid paper" and the "horizontal laid paper" of the 1861 issue, listed by Scott in both the general and specialized catalogues.

That's a pretty lengthy and detailed description, but if you'll study it carefully, you will gain a pretty good general idea of what the ribbed paper is like. Furthermore, I can absolutely prove the accuracy of every word in that definition to any Specialist in the country, who has an ordinary good pair of eyes, for fun, marbles or money, through hundreds of copies in my own collection.

Better than that, most general collectors that I have demonstrated this paper to, have been able to pick it out for themselves, with some degree of accuracy, after examining fifteen or twenty specimens in the manner set forth in my definition.

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Wiley has this to say, descriptive of the appearance of the ribbed paper:

"The ribs are either vertical or horizontal and are spaced 40 to the inch. They show on both sides of the paper, but are generally more distinct upon one side than the other. They are more plainly visible by reflected light than by transmitted light; that is, they are more distinct when the surface of the stamp is viewed directly than when the stamp is held 'to the light'."

The last sentence of the above statement is only true of some of the ribbed paper stamps as I have indicated in the foregoing. In many cases it is easier to see the ribbing by looking through the stamp at the light.

Until the student has become somewhat of an expert at picking out the ribbed papers, he should conduct his studies with a fairly strong desk lamp only and not attempt to learn about this paper by daylight. The desk light with a shade is best because of the protection afforded the eyes.

The stamp, for examination, should be held approximately three to four inches under the light and the eye should be about eight or nine inches distant from the light for best results.

This may seem rather close work, but if the lamp is so shaded that no direct rays can reach the eye this method of working can be used for years with no apparent bad effects.

Also, once the collector has really grasped the various characteristics of the printings on ribbed paper, he will be able to pick them by daylight or by ceiling lamps with a satisfactory degree of accuracy.

The characteristics detailed in this article are not the only ones we have to go on.

The colors of the stamps, texture of the paper, thickness and color of the paper, and appearance of the printed design all contribute to the collector's ability to distinguish the Continental ribbed papers from the National papers and from the Continental normal papers, double paper, silk paper, fibre paper, linen like paper and soft porus paper (the last similar to that later used by the American company).

When one realizes that the catalogue valuations for the ribbed paper vary from 25 cents for the three cent green to $17.50 for the twelve cent blackish-violet, the value of being able to distinguish this variety will be apparent to even the most hard-boiled of general collectors.

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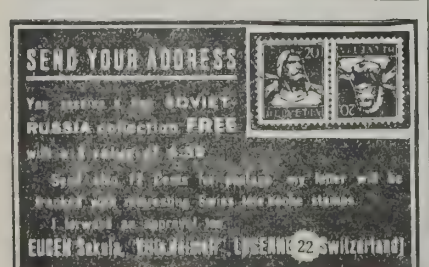

STAMP MARKET GOSSIP

By "THE SEER OF THE STRAND."

My "Best Thing" of Last Month.—In accordance with my paragraph dealing with South West Africa in September, I have again to point out that the 2/6 value overprinted with the full name on the Union Pictorials is an exceedingly good stamp. This must not be misconstrued to mean the latest overprint from this Colony. The whole series has now appeared overprinted "S.W.A." only, and once again I advise all readers interested in South-West Africa to obtain this issue whilst they can be bought at a fraction over face value. For what it is worth, but having no authentic information on the subject, I give it that there is a fairly persistent rumour about town that another completely different set will be issued shortly. My last month's best thing has proved itself to be "One of the Best," and prices are soaring. I advise buying at any price under 60s the pair.

Irish Free State.—It is a long time since I referred to this most popular country, but I am going to make a little stamp from here, hitherto rather neglected, by "Best Thing of the Month." I allude to the 2½d Thom overprint in red, S.G. No. 37. This stamp, which is now catalogued at 10/-, mint, and 2/6 used, is a very scarce item, and although there were a good many about at one time, I have noticed recently a great shortage. I have also noticed one or two very "cute" buyers snapping them up at anything below S.G.'s quotation.

Whilst on the subject of Ireland, I wish to give readers a little warning. The 2/6, 5/- and 10/- values have been reprinted in sheets that show both types of the Saorstat overprint. By this, I mean S.G. types 5 and 11. In the matter of type 5, there is a very slight difference from S.G. Nos. 64. 65 and 66, but I am afraid some of these are being offered as the genuine first overprints. Discerning specialists may be able to tell the difference, but it is advisable when buying, to obtain the vendor's guarantee.

Montserrat.—In September I made reference to the 5d script of this little Colony. My prophecy has become an accomplished fact, and this stamp has surpassed the 5d Virgins at the time of writing. My readers may say "How is it that it is only quoted at 2/6 in S.G. catalogue?" The reply is that to the writer's knowledge, this stamp will be priced at least 10s in the next "Monthly." Even at this figure it is cheap, and I certainly advise all to secure a copy or two as I have not the least doubt it will shortly rise again.

Leeward Islands.—Regarding the 5d script of this Colony, there appears to be some doubt. On one side I have it that the stamp is still on sale over there, whilst on the other side I see offers to buy at anything up to 2/6 each. Until something authentic comes along, I am unable to advise readers as to what to do.

Transjordania.—An entirely new set for this Territory has made its appearance, and judging from all points of view, will be a very popular one. I am afraid, however, on account of recent discussions in high circles, the set is likely to be superseded shortly by another. This is rather vague, I admit, but in looking forward, it is possible to foretell, perhaps, that Transjordania may range along-side Egypt in being transferred from Part I. to Part II. of the catalogue. I certainly advise obtaining the complete set with as little delay as possible.

India.—It has always been a matter of surprise to me that the modern issues of India are so unpopular. It is, I suppose, really because there is an enormous postal business done in this Colony, and stamps are obtained at almost give away figures. It must, however, be pointed out that there are one or two low values, which on account of two quick changes, are extremely hard to obtain. The two quick changes were (1) change of watermark on old design and (2) change of design with new watermark. The following stamps are well worth procuring at reasonable figures:—S.G. 198, 199, 205 and 209. The last-named, especially, is likely to become a really scarce item in the near future.

Holland.—The recently issued Red Cross set of this country is likely to become rather scarce. I am informed from a reliable source that very few of these sets, now obsolete, were issued. The 3c plus 2c deep green appears to have been issued in considerably smaller quantities than any of the others. As Holland is a very popular country, I shall be surprised if this set does not rise in value shortly.

Turkey.—The 1927 Smyrna Exhibition set appears to be very reasonably priced, according to the latest quotations. I am of opinion that these will become very good items in the near future. Already obsolete and having had a short life, some of the values have not been seen in this country in used condition. In collecting I should be rather dubious about used specimens unless on original piece, as past experience from the direction whence they are likely to arrive makes one think.

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THE "Z" GRILL

By ELLIOT PERRY

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If we could examine the pyramidal bosses on the surfaces of the rollers used to make the D, E and F grills through a microscope we would find very few true and perfect pyramids. Where the sides meet at the top of each pyramid we would be more apt to find a short ridge than a true point. The reason for this is that perfect pyramids could be produced only with extremely fine workmanship and carefully selected tools, cutting the surface of the roller exactly the right depth in each direction. Such extreme care was not necessary for the purpose in mind and there is ample proof it was not used.

The machinery used to cut the surface of the grill cylinders evidently was at least partly automatic and therefore an error in any part of a cylinder would be reproduced all over its surface. A slight difference in the angle of the cutting tools, or in the depth of the longitudinal grooves as compared with the grooves that were cut around the circumference of the grill cylinder, would result in imperfect pyramids—their bases would be oblong instead of square and/or their tips would be ridges instead of points. Any such error on the D, E and F rollers was so slight that the grills as seen on the stamps usually appear to have been impressed from perfect pyramids, but on the Z roller the error was so much greater that it was not lost in grilling the stamps and the tips of the pyramids as seen on the backs of the stamps appear as short ridges. All this of course refers to the body of the grilled area and not to outside rows of incomplete units. The latter usually appear as ridges, regardless of the roll from which they come.

On stamps bearing D, E and F grills, which are so clearly impressed that the ridges formed by the tips of the grill pyramids can be seen, these tiny ridges always extend *vertically*—that is, toward the top and bottom and parallel to the sides of the stamps. On the Z grills, however, the ridges are longer and more distinct, and always extend *across* the stamps, toward the sides and parallel to the top and bottom.

Our knowledge of the Z grills has not progressed very far in the years that have passed since Stevenson first wrote about them. Their position in the sequence of the various rollers is almost as much "unknown" now as it was then. His idea that the "Z" came at about the same time as the "D" is still as good a guess as any. It may have preceded or followed the "D" roller or have been contemporaneous with the "D" roll. What little evidence we have would seem to indicate the Z grills came early in the 1868 grill period rather than late. All denominations of the stamps found with the E grill (11 x 13) have also been found with the Z grill, except only the 15c, and altho there is always a possibility the 15c may be found, apparently the only reason for thinking the 15c with Z grill may exist is the close similarity in size between the Z and E grills and the fact that both of these are found only on the same denominations—up to the 12c.

The Z roller was also used to make many trial impressions or samples—essays. Many of these essays were perforated and gummed exactly like finished stamps, but for various reasons very few of them might be mistaken for issued stamps. Perhaps the best known are from the 12c 1861 plate, printed on various tinted papers. It is not certain whether unused 12c with Z grills on white paper are stamps or essays. All may be stamps, or all essays—or some stamps and others essays.

The Stevenson collection contained a used 1c with Z grill and he made mention of another. He also had a used 10c that bore a distinct double impression—two complete Z grills. The 1c and 10c came to the writer in the Stevenson collection nearly ten years ago and later passed into the B. K. Miller collection. They are now in the New York Public Library and cannot come back into the market. One other 10c—a used copy on which the grill is genuine, but not very strong—has been found. With only two copies each of the 1c and 10c known these Z grills must be classed among the rarest of rare stamps—not only in the United States, but in the world.

The 3c with Z grill is also a rare stamp. The writer has seen scarcely a dozen copies, including the few Stevenson had been able to find at a time when no one but him knew they existed. Used copies of the 12c are not nearly so rare, and unused copies also exist. The 2c with Z grill relatively to the others on

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which this grill occurs is quite a common stamp. Any unpicked lot of 50 or 100 Black Jacks supposed to be E grills would be almost certain to contain at least a few with Z grill, but the surest place to find one is in a U. S. or general collection, calmly occupying the place where Scott No. 84 ought to repose. Nine times out of ten—just about.

The Black Jack with Z grill is scarcer than with the E grill (11 x 13), but is not nearly so scarce as with the D grill (12 x 14). The commonest error made in connection with the grills is to mistake No. 85b for No. 84. This error can easily be avoided by noting the *width* of the grills. Give your millimeter scale a vacation and count the rows of grill points. Grill impressions aren't always full and deep, paper may shrink, and few grills will measure exactly so many full millimeters. But the Z grills are not known with more than 14 rows of complete grill units counting across the stamps sideways, while the D grills always have 15 rows counting from side to side.

Another common error is to mistake the Z grill for the E grill. If the stamp shows 18 rows of complete units counting from top to bottom it cannot be an E grill, but if the grill is only 17 rows it may be either D, Z or E. Then look at the back of the stamp for the horizontal ridges characteristic of impressions from the grill tips of the Z grill. Changing the angle of vision or looking across the stamp toward a strong light may help.

As each "family" of grills represents and comes from a different roller, or different state of a roller, we never find a grill of one family in pair with the grill of another family. Each sheet of A grills contained only A grills. The same holds true respecting the D, Z, E and F grills, and generally speaking is also true of the C grills. The C roller, however, was not entirely covered with grilling areas which could produce only perfect C grills and a few areas on the C roller sometimes produced stamps bearing a grill that corresponds in size and shape with the grill listed as "B."

It is extremely unlikely there ever was a "B" roller. Any roller covered with B grills—large grills measuring 18 x 15 millimeters, with the long dimension extending *across* the stamps—would be almost certain to defeat the object in mind when the grill-all-over (A) cylinder was changed. Unless very carefully centered on the stamps, B grills would extend beyond the stamp design either at the right side or the left and when the stamps were perforated the perforations would run partly through grilled paper and so weaken the paper where the grills occurred that the stamps would separate raggedly. The A roller was altered to produce the C grills purposely to overcome this same difficulty and it is hardly reasonable to suppose another roller so likely to produce the unsatisfactory results obtained from the A roller would have been made.

The B grills do not come from an intermediate state of the roller which first produced the A grills and later produced the C grills. The surface of the roller was changed from the A state to the C state without any intervening step.

The few B-like impressions occasionally produced by the C roller are abnormal varieties. (See note under No. 82 in the Scott catalog.) They have been in existence since 1867 and their genuineness is beyond question. Each impression of the roller which produced a few of these freaks also produced many normal C grills on the same stamp sheet at the same time. To question their genuineness is to question the genuineness of all the normal C grills. But these abnormal B grills consist partly of a normal C grill and partly of a fainter impression that unintentionally was allowed to remain on the roller when it was altered from grill-all-over to the C condition. state of the roller between A and C. They do not come from an intermediate

The subject of B grills has been mentioned so extensively here because it is necessary to consider whether or not the Z roller could have produced normal B grills. It has been claimed certain B grills were made by the Z roller. The abnormal or freak B grills all came from the C roller and there is no connection whatever between them and the Z roll. Neither is there any evidence to connect normal B grills with the Z roller. No B grills, genuine or otherwise, examined by the writer, agree with the characteristics of the Z grills.

The National Bank Note Company also used grills on the 1874-79 issues of Peru and the tall Postage Due stamps of that series (Scott Nos. 502 to 505), commonly occur with a grill having the "Z" characteristics but containing 12 by 18 rows of points. It is rather interesting that the steamship vignette in the upper part of these Peruvian Dues was copied from the 12c U. S. postage stamp of 1869—another issue printed and grilled by the National Bank Note Co.

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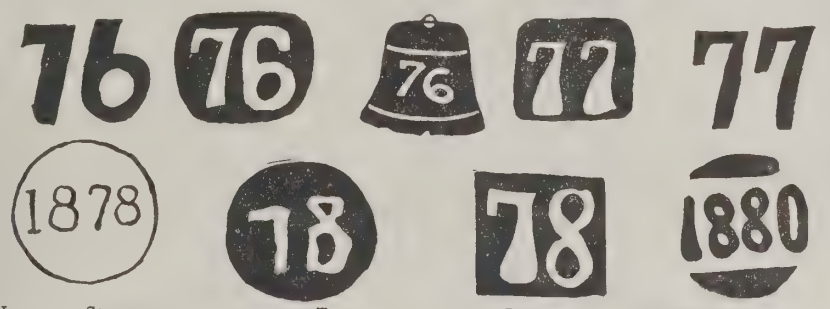

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9.	3c Amer.	?	"	S. C. Rogers

The above were drawn and grouped before Dr. Evans began handling the bank note issue cancellations. These year dates have always been of interest to the great number of cancellation collectors. They find many that are apparently alike, only to discover on close application of a measure, compass or millimeter scale, that there are slight variances in the sizes of the cancellations.

For instance, I did not know that there was but this one Liberty Bell. Another has since arrived, this time in bright blue, and the top of the bell is quite different, the top being evidently the wooden part which was attached to the bell originally.

The tops of the figure 7 vary greatly. The 8 is a figure that is hard to cut into cork, and few of these are well cut, same applies to the 6 and the 9, as curves are hard to get a smooth round effect into the finished result, when cut into wood, or cork.

I do not recall having seen many references to the 2c Black Jackson of 1863. It has been my intention to give a few of my findings about this stamp, and here is a start.

Date of Issue.—From the information supplied by Mr. Tiffany, and Mr. Luff, we gather that this stamp was issued on July 1, 1863, as recorded in the U. S. Government Report of 1878, some fifteen years after its appearance. The stamp was approved by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863. This gave but four months to design the stamp, and have it approved, then to have the plates made, and a supply of the stamps printed for public service.

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I have had access to probably 10,000 of these stamps on the cover, yet the earliest dated cover which I have secured is that of Aug. 7, 1863, used from Philadelphia, a city which was nice to us philatelists in that it generally supplied the year date in its postmarks. As a matter of philatelic record, I would appreciate the mention of an earlier date if any reader happens to have such a cover.

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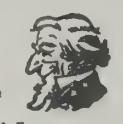
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Sealed covers used within small towns are uncommon, the bulk of the sealed 2c rate covers come from New York and Philadelphia, and during this same period many folks sent their letters with a 3c stamp when the 2c would have sufficed. They perhaps had a 3c on hand, and no 2c available. Often covers to Canada have three 3c and a 2c, though the rate was only 10c. This meaning that the sender did not have a 1c stamp, and wasted a cent by using a 2c which was ready to be used.

Errors in dating stamps is not unlikely to happen. I have seen a 2c Black Jack postmarked in the year 1861, and believe that there are several such copies known. Have a 3c 1851 cover marked from New York City, May, '81, unmistakably. These error dates are interesting; but to date I canot see any fabulous values belonging with such items.

It took folks some time to really learn that they could send a sealed letter to an address in their home town for 2c instead of the old 3c rate. Same in 1851 when the rate for a letter with a stamp affixed was 3c, whilst if paid at end of quarter, each letter was at the 5c rate. An interesting cover was handed me by Mr. Olin H. Clark. It is postmarked from Buffalo, N. Y., with a "3" below the date—AUG. 14. This 3 is a very fine example of the instruction printed on this cover which reads,—"PRE-PAY—PRE-PAY, Is the order of the day." Will say more about Black Jacks later on.

PHILATELIC ODDS AND ENDS

By B. W. H. POOLE.

(From "Philatelic Opinion," 620 Washington Bdg., Los Angeles, Cal. Subscription price $1 per year.)

British Honduras—There is an interesting variety on the 5c King Edward VII stamps of British Honduras which, though known to some few specialists, seems to have escaped general attention. These King Edward type stamps were all printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., Ltd., in sheets of 120 arranged in two panes of 60 each placed side by side. One head-plate of 120 subjects—comprising the whole of the design with the exception of the name in the upper label and the value in the tablet at foot—served for all denominations bearing the portrait of King Edward. Separate duty-plates for the name and value were necessary for each individual denomination and these were of sixty subjects only (one pane) so that each sheet had to go under the printing press three times—one printing from the headplate and two from the duty-plate—before it was quite complete. The same duty-plates were used as had previously been employed in the production of the various Queen Victoria stamps.

On the fourth stamp in the top row of each pane of the 5c value there is a very interesting variety having a larger and thinner "C" and bigger dot below this letter than is the case of any of the other fifty-nine stamps. This was probably caused by some accident to this particular duty-plate making it necessary for the "C" and dot to be re-engraved by hand. The variety does not show on the 5c Queen's head stamps so that wh ever mishap occurred to mar the pl must have happened some time after t last printing of the Queen Victo stamps was made and prior to the fi printing of the King's head emission. occurs on all three varieties—the 5c w Crown CA watermark, the 5c with m tiple Crown CA watermark of 1904, and the 5c ultramarine issued in 1909.

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		1901		
137	3c	orange	..	.02
138	12c	olive green	..	.08
139	15c	sea green	..	.02
140	30c	vermilion	..	.04
		1902		
141	5c	blue	.30	.30
		1903		
142	4c	yellow	..	.06
143	6c	black	..	.05
		1908		
147	3c	green	..	.03
148	4c	reddish violet	..	.05
150	6c	olive bistre	..	.08
153	15c	apple green	..	.03
155	24c	red brown	..	.12
157	50c	black	..	.05
158	1p	slate blue and pink	..	.15
		1910		
160	½c	blue and gray blue	.02	.02
161	1c	blue green and black	.03	.03
162	2c	olive and gray	.03	.02
163	3c	green	.05	.04
164	4c	blue and green	.08	.08
166	10c	brown and black	..	.04
167	12c	bright blue	..	.03
170	30c	lilac and black	..	.12
171	50c	carmine and black	..	.25
172	1p	bright blue	..	.25
		1911		
176	5c	gray brown and black	.08	..
177	5c	vermilion	.05	.02
178	12c	deep blue	.08	.02
185	20c	ultramarine	..	.10
187	30c	claret	..	.04
188	50c	black	..	.05
		1912-14		
193	4c	brown violet	..	.08
199	30c	claret	..	.06
200	50c	black	..	.20
		1916		
215	½c	violet	.03	.03
216	1c	buff	.05	.03
217	2c	chocolate	.05	.02
218	3c	green	.08	.08
219	4c	red violet	.08	.08
220	5c	red	.12	.02
221	10c	green	..	.05
222	12c	blue	..	.03
223	20c	ultramarine	..	.10
225	30c	claret	..	.20
226	50c	gray black	..	.15
		1917		
242	50c	gray black	..	.10
243	1p	slate blue and red	..	.06
		1918		
247	5c	bistre and gray	.10	..
		1918-1919		
257	24c	red brown	..	.10
258	30c	claret	..	.04
259	50c	gray and black	..	.10
		1920		
272	20c	ultramarine	..	.03
275	30c	gray black	..	.10
		1920-21		
281	5c	rose and black	..	.03
282	12c	green and blue	..	.18
283	5c	gray blue	.20	.04
284	2c	violet brown	..	.05
285	5c	light blue	.10	.08
287	5c	blue	..	.03
289	12c	rose	..	.20
290	5c	rose	..	.05
291	5c	rose	.10	.02
298	10c	green	..	.10
		1922		
305	1c	buff	.02	.02
306	2c	brown	.04	.02
308	5c	rose	.25	.05
309	5c	red	.06	.02
310	10c	gray green	.06	.02
313	24c	red brown	..	.30
319	5c	red	.40	..
		1923		
332	24c	light brown	..	.15
333	30c	claret	..	.05
334	50c	black	..	.05
335	1p	blue and red	..	.15
		1924-5		
350	25c	purple	..	.03
351	30c	claret	..	.04
352	50c	black	..	.04
353	1p	blue and red	..	.05
		1926		
357	5c	rose	..	.15
358	3c	gray green	.03	..
359	5c	red	.04	.02
360	12c	deep blue	.08	..
361	25c	chocolate	.18	.06

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629	1c	buff	.03	..
630	2c	brown	.03	..
631	5c	red	.04	.02
632	12c	blue	.10	.10
633	20c		.15	.06
		M. G.		
664	1c	buff	.04	..
665	2c	brown	.03	..
666	5c	red	.05	..
667	12c	blue	.15	.04
668	20c	ultramarine	.15	.06
669	2c	brown	..	.04
670	5c	red	..	.06
671	12c	blue	..	.03
682	20c	blue	..	.05
685	5c	red	..	.06
688	5c	red	..	.03
690	20c	ultramarine	..	.06
692	2c	brown	.03	..
693	5c	red	.06	.06
695	20c	ultramarine	.15	.05
696	5c	red	.15	..
		M. H.		
715	20c	ultramarine	..	.03
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725	20c	ultramarine	..	.06
	20c	ultramarine on #348	..	.04
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823	2c	brown	..	.03
824	5c	red	.10	.05
834	1c	buff	..	.05
836	5c	red	..	.02
837	12c	blue	..	.10
838	20c	ultramarine	.15	.06
843	5c	red	.05	.03
845	20c	ultramarine	.15	..
		M. M.		
864	1c	buff	.03	.03
866	5c	red	..	.02
881	2c	brown	..	.04
882	5c	red	..	.02
		M. O. P.		
909	1c	buff	..	.15
911	5c	red	..	.06
		M. R. C.		
969	1c	buff	.03	..
970	2c	brown	.04	..
971	5c	red	.05	..
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The Papua Rift—In a foot-note under the description of the 1907-10 issue of Papua the Scott catalogue says, "One stamp in each sheet has a white line across the upper part of the picture which is termed the rift in the clouds." This statement is not precisely accurate for while this "rift in the clouds" variety may be found upon the 1p, 2p, 2½p, 4p, 6p, and 1sh denominations it does not exist on the ½p. The stamps of this issue were all produced by lithography, a separate stone being required for the frame design of each value. One stone served for the vignette for all denominations with the exception of the ½p, and on this the 23rd stamp has a flaw extending in a semicircular direction across the upper portion of the picture which has been well named as a "rift in the clouds." A special stone was made for the central portion of the design of the ½p—the value to be issued first—as may be proved by the absence of this "rift" variety and the presence of other minor flaws not found in the other denominations. The most prominent of these is a big black spot under the second P of PAPUA on the 21st stamp in the sheet.

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Old King Bomba—Every collector who is familiar with the portrait of Ferdinand II on the stamps of Sicily knows this monarch as "King Bomba," but few, probably, know how his majesty won this name. In a history of "Garibaldi's Defense of the Roman Republic," written by Mr. G. M. Trevelyan some years ago, we find the solution. The author explains that the king of Naples and Sicily, "Having by force and fraud recovered his absolute power on the mainland, was attempting to reduce the rebellious island (Sicily) by those methods of Turkish barbarism, which won him the cognomen of *Bombo*." Then in a foot-note Mr. Trevelyan further explains as follows: "*Bomba* means a shell. The actual occasion when he won the name was at the destruction of Messina by bombardment, accompanied by a massacre of the inhabitants without respect to age or sex, September 1-7, 1848. This was why he was called *Bomba*, and not, as a clerical writer of today tells us, *en raison de son embonpoint*."

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

A TURPIN PRICELIST

We have just received from F. B. Turpin, 353 Strand, London, Eng., a very comprehensive pricelist of 88 pages devoted to British Colonials, 1890 to 1927. If you are interested in these stamps, send for a copy, and get acquainted with Mr. Turpin's interesting prices.

United States Postage, Cancellations, Revenues

We list herewith several items of interest to the majority of collectors. In the case of Early Postage and Departments, the condition is far above average, every stamp a sound copy. Later issues of course are fine and with gum where unused. Copies can be supplied in almost all cases at lower or higher price according to condition desired. We solicit your specific wants in anything pertaining to the stamps of United States.

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* 2 cent carmine (393), pairs	.50
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* 4 cent brown, pairs (395)	.65
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THE CUBAN AIR MAIL

By HARRY E. HUBER.

For the purpose of speeding up mails between the United States and Cuba, a contract was signed July 19, 1927, between the U. S. P. O. Department and the Pan American Airways, Inc., for transporting by air, from Key West, Fla., to Habana, Cuba, "all first class mail reaching Key West, Florida, for Cuba, excepting registered articles, and except all articles addressed for delivery to the U. S. Naval Station, at Guantanamo, Cuba." A penalty clause specified that the first trip should be made within three months from the date of signing.

Although the contractor was not ready to start operations on October 19th, seven bags of mail (weighing 250 lbs.) were conveyed that day in a small hydroplane, the "Nina," belonging to the West Indian Aerial Express of the Dominican Republic (in December inaugurating a weekly air service between Port au Prince, Haiti, and San Juan, Porto Rico, via Santo Domingo City, D. R.). In this machine, Cy. Caldwell, pilot, took off from the Naval Station, Key West, Fla., at 8.07 a. m., October 19, 1927, and landed in Habana harbor, at 9.07 a. m., the 90 miles being covered in one hour.

There was no return flight from Habana that day, as the contract with the Cuban Government contained no penalty clause, and the inauguration of air mail service from the Cuban capital was deferred until the next week, when the contractor's tri-motored Fokker machines were in readiness.

Key West to Habana, Oct. 19, 1927.

First day letters from Key West, Fla., were machine cancelled "Key West, Fla." in a single lined circle, 21 mm. diameter, having the date in three lines in the center, "OCT 19—7 AM—1927," and a flag of six wavy lines to the right. The covers were additionally handstamped (in carmine or magenta) with an octagonal marking, 59 x 41 mm., displaying a winged insignia in the center (the date "OCT—19—1927" in three lines, being within the small circle between the wings), with a three lined inscription above "First Flight—Under New Contract—Key West—Havana." Below the insignia in three lines is "Foreign—Air Mail Route—Key West, Fla." On arrival at Habana these were backstamped with the special machine cancellation prepared for the first flight northward from Habana, this being a single lined circle, 20 mm., lettered around the inside, "Habana, Cuba, 1927," with the date in two lines in the center "OCT 19—10—AM," and to the right in flag formation, a two lined inscription "ler Viaje Habana-K. W.—Servicio Postal Aereo," over two wavy lines.

Habana to Key West, Oct. 29, 1927.

The first flight from Habana was scheduled for October 28th, and mail deposited for the first trip was so postmarked. However, due to the extremely high winds prevailing that day, and an eleven inch rainfall, the plane did not leave Habana until shortly before noon the next day, October 29th, reaching Key West at 1 p. m. and bringing the first air mail from Cuba to Key West.

Covers conveyed by this first flight were machine cancelled with the special Habana marking described above, with the date and hour in the circle "OCT 28—3—PM." Additionally, there was applied a handstamping, in carmine or purple, of two concentric circles (30 and 20 mm.) lettered between "* HABANA—CUBA * SERVICIO AEREO," with the date in the center in three lines, "OCT 28—1927—3—P.M.," and to the right, between two horizontal lines, "PRIMER VIAJE—HABANA—KEY WEST."

Letters from Key West to Habana are transported by air at the domestic letter rate of 2c, but a 5c charge is made on letters from Habana to Key West.

5c Air Mail Stamp Issued Nov. 1, 1927

As the special air mail stamp, 5c, which the Cuban Post Office Dept. prepared for this service, was not in readiness for issue until November 1st, 1927, first flight covers bear the 5c Calixto Garcia, 1925

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First day covers bearing the 5c air mail stamp are postmarked "Nov 1—3—PM," both the machine cancellation and the two concentric circle marking being used.

Subsequent to the first flight, however, the first line of the machine cancellation flag (i. e., "1er Viaje Habana-K.W.") was removed, and two wavy lines substituted; in the two concentric circle marking, the hour is omitted in the circle, and the date appears as "Nov—1—1927," while from the right portion, the first line "Primer Viaje" is omitted, leaving only "HABANA-KEY WEST."

The special 5c air mail stamp was designed by Senor Oscar Fonts Acosta, the printing plates were manufactured by the Security Bank Note Co. of Philadelphia, and the stamps were recess printed by the National Company of Graphic Arts, Habana, on star watermarked paper, single line perforated 12.

The design is in a horizontal oblong, measuring 36 x 21 mm., and shows a seaplane in flight over the Gulf of Mexico off the city of Habana. A portion of Avenida Antonio Maceo is shown, the Malecon (seawall), and in the distance, El Morro, with its lighthouse, guarding the narrow bottle-necked entrance to the harbor. Across the top is "Republica de Cuba—Servicio Aereo," in two lines; vertical panels at the sides contain fronded palms, and at the bottom, between large numerals of value (5) in the corners, is "Correos—Cinco Centavos" in two lines. The lettering and numerals (patterned after that on the current postage stamps) are colorless.

A better view of El Morro and the harbor entrance at Habana is shown on the 10c Entrega Immediata stamp, issued February 24, 1914.

El Morro, standing on a rocky eminence 100 feet above sea level, on the eastern side of the harbor entrance, was erected between 1589 and 1597, being partly hewn out of rock and partly constructed of solid blocks of rock. It commands the narrow entrance, which is barely 1,000 feet across, though inside the harbor expands to a length of 3 miles, and a width of about 1½ miles. Directly across from El Morro, on the western or city side, stands Castillo San Salvador de la Punta (San Salvador of the Point), which dates from 1659. From this point the magnificent boulevard, Avenida Antonio Maceo, extends along the shores of the Gulf of Habana's residential suburb of Vedado, it having been constructed during the days of the first American Occupation (1898-1902).

Nov. 1, 1927. Air mail stamp Seaplane over Gulf of Mexico off the city of Habana. Recess printed by National Company of Graphic Arts, Habana. Watermarked star. Perforated single line 12.

5 centavos blue.

DEATH OF "UNCLE BOB" SHARP

We are informed by a clipping just at hand from Joel H. DuBose that "Uncle Bob," as he was familiarly known by his associates and a great friend of shut-ins, passed on about December 20. His funeral occurred on Dec. 23 at Atlanta, Ga. "Uncle Bob" had a great affection for his stamps. They were his constant companion and a great comfort when he realized the strain and stress of things temporal. Robert E. Sharp, of the "One Man Stamp Club," eccentric but friendly, will long be remembered.

GREECE No. 512

By P. J. DROSSOS, Athens, Greece.

I refer to the note, "that this stamp is only known with vertical perforation through the middle." Has anybody seen a copy not perforated? I have not. Further, has anyone in his possession a stamp of the same issue (which, however, is not listed in Scott's), 20 lepta on 20 lepta blue (Stanley Gibbons' 538a, Senf 260, Michel 223) as I consider it a stamp very difficult to find used and could perhaps trace from the postmark in what Greek province it was used at the time. Further, has anyone seen a Corfu issue, No. 533, but with a surcharge similar to that on Nos. 536-8 i.e., one thick line, instead of two thin ones.

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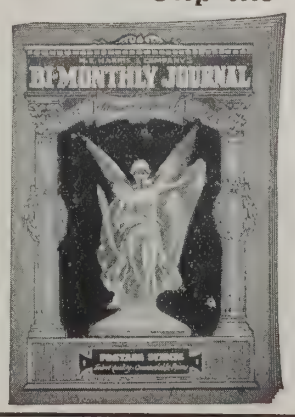

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Santa Claus remembered us this year, through his amiable aid, Mr. LeGrand Payne, Indianapolis; a Columbian 2c stamped envelope bears the beautiful postmark in dark red, Santa Claus, Dec. 25, A. M., 1927, Ind. Stamps were not forgotten and Mr. Vernon Smith of Indianapolis had an envelope sent, bearing a star in stamps at one end and the postmark, Stamps, Dec. 25, 8 A. M., 1927, Ark., in the usual place.

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The prospectus of the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, May 21 to May 26, 1928, by the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition Company of that city indicates that competent hands are shaping the pretentious project. The exhibition will be held at the Hotel Cleveland and a sketch of the floor space is shown. The rules and regulations give particulars for intending exhibitors and it is noticed that there is space for twenty dealers' booths, about seven by ten feet. The rental price of a booth is $75 for the period of the exhibition. The admission charge will be 25c for adults and 15c for children under 16 years of age; and season tickets may be had for $1.50. The financing of the exhibition will be accomplished through the sale of stock of the exhibition company, consisting of one thousand shares at ten dollars each; and no donations will be accepted. There will be an official catalogue, and advertising seals have been prepared for distribution and may be had from the secretary. The prospectus proves that the managers have entered into the enterprise with an appreciation of its magnitude and the details of the development of the exhibition will be followed intently.

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From Mr. Arthur W. Line, Dunkirk, N. Y., we have received a copy of the Dunkirk *Evening Observer*, Dec. 20, 1927, telling of the forced landing of two airplanes of the Buffalo-Cleveland service, as a consequence of the severe storm and bitter cold, just east of Dunkirk. The story tells of the devotion of Jack Little, the intrepid pilot, to his cargo of mail. By reason of the misadventure of the pilot, Dunkirk had the distinction of receiving the first west bound air mail on the new service. Under Little's direction, the sacks of mail were dragged through the field to a waiting automobile; and heeding the pilot's injunction to get the mail on a train as soon as possible, it was hurried to Dunkirk, where it was placed on a west bound train. Pilot Marsh, flying from Cleveland to Buffalo, came to earth with a frozen carburetor and the Buffalo mail also was hauled to Dunkirk, and put aboard the first train for Buffalo. It is to be added that the mail on the plane that left Cincinnati for Chicago got lost in a snow storm after leaving Indianapolis, between there and Chicago. Compelled to land, the pilot broke his plane in the darkness; and in due course the mail was transferred to another plane that reached Chicago, making a twenty-four-hour trip. Winter flying has its hazards, but the records of accomplishment by the pilots are a tribute to their resourcefulness and courage.

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Mr. O. H. Hilding, Chicago, has just received from a correspondent in New Zealand a copy of the ½ penny green, current issue, from the top row with sheet margin, imperforate at top. It is said that two sheets of the stamp were found at Masterton, New Zealand, each with the top row of stamps imperforate at top, with the consequence that there are forty-eight of these varieties in existence. The advantage carried by the top margin in this instance is apparent.

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In "Kitty," a recent work that has attained a place among the best sellers, and written by Warwick Deeping, there are several philatelic allusions and while they are not of paramount importance, yet they should be placed on record. Alex was a victim of paralysis as a consequence of his part in the world war and naturally was the object of solicitude, maternally and otherwise. He was confined to his room and the four walls became irksome for contemplation. The mother of Alex, and the doctor, were discussing the progress of their charge, and the doctor said that the patient should have diversions and interests that were "compatible with his condition" and in his wisdom he advised banjo lessons, since Alex had "musical hands" or the collecting of foreign stamps. Evidently, stamps prevailed over the banjo as a choice of interest because some pages later in the book, Leeper the man nurse, appears with the somewhat disconcerting remark that he thinks that his more or less grateful patient probably "is a little tired of sticking in stamps." However, we are pleased that the good doctor includes stamps in his *materia medica*.

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Mr. Henry J. Freiberger, Bronx, New York, sends the following information: "In your issue of December 12th, Mr. G. C. Dudley complains of 'too late information of air mail first flights.' If Mr. Dudley will write either of the two gentlemen named below, he will receive mimeographed information relative to the important flights two or three weeks in advance: Wm. H. Conkling, Postmaster, Springfield, Ill., or B. F. Myers, Traffic Agent, U. S. Air Mail Service, Chicago, Ill." We appreciate Mr. Freiberger's attention and approve of his suggestion. Mr. Conkling's enthusiastic interest in the promotion of the aerial postal service is known and we have referred to the co-operation that has been promised us by Mr. Myers of Chicago.

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It is difficult to obtain the news of first flights in time to relay it to readers so that they may plan to get covers. In consequence several of our subscribers have shown their disappointment and one of them intimates that the notices are withheld purposely in order that dealers may have no poaching on their preserves. The fact of the matter is that we cannot compete with the daily papers that tell of new flights and when we have particulars as soon as available, they are not always ready in time for distribution to our readers and subsequent action. Naturally, this circumstance is regretted but even when the use of the wire does not give the proper leeway, we are faced by an obstacle that cannot be removed. For instance, we have just succeeded in obtaining definite tidings of the trip of Captain Joe Donnellan, British Royal Air Force, from Chicago to all the capitals of the South American countries. It is reported to us that he has been authorized by the post office department to carry mail on the trip and that he will leave Chicago on the morning of January 1st, 1928, some time between the hours of 4:30 and 10:00 A. M. The first stop will be Atlanta, Georgia, from where he will proceed to Havana and then go to other Central American cities before making a circuit of the capitals of all the South American countries.

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Professor H. H. Schroeder of Normal University, Illinois, is not only a philatelist of the first class but a lecturer of no ordinary merit, as audiences throughout the central states do not hesitate to testify. We are particularly pleased to see in a recent copy of the good old *Daily Pantagraph and Bulletin* of Bloomington, Ill., a double-column story of a philatelic lecture given by him before the Art Association at Russell gallery, Bloomington. Not alone is the report of the lecture one of great philatelic interest, but we are gratified as well by the inclusion of philately in the range of subjects in Professor Schroeder's reportoire. The auditors were intensely interested in the lecture and, incidentally, three collectors from Gibson City and Le Roy who had seen the announcement of the talk were in the audience.

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The New York "Evening World" in referring to the probating of the will of Dr. Lilliendahl of New Jersey, for whose murder his wife and Willis Beach were sentenced recently, says that the entire estate with the exception of the Doctor's stamp collection goes to the widow. The collection of stamps is bequeathed to the little son, Alfred.

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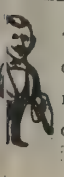

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By A. B. PERLIN.

(The proposed new issue for Newfoundland is attracting much attention. The following description of the various values is doubtless reliable and we reprint the article as of general interest from "Stamp Collecting". Frank F. Wills also sends us this information from the St. John's "Evening Telegram".—W. O. W.)

1c Green. Map of Newfoundland and the Labrador Peninsula, showing new boundary lines between Newfoundland-Labrador and the Province of Quebec.

The design clearly illustrates the comparative size of Newfoundland and its great dependency. Newfoundland is the tenth largest island in the world, with an area of 42,000 square miles, and Newfoundland-Labrador has an area of 110,000 squares miles. It is interesting to note that the 12c Confederation stamp of Canada illustrates for the first time on a Canadian map the correct boundary line in Labrador. Previous to the final judgment of the Privy Council, Canadian maps gave only the bare coast-line to Newfoundland. The stamp is upright in shape.

2c Red. S.S. "Caribou" with inscription "9 hours to Sydney, N. S."

The "Caribou" is a new steamer, specially built to contend with ice, and is employed by the Newfoundland Government Railway on the passenger, mail, and freight service between Port aux Basques, western terminus of the railway, to Sydney, the Canadian terminus. Shape is oblong.

3c Brown. Oblong with Portraits of Their Majesties the King and Queen in circular frames.

The Queen is on the left, and the portrait, which is a fine one, shows her smiling. His Majesty is in military uniform. Both portraits were approved by Their Majesties. A most attractive stamp.

4c Purple. Upright. Portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Three-quarter face, looking towards the left. The Prince is in military uniform and bareheaded. The Prince's crest also appears on the stamp.

5c Grey. Oblong. Express Train with inscription "Express crossing country."

The cross-country narrow gauge railway of Newfoundland was one of the greatest engineering feats of the last century. The railway traverses 600 miles, from St. John's, the eastern terminus, to Port aux Basques, at the western end, where connexion is made with s.s. "Caribou" for Canadian points. The journey from St. John's to Port aux Basques, including numerous stops *en route*, occupies twenty-nine hours.

6c Royal Blue. Oblong. View of Newfoundland Hotel.

This hotel was built by private enterprise in 1925-26. The Government, however, guaranteed a bond issue of 450,000 dollars in connexion with the financing of the hotel, which cost over a million dollars. This building was erected in furtherance of the Government's tourist policy. It compares favourably with the best hotels on any part of the American continent.

8c Lavender. Oblong. View of town of Heart's Content, with inscription "Heart's Content. First Transatlantic cable landed 1866."

Most of the cables despatched from Great Britain to Canada and the United States are relayed through the great Western Union offices in this Trinity Bay settlement, where Cyrus Field, after many failures, at last saw his efforts crowned with success.

9c Dark Green. Upright. View of Cabot Tower erected in 1897 in commemoration of Jean Cabot's discovery of Newfoundland four hundred years before.

The tower stands on Signal Hill, the great hill which guards the eastern side of the entrance to St. John's harbour. Remains of old French forts and rusty cannon still lie below the Cabot Tower, relics of the days when the French were, for a short time, masters of the capital of the Ancient Colony. It was on Signal Hill and the plains below that the British forces led by Colonel Amherst compelled the French invaders to surrender their last foothold in North America. This was in 1762. It was by Cabot Tower that Marconi flew his kites, and there received the first wireless message to cross the Atlantic. There, too, within the tower, some twenty years later, the first transatlantic wireless telephone conversation was held with press delegates on the R.M.S. "Victorian." This is not only a historic stamp, but is also of fine appearance.

10c Dark Purple. National War Memorial.

This fine monument was erected on the King's Beach, the very spot where in August, 1583, Sir Humphrey Gilbert took possession of the New Found Land in the name of Queen Elizabeth, thus laying the corner-stone of the great British Empire. The memorial was unveiled in 1924 by Earl Haig, who came specially from England for the ceremony. The colouring of the stamp will not, in my opinion, show it up to the best advantage.

12c Marone. Upright. The General Post Office at St. John's.

A very striking stamp.

15c Blue (not brown as previously reported). This stamp depicts the famous Vickers-Vimy aeroplane in which the late Sir John Alcock, with Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, accomplished the first non-stop transatlantic flight in 1919.

The aeroplane is shown just after rising from Lester's Field, St. John's, where it took off on the great adventure.

20c Grey-black (not greenish blue as reported). Oblong. Depicting the Colonial Buildings, St. John's.

This is the Parliament House of Newfoundland. Its peculiar form of architecture does not, I think, lend itself to the production of an attractive stamp. It strongly resembles a mausoleum, and has a tendency to lean towards the left.

24c Sepia (not royal blue). The Grand Falls, Newfoundland, Labrador.

This is a beautiful stamp, showing to excellent effect the great falls, greater even than Niagara, and which but few white men have ever seen. Those who have seen the Grand Falls have been astounded by the magnificence of the sight. An adventurous American student recently made the journey from the Labrador coast to the Falls and took some excellent motion pictures, which have created a sensation wherever they have been shown. He supplied the photograph used on this stamp. It is almost impossible to estimate the amount of power that may be developed by harnessing Grand Falls.

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By F. A. SPIELMAN.

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Perplexing Surcharges

R. O.—Roumelie Orientale, *i.e.*, Eastern Roumelia. Stamps of Turkey were used here surcharged with these letters in 1880.

S.—Selangor. This letter, accompanied by a crescnt and star, forms an overprint which is the distinguishing mark of the first stamp used in the Native State of Selangor. The stamp so surcharged was the then current 2c of the Straits Settlements.

S.—Sheriff. An overprint found on certain of the early stamps of South Australia.

S. C.—Supreme Court. Also belongs to South Australia.

S. G.—Surveyor General. Another South Australian overprint.

S. M.—Stipendary Magistrate. Another South Australian overprint found on certain stamps used prior to 1874.

S. P.—Service Publique, *i.e.*, Public Service. The distinguishing overprint of the Luxemburg official stamps of the period 1881-1908.

S. P. M.—St. Pierre and Miquelon. These letters were overprinted on certain French Colonial stamps used in these islands.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

LYRE BIRD
New So. Wales A41
2sh 6d Green

New South Wales approves of showing to the world by means of her postage stamps that she has various animals peculiar to her native heath. Indeed it is surprising how many strange forms are found on the continent of Australia and nearby islands which have no living counterparts in other divisions of the world. On the Centennial issue of 1888 are represented three of these peculiar forms, the kangaroo, the emu and the lyre-bird. The latter has also been taken as the subject for the new 2s6d stamp issued not long since.

The lyre-birds are so called from the peculiar shape of the tail of the male bird. When this is erected, after the manner of the peacock, it has a striking resemblance to the lyre of the ancients. The tail consists of sixteen feathers, the two outermost being the ones that give the lyrate form by their curvature; the two central feathers are very long and narrow, while the remaining twelve look rather more like fern fronds with extremely narrow leaves than they do like feathers. As with the peacock and argus pheasant, only the male bird wears this adornment, the female having a long but ordinary shaped tail. In size the birds are somewhat smaller than domestic fowl and in color are a dull gray-brown.

Disappointment

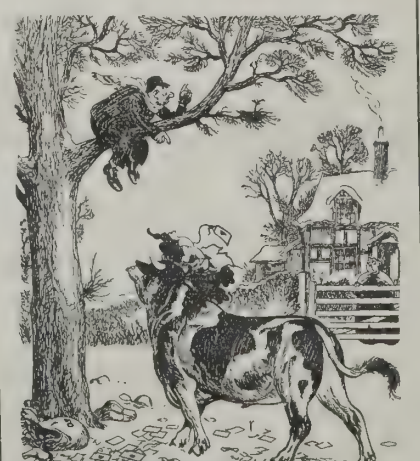
By ARTHUR COWDERY.

(Junior Cowdery writes us that he is not much of a poet but just the same we print his lines. His experience with a mixture is no doubt a frequent occurrence and after reading Arthur's lines our wisdom in tabooing mixture advertising seems justified.—W. O. W.)

You enter the house and slam the door,
Take off your hat, and maybe some more,
Grab your stamp book as never before,
For tight in your hand are stamps galore.

Then sort the packet of stamps you bought,
And look them over, engaged in thought,
Until at last you give a big snort—
Stamps in plenty, but none that you sought.

Thus ends the tale, the variety small,
You wish you hadn't bought them at all.



Village Postman: "Compliments of the season, Mrs. Jubbins, and the next time anyone sends you a red flannel petticoat you might ask 'em to wrap it up a bit better."—*London Opinion.*

Emil Seifert, Woodhaven, N. Y.

Emil is a live junior with a collection of about 1,100 vars. He sends us Christmas greetings and well wishes with a nice plea for our hobby and its educational features. He sends also a design in colors and writes: "Put some colors on your front page." Sorry, Emil, but not practical yet. We appreciate your great interest in the Junior Page. Emil is 14 years old.

The Naming of Colors

(Clipping from Geo. Kump.)

Geo. Kump, renewing his subscription, sends us the following color information. Persons interested in a color chart may profit by writing Stanley Gibbons of London. If any dealer nearer home has one—tell us.—W. O. W.)

It is impossible to give any real practical help in naming colors, without illustrations; but a few hints may be useful.

Azure is a soft sky-blue.
Bistre is a smoky, yellowish-brown.
Bottle-green is a dark "glassy" green.
Brick is a dull red.
Bronze denotes a metallic lustre.
Brown, a real dusky brown.
Buff, a dull brownish color.
Carmine, a bright full-hued red.
Chestnut, a full, rich, red-brown.
Chocolate, a dark brown with a purplish tinge.
Cobalt, a grayish sky-blue.
Crimson, deeper and duller than carmine.
Cyan-blue, a sky-blue.
Emerald-green a vivid light green.
Fawn, a pale warm brown.
Indigo, the darkest of the blues.
Lilac, a pale violet-blue.
Mauve, a brownish claret.
Myrtle, a dark green.
Olive, a yellowish green-brown.
Plum, a dark purple.
Salmon, a buff pink.
Scarlet, a bright red
Slate, a gray leaden shade.
Straw, a pale yellow
Ultramarine, a dark sea-blue.
Vermilion, a bright red.
Violet, between mauve and blue.
Mauve, between purple and violet.

"Country" Etymology

Poland. From the Slavonic pole meaning plain.

Portugal. Was named after the city Porto, meaning "harbor."

Turkey. The Turks were designated by the Arabs as "turkne" robbers.

Switzerland. Is a modification of the name Schwyz, the chief place of the well known old-Swiss canton of that name. Its name was derived from Switer, a guide.

Spain. Is the Phoenician for "Cony-land."

—*Ill. Briefmarken Jour.—Am. Jour. Phil*

Bliss Family Greetings

Among our Christmas cards was on from Gerald D. Bliss and it is so su perb that we shall reproduce it:—

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But he spreads o'er his path
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And we send you this line
Lest you think we forget
"Merry Christmas" again
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Dad, Mother, Bud, Zonella, Rae, Gladys, Mabelle, Curtis.

Cristobal, Canal Zone,
December, 1927

In Lighter Vein

A Lancashire youth walked up to counter in a certain post-office and ask for a three half-penny stamp. It a peared, however, that he had got t wrong counter for postage stamps, so t clerk said sarcastically, "Next counte can't you read?" The lad said nothi but went and bought the stamp, and ha ing affixed it to the letter, he returned where the clerk was sitting and ask "If I poast this letter to-night, will get to Lundon by to-morrow morning

"Certainly," replied the clerk.

"Well, thee's a liar, it won't, for going to Sheffield," replied the lad a quickly withdrew.

* * *

"Have you heard of the new order

"What new order?" eagerly asked reporter making a dive for his pencil.

"Why, that the Government is not ing to issue the postcards any longer."

"Is that so?" said the reporter, much interested, and this time pull out a great tab of soft paper and a stubby pencil.

"That's a fact."

Delighted that he had obtained sc news before the other papers, the porter asked in a whisper, "Where you get your information? What's reason?"

"Why simply because they are l enough already."

The door closed with a bang as reporter slid out.—*Postage Stamp.*

Collecting Hints

(From "Stamp Collecting Hints" issued of charge by T. D. Bottome, 2934 Shriver Indianapolis, Ind.)

What is the use of collecting stam What are they good for? and sim questions are best answered by sta that postage stamp collecting is a ho wherein the expense is really an inv ment that provides interesting relaxa from the daily routine, whether it work, study, or business responsibili

Stamp collecting is properly ter "Philately." A philatelist is one collects stamps.

The first postage stamp was the "p ny black" of Great Britain issued in 1 It was printed in sheets similar to t of the present time, but the sheets not perforated. The penny black is mitted to be ideal in artistic design up to the present time has had no r It is a desirable stamp to have in e collection.

The most valuable stamp is a plain looking one printed with ordi type and initialed with pen and ink, British Guiana 1c red issued in Found in England in 1873 among old papers and being in a damaged dition, it was sold to a young colle for a few shillings. Some years the collection containing this stamp sold for about $600. A few years this stamp was sold at an auction It was bought by Mr. Arthur Hin Buffalo, N. Y.; the price paid was $32,500. It is reported that $50,000 recently offered for the stamp.

As early as 1842 stamp collecting hobby was ridiculed by the British n papers. In 1862 the first English s catalogue was issued and the first s

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WE have received from E. B. Power the prospectus of a new issue service of British Colonial issues. Anyone who is interested in new issues will do well to write Mr. Power at 15 John St., N. Y. City, for a specimen copy.

THE Syracuse (N. Y.) Stamp Club made a Christmas gift of stamps, albums, stamp mounts, cards, etc., to the boys and girls of two local orphanages. The committee having the matter in charge consisted of Dr. L. P. Deming, A. A. Leve and Herbert Sylvester.

M. R. LAMPSON sends us the particulars of the second annual meeting of the Fresno Stamp Club, held Dec. 6. Nineteen members were present. Louis Gundelfinger told of his experiences during a recent European trip. We are glad to note the activities of this live stamp club.

IF any of our advertisers are unable to secure replies to letters sent Thos. Rebbein, 234 Mason St., Milwaukee, Wis., they will please communicate with the Acme Stamp Co., Box 672, Medford, Oregon.

WE are indebted to Herman W. Boers of Detroit, Mich., for two unique Christmas greetings. One comes from St. Nicholas, Pa., and the other from Santa Claus, Ind. Both are dated Dec 25 and are certainly very appropriate as tokens of Christmas good-will. It takes Mr. Boers to put over an original stunt like this. No wonder Detroit is on the map.

SEVERAL lists are at hand that will gladly be sent applicants: *Washington Stamp News,* a 16 pp. house organ, with news of real value (C. E. Nickles, 213 Seaton Pl., N. E., Wash., D. C.); Parker's Priced List, 8 pps., covering U. S. and foreign (E. T. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa.); "Stamp Collecting Hints and 1928 Price List," 16 pps. (T. D. Bottome, 2934 Shriver Av., Indplis., Ind.), and Bright and Son's (164 Strand, London, W. C. 2), price list of stamps and accessories. All are good and can be had for the asking.

WE are indebted to Warren G. Ogden for a copy of the Cornell University *Bulletin* for December. It contains a very appreciative sketch of the activities of our well known philatelist, Chas. Lathrop Pack. Through his generosity Cornell is to have the first professorship of Forest Soils.

THE *New Orleans States* of Dec. 15 has a column article on the "Yearly Stamp Bill." It is interesting but not philatelic enough to reprint. Thanks to S. D. Blake.

N. R. S. JOLY, who advertises in this issue, comes to us well recommended. His specialty is the Near East. Look up his advertisement.

EUGENE KLEIN, 200 So. 13 St., Philada., Pa., has a nice price list of stamp albums, packets, catalogs and supplies that he will send to any address upon request. Mr. Klein has a fine line of handbooks, including all the Mekeel books.

WE are indebted to Frank F. Wills for a clipping from St. John's *Evening Telegram,* giving the particulars of the new set of stamps ranging in values from 1c to 24c. We hope to illustrate this in an early issue. Mr. Wills writes that the 24c Caribou has just become obsolete.

ON Monday, Dec. 19th, the stamp collectors of New Castle, Pa., organized the "New Castle Stamp Club." The meeting was held in the rooms of J. R. Dunfee, Allen Bldg., Mill Street. There were eight present as charter members, The following officers were elected:—Pres., Harry G. Marshall; Vice-Pres., Fred Mattle; Sec., D. H. Hennon, and Treas., John Hitch. J. R. Dunfee was elected Sales Manager. He is also Sales Manager for the Sharon (Pa.) Stamp Club. Would like to hear from other secretaries.—D. H. Hennon, Sec., 618 W. North St., New Castle, Pa.

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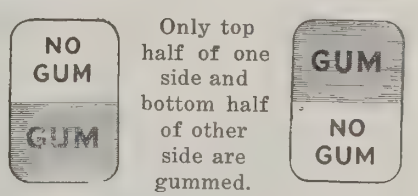

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2	.28	13	1.14	26	.41
3	.44	17	.78	*27	.61
4	.44	18	1.29	28	.02
5	.61	19	.02	29	.04
6	1.92	20	.04	*30	.04
6a	1.92	21	.20	*31	.08
7	.04	22	.08	*32	.16
9	.41	23	.14	*33	.31
10	.08	*24	.06	*35	.04

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA

43	.08	53	.31	63	.96
44	.10	56	11.65	64	1.22
45	.35	57	.10	65	2.90
46	.38	58	.72	66	4.76
47	.78	59	1.22	67	7.75
48	3.52	60	.14	68	14.70
49	9.80	61	.41	70	.12
50	2.82	62	.61	73	5.80
51	11.65				

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS

1	.31	16	1.35	36	1.08
2	.84	17	2.69	37	1.22
3	.84	18	4.26	38	2.28
4	1.02	19	.06	39	5.14
5	1.56	20	.31	40	5.80
6	2.45	24	.24	41	3.02
7	2.45	*27	.43	*42	.02
8	.08	28	.04	43	.06
9	.08	29	.04	44	.06
10	.14	30	.12	*46	.12
11	.24	31	.08	*51	.10
12	.24	32	.16	*47	.04
13	.31	33	.20	*48	.04
14	.43	34	.24	*55	.61
15	.72	35	.43	*58	2.90

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1922, 8m to 80m complete	96-104	.37	15
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1923, 250m to 3,000m complete	117-121	.21	.10
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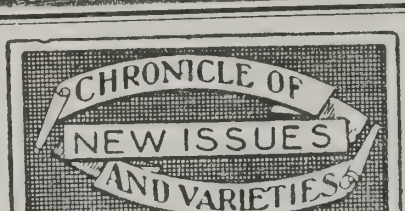

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United States

Washington Notes

As a result of our recent review in which we called our readers' attention to the fact that the Post Office Department had published a little booklet on stamps for distribution, numerous requests from all over the world have been received at Washington asking for this pamphlet.

It is a booklet that should be in the library of everyone interested in United States Stamps, for it fully describes all of the designs and gives further information of philatelic interest. Copies are still available for those who will write to the Division of Stamps % Third Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., and place in the lower left corner of the envelope, making the request "U.S.P.S."

During the last week of the year the Philatelic Agency has been closed taking Inventory, and no doubt their figures when available will show one of the most active years the agency has ever had.

At the present time, nothing new is contemplated, either in the way of regular or commemorative, or the production by means of the rotary press of varieties heretofore printed by the flat bed method.

As previously stated, the Valley Forge variety is the next in line, and a few letters addressed to the Postmaster suggesting such a stamp, will not be amiss.

Canal Zone

The new 5-cent blue rotary print showing portrait of Roosevelt and perforated 11 x 10½, has received the "Canal Zone" overprint. Mr. R. S. Carter has kindly sent me this stamp and states that they were placed on sale in the Zone on December 13th. With this value at hand, the stamps from the rotary press with the overprint now consist of perforated 10 2c and 10c, and perforated 11 x 10½ 1c and 5c.

Mr. Carter writes that he has been informed that no new rotary prints are expected in the immediate future.

Philippines

In the WEEKLY for October 10th, a statement was made by Mr. Frederick W. Allen that all of the pre-cancelled stamps from the Philippines which he had seen, had received extra cancellations, and that under the circumstances, they were most likely fakes. Mr. Walter Bruggmann kindly calls attention to the fact that this statement is not true, and evidently Mr. Allen had overlooked my previous reference to the pre-cancelled stamps from this island. They do not pre-cancel stamps and use them in the sense that pre-cancelled stamps are distributed in this country, but in the Philippines the pre-cancel takes the place of our perforated initials, and enable the firm to keep track of their stamps, thus preventing theft by employees. Such stamps always receive the usual cancellation when passing through the mail.

Mr. Bruggmann kindly sends me a complete set of these overprinted Philippine Stamps, and states that this is all that has been issued to date. Those that are overprinted "Manila, P. I." between horizontal lines consist of the 2c, 4c, 6c, 8c, 12c, 20c, 26c, 30c and 1 peso, and are used by Howard Lux Company, Rambler Shoe Company, and Bria Rovas, Inc. Those with the same over print, in addition to a capital "A" con sist of the 2c, 4c, 10c, 20c, 30c and peso, and are used by C. A. Alkan.

Those bearing the same overprint wit the letters "C.S." are used by the Can era Supp'y Company, and consist of th 2c, 4c, 30c and 1 peso.

The final series with the letter "H consist of the 2c, 4c, 8c, 6c, 10c, 20c, 3 and 1 peso, and are used by the H. Heacock Company.

All of the above stamps are perforate 11, with the exception of the first 1 pe stamp mentioned, which is the form perforated 10 variety.

Argentine.—Mr. R. Roberts repor that he has received copies of the ½ purple, 2c brown and 5c red, with ne watermark, A.P. sideways in centre of shell of like device, multiple all over.

Australia.—From the *Victorian Phil telic Record* we learn that there is strong possibility of a new Commonweal series to replace the present unsatisfa tory one. Although nothing definite is yet decided, it is regarded as almost ce tain that such a new series will be issu before the close of next year.—*Sta Collecting.*

Azores.—The Independence Co memoratives noted under Portugal ha been surcharged in these values for t in this colony: 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 15c, 2 32c, 40c, 96c, 1Esc50c and 4Esc50c. C ies have been received from the Eco m st Stamp Co., Mr. R. Roberts a Whitfield King & Co.

Bulgaria.—Mr. R. Roberts sends recently issued air post stamps for m tion. One is overprinted with device aeroplane in blue on the pictorial is of 4L brown, of 1925-26, and a defin type, with aeroplane in red in transve oval frame. The latter value is 6 le blue and red.

Cuba.—Whitfield King & Co. su mit for chronicle a new 5 centa stamp in blue with a view of an ae plane flying over the coast of Cuba. stamp is of oblong shape and bears two line inscription at the top "Rep lica De Cuba Servicio Aereo" and at base "Correos" with "Cinco Centav beneath. The figures of value are each lower corner with a view of a tive palm in the upper panels.

Czechoslovakia.—The Econom Stamp Co. have shown us the 1.20k violet, type of A17, on unwatermar paper.

France.—A number of new sta are to be issued shortly, to replace present 2, 3, 5, 10 and 20 franc iss says a Reuter Paris message. They be of the large size habitually ado for all French stamps of higher val and will represent different views France. The designs chosen are Rhe Cathedral, the port of La Rochelle, Arc de Triomphe, the Mont St. Mic and the Roman Pont du Gard.—*Ste Collecting.*

French Alexandria.—Mr. R. Rob and Whitfield King & Co. advise they are in receipt of copies of the orange + 5m, overprinted "Cai d'Amortissement" similar to the Fre

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French Colonies.—Whitfield King & Co. send us the following: The following new colours have been received:—Cameroons 15c blue and red, 20c red and sepia, 30c dark and light green, 45c violet and red-brown, 1fr sepia and magenta. Dahomey, Ivory Coast, Middle Congo, Oubangui, Tchad, Togo, Upper Volta, Wallis and Futuna, all 10c green. French Guinea 20c red and brown, 75c magenta and green. French Oceania 20c red and brown, 30c green. French Somali Coast 20c green and red, 30c green. French Soudan 15c brown and violet. Martinique 30c blue-green and green, 1fr red and green. New Caledonia 75c violet.

Italian Colonies.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 3 and 4 lire of the new type of Italian parcel post stamps have been overprinted "Eritrea" and "Libia" for use in these colonies.

Italy.—The new 30c blue and 60c rose stamps, same type as those mentioned, have been received by Whitfield King & Co., and they have replaced the provisionals issued a short time ago.

Jugo-Slavia.—We have just come across an interesting error in the Jugo-Slavia issue of June, 1919, surcharged on the Bosnia Military Post series 1916-17. It is the 30h orange stamp, but the small black design which blocks out the old Emperor's head is missing. This apparently is not catalogued in any catalogue that we have been able to find, and we think it worth mentioning. The copy we have seen was postally used, together with one or two other normal values on a complete registered cover.—*Wright & Son.*

Patiala State.—Whitfield King & Co. report that the 1a, 2a and 4a current issue of Indian stamps, have been surcharged "Patiala State Service" in two lines in black.

Persia.—The Economist Stamp Co. have received copies of the 1k blue, in the new series. The stamp is of larger size than the 1926 issue, but carries the same portrait as that design.

Portugal.—Copies of the new pictorial issue, engraved and printed by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. of London, have been shown to us by Whitfield King & Co., Mr. R. Roberts and the Economist Stamp Co. The values and designs are 2c brown (Goncalo Mendes da Maia); 3c blue (Castelo de Guimaraes); 4c orange (Goncalo Mendes da Maia); 5c sepia (Dr. Joao des Regras); 6c red-brown (Battle of Montigo); 15c sepia (Castelo de Guimares); 16c deep blue (Dr. Joao das Regras); 25c deep olive-green (Dr. Joao das Regras); 32c deep green (Battle of Montigo); 40c yellow-green (An Amazon of the Revolution); 48c carmine (Goncalo Mendes da Maia); 80c purple (Castelo de Guimaraes); 96c vermilion (Amazon of the Revolution); 1e60c steel-blue (Dr. Joao das Regras) and 4e50c olive-bistre (Dr. Joao Pinto Ribeiro). The central vignette is in black and the perforation is 14. They were for use on the 29th and 30th of November and December 1st and 2nd last.

South West Africa.—*The South African Philatelist* in its October issue gives us the following:—"Further values of postage due stamps have received the English and Afrikaans overprint. They are the 2d, 3d and 6d (old design, Pretoria printing), and 5d Transvaal. The 5d value is already obsolete. Only a small quantity was overprinted, and no re-issue is likely, as stocks of 5d Transvaal postage due stamps are now completely exhausted. Thus, after a long life (it outlived all the De La Rue printed Union dues), this stamp, overprinted and unoverprinted, has gone obsolete. The Transvaal Postal Department must have had a very large quantity printed, for the stamp remained on continuous issue for twenty years, and if it had not received various S. W. African overprints its life might have run on for another ten years.

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ESTONIA.—The War Memorial stamps have now been issued. The 5 marks stamp bears a view of the Estonian town Kuresaar (previously called Arensburg during the Russian occupation); the 10 marks shows the town of Dorpat (Tartu); the 12 marks represents a photograph of the Estonian Parliament at Reval; the 20 marks a view of the town of Narva, and the 40 marks a view of Reval (Tallinn). These stamps will be on sale if the stock holds out until December 19th, and will be valid for postage until January 18, 1928.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—The $1 stamp of the current issue has now appeared in a new colour, emerald and grey-green instead of green, the tablets containing the figure of value and the words "Federated Malay States" are printed in emerald green, the rest of the stamp in grey-green.

GIBRALTAR.—The £1 stamps on red paper have been unobtainable for some months. Now without any previous intimation a new £1 stamp has been issued of the same design, but printed in orange and black on white paper, script watermark.

GREECE.—A special set of stamps has been prepared to commemorate the centenary of the naval battle of Navarino, in which Admiral Codrington annihilated the combined Turkish and Egyptian fleets. Special festivities were held at Navarino on October 20th to celebrate the centenary of this historic battle, and we understand that two denominations of these stamps were placed on sale, 1dr 50lep and 5 drachmae, the former showing a picture of the Bay of Navarino where the naval battle took place, and the latter with a portrait of Lord Codrington. Our Athens correspondent kindly informs us that these two denominations were placed on sale at Pylos, near Navarino, on the anniversary date, but none of the series have thus far been issued to the Postal Authorities in Athens.

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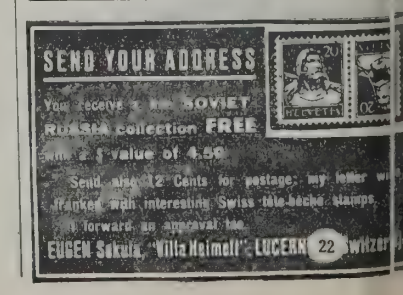

It is expected, however, that they will be put on sale in the near future.

HOLLAND.—We have seen enlarged illustrations in correct colours of the new set of Child Welfare stamps, which will be put on sale on December 15th for one month only. There will be four values as follows:—2c + 2c lake and violet, Arms of Drente; 5c + 3c green and yellow, Arms of Groningen; 7½c + 3½c red and black, Arms of Limburg; 15c + 3c blue and brown, Arms of Overyssel. Only the postal value is shown on the stamps, the overcharge which goes to the Child Welfare Fund is not indicated.

IRISH FREE STATE.—In our recent importations of the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- stamps, we have discovered that quite a new printing of these three stamps has been made. It will be remembered that the first "Saorstat" overprint on these denominations showed the date with wide setting, which was the work of Messrs. Alex Thom & Co. In 1925 the overprinting was undertaken by the Government Printing Office, and the numerals "1922" were closer together. The new discovery we refer to shows the wide and the narrow setting of the date on the same sheet, the overprinting being rather badly done and more or less blurred and easily distinguishable from either of the two earlier printings, which are well printed and the spacing uniform over the entire sheet. On a complete sheet of the 2/6 stamps before us, we find that there are fourteen stamps with the narrow setting of the date and twenty-six with the wide setting. We have no information as to where the overprinting has been done, or how it is that the two varieties occur on the same sheet, but in view of the fact that the overprinting is rather badly executed, we think it must be a provisional printing, and in any case, even if they are of the current issue, we think that pairs showing the two varieties will be quite a good thing, as the new permanent high values may be expected at any time.

JAMAICA.—In a recent importation of stamps from this country we notice that the 2½d denomination is quite a new shade, pale blue instead of the very deep blue.

LEBANON REPUBLIC.—We have received the 15 piastres on 25 piastres stamp with the words "Republique Libanaise" above the value instead of below as was the case in the first printing. Our agent at Beyrout, in reply to an enquiry we sent him, states that the rumour recently circulated that a special issue of stamps is being prepared for the Jebel Druze is quite untrue.

LUXEMBOURG. — New Child Welfare stamps will be issued on December 1st bearing a portrait of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, the denominations being as follows:—10c + 5c, 50c + 10c, 75c+20c, 1 franc + 30c, 1½ francs + 50c. The sale of these stamps will be continued until January 15th, on which date they will be withdrawn from use and any remaining stock destroyed. The stamps will be available for both inland and foreign postage until June 30, 1928, after which they will be demonetised.

PALESTINE.—Just before the new pictorial issue was put on sale the 13 milliemes stamp of the previous overprinted issue was issued in quite a different shade of blue, the first printing was ultramarine, but the last is bright blue, and as we understand this latest shade was on sale for only a few weeks before the new issue appeared, it is likely to be quite a scarce stamp.

PORTUGAL.—A new set of pictorial stamps to commemorate the Independence of Portugal was issued on November 29th, and their use will be compulsory on November 29th, 30th, December 1st and 2nd. The denominations are as follows:—2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 16, 25, 32, 40, 48, 80, 96 centavos, Esc. 1.60 and Esc. 4.50. Twelve denominations have been overprinted for the Azores.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—With further reference to the 5d Transvaal Postage Due stamps with the new Afrikaans overprint "Suidwes" instead of "Zuidwest," we are officially informed that only a very small quantity of these stamps were issued and that no more are obtainable.

TRANS-JORDAN.—We are officially informed that the whole of the remaining stock of the overprinted issue was destroyed on November 1st, the new stamps showing the portrait of His Highness the Amir Abdullah have now been issued.

TONGAN PERFORATIONS

By B. W. H. POOLE.

Several years ago quite a number of articles appeared on the subject of Tongan stamps, but one little point regarding the perforations of the handsome pictorial issue of 1897—a point which should be of interest to the specialist if not to the general collector—seems to have been quite overlooked. This attractive set of picture stamps was engraved and printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., of London, but as this concern had no combmachine that could be used for perforating stamps of these differing shapes and sizes, single-line machines were used. At least two machines, differing in the size of the holes made, but each having the same gauge of 14, were employed. The differences are quite easy to distinguish in the case of blocks of four or more. The holes made by one machine, which we will call "a," are not only larger, but are also more "ragged" or uneven than those punched by the second machine which we will differentiate at "b." The following is a list of the varieties we have seen but it is quite possible that specialists will find many other combinations:

½p deep blue (A)
1p red and black (B)
2p bistre and sepia (B)
2½p blue and black (B)
3p green and black (B)
4p violet and green (A x B)
5p orange and black (B)
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Introduction

It is the thesis of this article that postage stamps, because of their inexpensiveness, portability, ease of display, and great variety of historically interesting designs, can be used to advantage in classes in modern European and American history, and to a lesser extent in other history classes, to arouse, stimulate, and sustain pupil interest, to vivify drab facts, to correlate various fields of knowledge, and in general to illustrate the courses.

There has been remarkably little discussion of the use of postage stamps as illustrative material in history classes. None of the various manuals on the teaching of history and civics (Tryon, Johnson, Keatinge, Kendall and Stryker, Hinsdale, Wayland, Hall, Tuell, Knowlton, Klapper,) devote more than a casual mention to the subject, if they do that much, in their discussions of illustrative material. The same may be said for the reports of the various committees of the American Historical Association and the National Education Association on history teaching, and of the various works on the teaching of the high school subjects in general. Finally the periodical indexes and the indexes to the *Historical Outlook* itself reveal no material whatsoever on the subject.

Several reasons account for the foregoing and also for the failure of more teachers to use postage stamps as illustrative material. The chief reason may be ascribed to the general ignorance of postage stamps and of the fact that they do have a considerable educative value. In the second place, nearly all teachers have been stamp enthusiasts for a brief time during their "teens," or have had friends who were, and in consequence, many of them think of stamp collecting only as a harmless juvenile hobby in which it behooves them, as adults, to show no interest—or at least only a supercilious and superior interest! On the other hand some teachers have delved more deeply into philately (meaning literally, "love of stamps"), and they know it as an art or science (it has been called both) of great complexity and one incapable of being mastered or even adequately understood without considerable study. In the fourth place, teachers discount the value of stamps because of their small size. Finally, teachers have failed to use stamps in their classrooms because of the supposed rarity and expensiveness of so many of them, and because of their ignorance as to where they could be obtained.

All of these objections to the use of postage stamps, or reasons for their non-use, may be answered. In regard to the general ignorance of stamps, most people would be surprised to learn, that, since the time when Sir Rowland Hill first conceived the idea of adhesive stickers indicating prepaid postage, nearly ninety years ago, about 45,000 major varieties of stamps have been issued by the different governments of the world. Many of these stamps are rich in historical interest, definite evidence of which will be adduced hereinafter. In passing it may be noted that stamps are valuable as illustrative material in many other subjects besides history. In 1899, John N. Luff, a philatelist of recognized authority, delivered a lecture before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences on "What Philately Teaches," and he touched on the following subjects: anthropology, archaeology, astronomy, biography, botany, economics, ethnology, geography, heraldry, history, mythology, and zoology.

In regard to the second objection that interest in postage stamps is unworthy of an adult, the names of the following well-known individuals who have shown such an interest may be mentioned: King George V, the Prince of Wales, Queen Elena of Italy, the Crown Prince of Sweden, Prince Hiroyasu of Japan, and Nicholas II, the martyred czar of Russia. Because of the number of its royal followers, stamp collecting is sometimes called "The King of Hobbies and the Hobby of Kings." Other prominent men interested in philately include Charles

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It has been estimated that there are 1,000,000 people interested in stamp collecting in the United States, among whom are goodly numbers of doctors, lawyers, ministers, authors, teachers, actors, engineers, politicians, merchants, manufacturers, and army and navy officers. There are several national philatelic societies, the oldest of which, the American Philatelic Society, dates from 1886. It has had recognition as a "learned society" by the *World Almanac* and other publications. Local philatelic societies, most of which are branches of the national organizations, are found in all the larger cities. There have also been at various times local and national fraternal philatelic organizations with degrees, ritual, etc.

The various national societies have a total membership of over 10,000. Each has several officials who devote their entire time to the work of the society and who earn their living thereby. Each holds an annual convention and issues a monthly magazine and a yearbook. Periodically the chief philatelic association of some nation sponsors a great international exhibition of stamps and accessories, at which there are prizes for excellence in various classes. There have been some half dozen of these philatelic "world's fairs," the most recent of which was held in New York City October, 1926. Stamps valued at over $2,000,000 were there displayed in the Grand Central Palace. All this goes to show the dignity of philately and how far above the ordinary "juvenile hobby" idea it is.

The objection that philately is a very complex subject is easily met by the answer that its complexity does not have to obtrude in the mere use of stamps as illustrations. Numismatics, heraldry, and cartography — all subjects with some kinship to philately — are also complex, but that does not prevent a layman from gaining some understanding of them, or the calling of them into use in the history class. The different designs of postage stamps, which number about 4,000 (the same design, of course, often serves for many denominations), are usually the only thing of interest to teacher and pupil.

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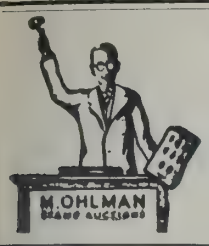

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Every collector should give preference to the stamps of his own country. I know of no better hobby than the accumulation of the many thousands of varieties of U. S. postage stamps, and the mounting of a representative copy of each in an orderly manner in an album. You may not have the means to purchase every major variety of the early U. S., but you can start today and buy every variety sold at the Post Office and make up an attractive and interesting collection which can be sold at any time at face value or better.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington places a number on the margin of every plate made, from which the postage stamps are printed. On sheets of 400 stamps printed by the flat bed presses, this number appears twice on each of the four sides. The top right-hand number always has an "F" prefix which does not appear on any of the other numbers. There are, therefore, two different top numbers; one with and one without the "F" prefix. This gives us the plate numbers in five different positions with respect to the stamps; the two top positions, right, left and bottom. These are usually collected in blox of six with the numbers on the margin opposite the middle stamp of the block.

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Plate number one was made by the Post Office Department about 1894. Today we have passed the 19,000 number, which appears on one of the recent "Lindbergh" stamps. Current issue stamps with plate numbers can be obtained at every Post Office and Sub-station. There are still some plate numbers in circulation below the 15,000 numbers. You can buy these at face value and thus avoid the dealer's profit.

It is safe to say that no P. O. receives all the plate numbers as issued. The best chance to get them all is to purchase from a large number of post offices. I visit many post offices and sub-stations and have many friends throughout the country who are buying these stamps at the local post office for me.

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I started to collect stamps with plate numbers about five or six years ago, and now have over 11,000 different numbers. You can start to collect today, and start with any number you choose. You can easily get the numbers from 14,000 up. I know collectors who have started with numbers, 1, 5,000, 10,000, 12,000 and 14,000 respectively.

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Just as we go to press, we receive clippings from the *Star & Herald* of Panama, Republic of Panama, of December 24, 1927, through the courtesy of our correspondent at Ancon, Canal Zone, Mr. A. W. French, that give a graphic account of the proposed special Lindbergh visit issue. We realize the interest and importance of this news which has a decided bearing on the editorial on the subject in this issue, which is invalidated by the later news, so far as its surmises as to the character of the issue is concerned.

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A special issue of postage stamps, an event reserved only for the most important national occasions, will commemorate the visit of America's Air Ambassador, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, to Panama next month.

The proposal for the special postage stamp issue was approved at yesterday's Cabinet meeting and, according to the present plans, the issue will consist of 300 000 two cent stamps for domestic service and for mail destined to countries of the Pan-American Postal Union, and 150,000 five cent stamps for the Universal Postal Union service. Regarding the quantity of stamps to be issued a final decision has not been reached yet; the proposal adopted by the Cabinet apparently contemplated an issue of 500,000 two cent stamps and 250,000 of the five cent denomination, but the Post-Office Department has decided to suggest a reduction to the first figures given and all tends to indicate that this suggestion will be accepted.

Post-office officials explained that the smaller figures would make the issue more important, giving greater value to the stamps in the future and would create greater interest among philatelists.

Different designs have been selected for the two denominations of the Lindbergh commemorative stamps; one will show the "Spirit of St. Louis" flying over the Isthmus, and the other the now world famous plane descending on the field at Matias Hernandez with the tower of Old Panama in the background. Both designs were made by Pallete Varas.

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Ecuador 20c	51	.60	.15
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Hayti 5c on 10c	304	.50	.15
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Of even more importance is the very cordial feeling existing between the various clubs in this region. Many members of one club are associate members of others, and visits for the purpose of exhibiting collections, helping to celebrate an anniversary, or merely to make a friendly call, are common affairs.

The purpose of organized philately, as set forth in the constitution of nearly all societies and clubs is "the promotion of philately." Now, frankly, what do we do as organizations to "promote philately?" Is it not a fact, that the chief functions of our societies, their sales departments, official journals and annual conventions, are of interest only to members, and that these and minor activities fail utterly to reach the "non" and "ex" collector, or in fact, the "novice" and "junior?"

Our Clubs are a gathering place for collectors—we would be quite shocked if on some meeting night, say a dozen non-collectors showed up to get acquainted with our hobby—and we have a good social time, are entertained, and perhaps buy or sell a few stamps. But with rare exceptions, that is all we do, and not much of that is "promotion" work.

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Sevard's Twinkles

Now that the New Year is here, one wonders what we shall do with it. This being a presidential year, perhaps someone will inaugurate proceedings to knock the standard catalog off its hinges.

Adlerika himself divinates that the 5c New York should be classified as Palestine No. 1, in the new catalog

DID YOU EVER NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AIRPLANES AS PICTURED ON THE INTERNATIONAL MACHINE SLOGANS AND THE UNIVERSAL MACHINE CUTS? THEY DIFFER, BUT EITHER SAVES TIME, AS ANYONE WILL EASILY OBSERVE.

A split guide line on the current 2c horizontal coil is an oddity as the split is about 2mm wide. The cause of this might be a ruler slipping, and rulers often slip, as witness The Private Life of Helen of Troy.

If we didn't think it tremendously facetious, we would moralize on the recent A.P.S. notice "Death of Applicant Pending."

We are informed that there were approximately 1,700,000,000 Christmas Anti-Tuberculosis seals printed this year, printing being done in three different plants. Differences in copies are noted, but subdivision into types is not expected.

THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PASTERS HAVE BEEN SEEN: SAINT ANTHONY GUIDE; WHEAT RIDGE COLORADO LUTHERAN SANITARIUM.

The Die A 2c white envelope occurs about 80% on copies noted. This surely makes other dies much scarcer, altho Die H is common, and Die H2 much less common.

The new 1c booklet stamp with compound perfs. has been issued without eclat. And believe us, each stamp should have eclat, hence our fanfare. As Shakespeare says, "A tucket sounds."

Someone objects to our doctrinaire views as to the cheap and lowly varieties, when as stampdom only thrills to the croupier's call, and the dissonance of the whirling pellets of rarity. Fruits out of season are costly, and raspberries in winter are not without epicurean gustatorian comment. The famous Scotch album in which only one cent catalog stamps are placed with blank spaces for stamps found or accidentally acquired is not new, but as Mark Twain remarked, "The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education." And as the prof poeted once in moments of vapid infection:

SPEND NOT YOUR WEARY STEPS IN PILGRIMAGE TO PLYMOUTH ROCK,
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The 2c perf. 11 x 10½ in perfect condition is quite scarce, as it usually appears with one or two defections as to centering. The 2c horizontal coil over a period of five years' observance, is much scarcer in perfect condition than a White Plains stamp, which had so little use. The catalog from which we glean these stupendous figures, is now on the clothes press.

FIVE-YEAR HONOR CLUB

George W. Corwin, Bronxville, N. Y.
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We have two new members for our Five Year Honor Club for New York State. They are George W. Corwin, Bronxville, N. Y., and Walter S. Bull, Cortland, N. Y. Mr. Bull has been with us for more than a score of years and to show that he is an old friend we quote from his letter:—

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65	"	5c	.14	.12	.14	.1
66	"	6c	.14	.12	.12	.1
67	"	8c	..	.30	.30	.2
68	"	10c	..	..	.35	.2
69	"	12c	.40	.30	.20	.1
70	"	15c	.30	.25	.20	.1
71	"	24c	.45	.35	.45	.3
72	"	30c	.55	.45	.45	.3
74	"	60c	1.00	.80	.60	.4
75	1897,	½c	..	..	.90	.7
78	1898,	1c	.06	.05	.06	.0
79	"	2c	.10	.08	.08	.0
80	"	½c	.03	.02	.02	.0
82	"	2c	.07	.05	.02	.0
84	"	5c	..	.12	.03	.0
85	"	4c	..	.15	.08	.0
87	1910,	1c	.08	.06	.06	.0
87a	"	1c	.04	.03	.02	.0
87b	"	1c	.07	.05	.07	.0
87d	NF in bl. 4		3.00	2.50	..	
88	1910,	2c	.08	.06	.03	.0
88a	"	2c	.15	.12	.02	.0
91	"	5c	..	..	.40	.3
91a	"	5c	.25	.20	.06	.0
92	"	6c	1.25	1.00	1.25	1.0
92a	"	6c	1.25	1.00	1.25	1.0
106	1911,	3c	.35	.30	.35	.3
107	"	4c	.40	.35	.40	.3
108	"	5c	.07	.06	.03	.0
109	"	6c	.45	.40	.45	.4
110	"	8c	5.00	4.50	..	
111	1911,	9c	.70	.60	.70	.6
112	"	10c	..	.80	..	
113	"	12c	.75	.65	.75	.6
114	"	15c	.90	.70	.90	.7
Set	of 11	(110a)	6.00	5.00	5.50	4.5
118	1918,	4c	.07	.06	.03	.0
119	"	5c	.12	.09	.03	.0
120	"	6c	..	..	.50	.4
122	"	10c	.25	.15	.10	.0
124	"	15c	.50	.40	.50	.3
125	"	24c	.40	.35	.40	.3
126	"	35c	.50	.40	.50	.3
Set	of 12		4.00	3.00	3.00	2.5
127	1920,	2/30c	.45	.35	.45	.3
128	"	3/15c	4.00	3.00	4.00	3.0
129	"	3/15c	.55	.45	.55	.4
130	"	3/35c	.50	.40	.50	.3
Set	of 4		5.00	4.00	5.00	4.0
136	1923,	6c	.12	.10	.12	.0
137	"	8c	.16	.14	.16	.1
138	"	9c	.50	.40	.50	.3
139	"	10c	.15	.13	.08	.0
140	"	11c	.25	.20	.25	.2
141	"	12c	.25	.20	.25	.2
142	"	15c	.30	.25	.20	.1
143	"	20c	.30	.25	.20	.1
144	"	24c	.60	.50	.60	.4
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Egypt 1926, 27m violet airplane flying over the Nile	.25
Esthonia 1925 Triangles, 5m to 45m, Perforated issue, complete	.75
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Hungary 1918, 1K 50f, 4K 50f, #651, 652 complete	.35
Italy 1926, 60c to 5 lire, #553 to 556 complete	.75
Japan 1919, 1½s, 3s, #451, 452	2.50
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Lebanon 1926 Sur. with Airplane, 2pi to 10pi, #213 to 216	.35
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Syria 1926 Sur. with Airplane, 2pi to 10pi, complete	.35
Tunis 1919-20, 30c on 35c, 30c, #201, 202	.40
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By WM. H. AVERY.

The new commemorative set of Cuba will be put on sale on the 2nd day of Jan., 1928. It is a very beautiful set, worthy to take a page in every collection. They are printed in very attractive, artistic colors, in large oblong shape.

The 1 centavo value will be of green color, showing the bust of Thomas Estrada Palma, the first president of Cuba. The 2 centavo is in rose color, with the present chief, the General Geraldo Machado, in the center. The 5c value come in blue color, with view of the Morro Castle, the famous entrance to the Bay of Habana. The 8c value in chocolate color, with the Central station in the center, and the 10c value in brown color, will show the Presidential Palace. A new value, never before used in Cuba, will be the 13c stamp, with a tobacco plantation in view. The 20c value will be in the customary olive-green color, showing the National Treasury. The 30c value, which is another new and never before used denomination, will be in violet color, showing a sugar mill, the 50c value in faded rose color, with the Cathedral of Habana, and the 1 Peso value in black color, with the National Theatre.

My personal opinion is, that the set, or at least three or four values, will be sold out within the first hour, after they will be put on sale. The issue is very small, and the interest in these stamps seems to be enormous the world over.

I hope, dear reader, that you are one of the fortunate ones to secure at least one of these sets. It will not be many years before this set will be sold at ten times its present face value or over. It is a bit belated, but a very fine Christmas present to Philately.

LINDBERGH SOUVENIR COVERS

Compiled by C. E. NICKLES.

No world's hero ever before held the public attention for so long a time as has Colonel Lindbergh. The other day the flying wizard appeared before Congress, and the House of Representatives broke all records by passing a resolution with applause instead of votes.

(1.) An air mail cover actually carried by Lindy on the first flight over St. Louis-Chicago route on April 15, 1926.

(2.) National Capital to Golden Gate. Air mail cover mailed in Washington on Lindbergh Day and back-stamped San Francisco the following day. In the National Capital on one day and at the Pacific Coast on the next—record time—and all the way by air mail. This has the official cachet.

(3.) Special Flight, Washington to New York, June 11, 1927. This cover has the big official cancellation, "Lindbergh Day, Special Flight, Washington to New York."

(4.) First Day cover of Lindbergh air mail stamp from St. Louis, home of Lindbergh and the "Spirit of St. Louis," showing special cancellation authorized by the Department. This cachet reads: "LINDBERGH CELEBRATION, Spirit of St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo., June 18, 1927, USE AIR MAIL—IT SAVES TIME," and illustrates the plane.

(5.) First Day Cover from Little Falls, Minn., Lindy's boyhood home.

(6.) First Day Cover from Detroit, his birthplace.

(7.) First Day Cover from Washington.—*Washington Stamp News.*

ODDS AND ENDS:—

HERMAN W. BOERS has just pulled off another philatelic stunt. Its first day covers from Christmas, Fla., and Christmas, Ky. Did you ever hear tell of these places? The first day of course means "Jan. 1" and it brings genuine New Year's greetings. Thanks, Mr. Boers. The covers take their place in the editorial "Memory Book."

ON Sept. 23rd, Geo. H. Quintard of Norwalk, Conn., had the misfortune to lose his collection of precancelled stamps. His store was robbed and burned. He had no insurance unfortunately. Mr. Quintard would be glad to receive some duplicates from his precancel friends.

THE Managing Editor has been of the opinion that if any one was busy he certainly could qualify. However, he is losing faith in his swiftness, for a valued philatelic friend writes:—"I am awfully sorry that I can't take over any more, and I assure you that what I can do, I will do. Ye Gods! Heat treatment of steel, numerical integration, Cost Accountants, Taylor Society, the Ordnance Department, Topography, the Poetry Society, the American Legion, the Eugenics Society, bankruptcies and insolvencies, art work, engraving, printing?"

ON Jan. 5, Francis J. Gross, the Brooklyn dealer, leaves for the Florida coast where he will spend the next three months fishing.

WE have received from Herman W. Boers a letter that was supposed to go by airmail from Pelee Pointe to Leamington, Can. There is no distinctive air mail marking. On the face is the postmark "Scudder Ont De. 14-27" and on reverse "Leamington, Ont De 27-27." Who can help us out? Thanks, Mr. Boers, once again.

Hayti (W. I.)

This country is virtually a U. S. Protectorate and many U. S. collectors have added it to their albums. Many items are scarce and never will be cheaper than now.

	New.	Used
1898, 1c ultramarine, No. 46	.25	..
3c violet, No. 48	.30	..
7c gray, No. 50	.50	..
20c orange, No. 51	.75	..
1902 — There are some six or seven different fakes of this set on the market and few genuine ones are offered.		
1c, 2c, Nos. 67, 69, each	.20	.20
1c green, No. 68	.10	.10
2c carmine, No. 70	.10	.10
3c green, No. 71	.25	.25
4c red, No. 72	.40	.40
5c brown, No. 73	.50	.50
5c blue, No. 74	.25	.25
7c gray, No. 75	.40	.40
8c carmine, No. 76	.60	.65
10c orange red, No. 77	.30	.30
15c green, No. 78	.75	..
1904, No. 87a	.25	..
No. 85a	.25	..
1906, 1c green, No. 111, scarce	.35	..
4c carmine, No. 128	.08	.06
7c gray, No. 130	.35	..
8c carmine, No. 131	.35	.30
1c blue, No. 110	.75	..
2c orange, No. 112	.85	..
3c green, No. 114	.70	..
4c red, No. 115	3.50	..
5c brown, No. 116	3.50	..
1g violet, No. 124*	3.00	..
20c green, No. 134	.35	..
50c red, No. 135	.95	.65
1pi claret, No. 136	1.50	.85
1907, 2 on 20c, No. 152	.75	..
2 on 50c, No. 153	3.75	..
1910, 3c yellow, No. 156	2.00	..
1913, Nos. 167 to 171, rare	14.00	..
50c yellow, No. 172	1.00	.85
1pi red, No. 173	2.00	..
1914, 8c red, No. 174, rare	3.00	..
1c, No. 175, rare	9.50	..
2c red, rare	9.50	..
50c claret, No. 180 (50000)	..	.42
1c green, No. 181 (50000)	.10	..
2c red, No. 182	.10	.10
3c brown, No. 183	.30	.30
4c carmine, No. 184 (12,800)	.35	.35
7c gray, No. 186 (4000)	1.00	1.00
8c carmine, No. 187 (3378)	1.10	..
10c orange red, #188 (16000)	.30	.25
15c green, No. 189 (3000)	1.10	..
1pi claret, No. 192	1.75	1.75
3c slate, No. 195	.10	.10
3c yellow, No. 198	.10	.10
20c green & black, No. 200	1.00	..
4c green, No. 206 (12200)	.25	..
7c orange red, #207, scarce	.75	..
10c red brown, #209 (3000)	.75	.75
15c yellow, No. 210	.35	..
50c yellow, No. 211	1.25	..
1pi red, No. 212	1.75	..
7 on 50c, No. 218	..	.06
1915, 7c orange & black, No. 224	.40	..
15c gray & black, No. 227	.35	..
20c brown & black, No. 228	.12	..
1 on 5c, No. 235 (10,000)	.40	.40
1 on 10c, No. 236	.08	..
1 on 20c, No. 237	.15	..
1 on 50c, No. 238	.05	.05
1 on 20c, No. 239	.50	..

	New.	Used
1915, 1 on 50c, No. 240 (8297)	.75	..
No. 241, rare stamp	7.75	..
1 on 7c, No. 242	.04	.04
2c on 1pi, No. 245	.05	.05
1c on 50c, No. 247, rare	6.75	..
1c on 1g, No. 248, rare	7.00	..
1917, 1c on 4c, No. 249	.12	.07
1c on 10c, No. 251 (51597)	.30	..
1c on 20c, No. 252 or 253, ea.	.10	.10
1c on 50c, No. 254	.08	.07
1c on 50c, No. 255	.10	.10
2c on 3c, No. 256 (51000)	.10	.10
2c on 8c, No. 257	..	.08
2c on 8c, No. 258	.10	.10
2c on 15c, No. 259	.06	.06
2c on 20c, No. 260	.07	..
1 on 20c, No. 262 (5400)	1.10	..
2c on 3c, No. 263 (21500)	.35	..
1c on 4c, No. 265 (26000)	.25	..
1c on 7c, No. 266 (23000)	.25	..
1c on 15c, No. 267	.40	..
1c on 50c, No. 268 (8900)	.75	..
1c on 1pi, No. 269 (9000)	.75	..
2c on 8c, No. 270	.30	..
2c on 10c, No. 274	.50	..
2c on 10c, No. 271	.15	..
2c on 15c, No. 272	.40	..
2c on 10c, No. 273	.85	..
5c on 15c, No. 275 (4000)	1.75	..
1c on 15c, No. 276	.10	.10
1c on 20c, No. 278 (37000)	.15	..
1c on 1pi, No. 279	.04	.05
1c on 1pi, No. 280	.70	..
5c on 1pi, No. 281	.15	..
1919, 2c on 4c, No. 282	.25	..
2c on 8c, No. 283	..	.08
2c on 8c, No. 284 (67743)	.10	..
2c on 20c, No. 285 (50000)	.10	..
2c on 50c, No. 286	.06	.05
2c on 50c, No. 287	4.90	..
2c on 50c, No. 288 (9150)	.70	..
2c on 50c, No. 289	.15	..
2c on 1pi, No. 290 (3896)	2.00	..
2c on 1pi, No. 291 (4634)	1.20	..
3c on 3c, No. 292 (20000)	.25	..
3c on 7c, No. 293 (43000)	.15	..
3c on 3c, No. 294	.15	.15
5c on 3c, No. 295	.62	..
5c on 4c, No. 296	.50	.45
5c on 4c, No. 297	.10	.10
5c on 7c, No. 298	.08	.08
5c on 7c, No. 299	.25	..
5c on 10c, No. 300 (54000)	.18	.18
5c on 15c, No. 301 (27600)	.25	..
5 on 7 on 20c, No. 302	.25	..
5 on 7 on 50c, No. 303 (4000)	1.75	..
5 on 10c, No. 304	.25	..
5 on 50c, No. 305 (1698)	3.00	..
5 on 10c, No. 306	..	.15
5 on 50c, No. 307	.18	..
5c on 50c, No. 308 (5000)	1.50	..
1898, Due 2c, 5c	.12	..
Due 10c orange	.06	..
1902 Due, 2c black, No. 505	.60	..
1906, 2c dull red, No. 510	..	.25
1914, 5c brown, No. 515	.38	..
10c orange, No. 516	.30	..
50c slate, No. 517	..	1.50
10c violet, No. 520 (2000)	2.00	..

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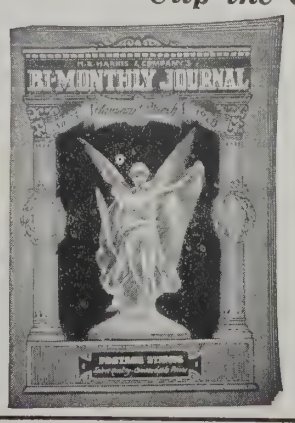

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The post office department announces that the contract for carrying the mail between Salt Lake City, Utah, and Great Falls, Montana, has been awarded to Alfred Frank of Salt Lake City on behalf of a coterie of business men of his city as well as himself.

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From Mr. H. F. Kohr, one of the cogs in that great machine, the Kansas City *Star*, we have received a copy of *L'Illustration*, December, 1927, in which the French periodical presents six exquisitely impressed likenesses of the prospective new high values of France. The four artists, Rivel, Veresque, Rigal and Cheffer, whose work is shown, have achieved an artistic triumph, but the London *Times* says that so carefully is the work of preparation of the stamps being attended to that "it is unlikely that the new stamps of 3f, 5f, 10f and 20f, will be on sale to the public until late in the coming year." Some of the subjects are the Rheims Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe, and the historic castle of Mont Saint Michel, according to the half-tones in *L'Illustration*. In this connection, we may mention that a clipping has been received from Mr. D. G. Bigelow on the subject of the impending issue. It is an editorial in the Milwaukee *Journal* of December 30, 1927, headed, "Make Every Stamp a Picture." It is well conceived and will bear reprinting elsewhere.

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In a despatch sent by the Chicago *Tribune* Press Service to the Chicago *Tribune* dated Panama City, Jan. 3, 1928, the news is given that the New Year holidays were taken advantage of there to print one million special Lindbergh stamps which are to be sold to signalize the Colonel's arrival in Panama. We learn that they are printed in "special ink" and bear the date of his landing there. No philatelic news of this issue has reached us, but we suppose that the Lindbergh stamp mentioned is the 10c air mail with appropriate surcharge. The enterprise of the postal officers in Panama must be admitted, and it is likely that the method that they have taken to celebrate the occasion will not be looked at askant even by the philatelic purist. It had been remarked by a collector or two that it was somewhat surprising that none of the countries that the flying ambassador had visited had sought to memorialize his coming by some postal memento; and to him or them, the issue now made by Panama comes not unexpectedly.

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In the issue of Jan. 2, 1928, reference was made to the find made by Mr. J. Lynn Avery of Long Beach, California, of certain Hawaiian Missionary stamps, and now, at our invitation, Mr. Avery sends the following particulars: "One of my friends, who calls on me occasionally at my office, and I were talking one day and I happened to mention the fact that I am a stamp collector, and he said that his sister's husband had been a collector in his college days, and that his sister still had the collection. I suggested to my friend that I would like to see the collection, which had been in a safety deposit box for a number of years, the brother-in-law having passed away several years before. The collection was shown to me and these Hawaiian Missionaries were in it, along with other Hawaiians, including Nos. 5 and 6, some triangular Capes, and a number of other early issues both U. S. and foreign. . . . I showed the stamps to Brewster C. Kenyon of this city, who is considered locally as an authority on Hawaiian Missionaries, and after checking them over most carefully, he pronounced them genuine, but suggested that they be submitted to Mr. C. F. Richards of New York, who is supposed to be an authority on these stamps; and Mr. Richards wrote that in his opinion, they were genuine. However, they are in a somewhat damaged condition, altho Mr. Kenyon tells me that it is difficult to find them otherwise than damaged, due to the thin paper on which they were printed. In his enthusiasm, Mr. Kenyon mentioned the discovery to a newspaper reporter; hence the clipping that I sent you. This brings the story down to date."

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The story of Mr. Avery is an interesting one and we infer that the lady who owns the collection will dispose of it, if the Hawaiians meet every test, in order to assist in putting her son through college; and that Mr. Avery is loaning his good offices in the case. We have learned through the friendly interest of a correspondent that Mr. Avery is the assistant secretary of the Mutual Building and Loan Association of Long Beach, a leading institution of that section. He is an amateur who collects U. S. and revenues, and has a good representation of these favored issues. Too, he is president of the Long Beach Stamp Collectors' Club; and it was at a meeting of this organization that he showed the Hawaiians. No doubt there will be further details concerning the stamps, and it is needless to say that they will not be allowed to dwell in splendid isolation when once a final verdict is rendered on them that connotes genuineness.

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A reader, Mr. Dana L. Dwight, New York, writes that he is anxious to have particulars of Carriedo, whose portrait appears first on the 26c violet-brown, Philippines, 1906; and having recourse to Major Palmer's valuable work on the stamps of the Philippines, we abstract the following biography: Francisco Carriedo died in 1743, and in his will directed that 10,000 pesos be used to provide the city of Manila with a water system with the stipulation that water be furnished free to the poor of the city for all time. Operations to fulfil the terms of the bequest were not started before 1880, when the original fund had grown to 180,000 pesos. The system was finished in July, 1882, or 139 years after the death of this good man. In this connection, it is becoming that we repeat what was said when the work, The Postal Issues of the Philippines, by F. L. Palmer, Major U. S. Army—retired, appeared with the imprimatur of J. M. Bartels Company, in 1912. It is a masterly review of the stamps in question and Major Palmer furnishes authentic information that reduces the complexities of some of the issues to easy understanding, so lucid are the descriptions of the postal changes and their stamp results.

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An old-timer writes: "Do you know that your references to the names of those who flourished as working philatelists thirty, forty or even fifty years ago are most acceptable to some of us who remember the rollicking days of the past. Give us more of them; and now I want to hear something of the later career of John Milton Holt who was in the medical service of the army or navy." Our correspondent speaks further of Dr. Holt who is remembered as having labored manfully to establish a philatelic foundation through bequest and contribution that would ensure the publication of his stamp journal in perpetuity. He made a good start on his fund, but the frequent change of base necessitated by his professional duties in the service was a serious interruption of editorial duties. In 1892 as "a college boy," he acted as a New York correspondent for a stamp paper for a short time; after proving his worth as a lively chronicler of the doings of those days, he was soon forced to lay aside the work in justice to his professional studies. Years later, he made his journalistic venture which he was forced to abandon after a time; and his more or less altruistic undertaking came to an end. We do not know what became of any collections for the permanent fund, but we know that Dr. H squared everything with his conscien We regret that we cannot tell anyth about the later days of Dr. Holt.

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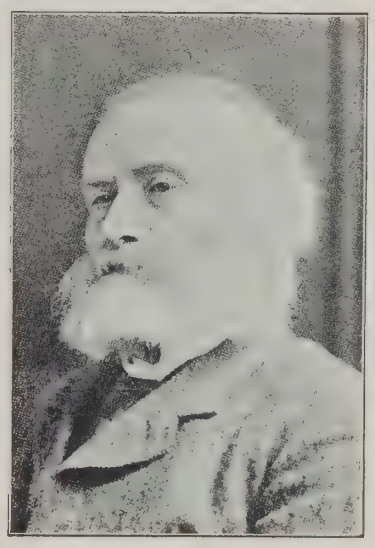
I do not recall ever having seen any authority quoted other than the plain statement that Sir Sandford Fleming did design the first Canadian Postage Stamp, viz.: "The Three Penny Beaver."

The available literature on the life of Sir Sandford Fleming is not large other than magazine or newspaper articles, with the exception of Dr. L. J. Burpee's splendid book, written, with the exception of the last chapter, during conversations with Sir Sandford. The following notes are gathered from various sources, but mostly from Dr. Burpee s work:

Sir Sandford Fleming was born at Kirkcaldy, Scotland, "The Lang Toun." His father was plain Andrew Greig Fleming — his mother's name Elizabeth Arnot.

His youth was principally spent associated with surveyors and civil engineers, and during his apprenticeship assisted in making survey across Fifeshire from Edinburgh to Perth, and from Perth to Dundee. He sailed April 24th, 1845, from Glasgow for Quebec on board the sailing ship "Brilliant," the passage money being £13/10s, and landed at Quebec on June 6th, after being forty-two days at sea.

His first occupation was secured at Peterboro, Ontario, and during his engagement with this firm he conceived the idea for a plan of the town of Peterboro; this completed, his next difficulty was how to get it lithographed; such work was not being done in Upper Canada at the time, but the young man had learned the art in Scotland, and having determined to do the work himself he proceeded to Toronto early in 1846, secured the materials necessary, returned to Peterboro and completed the work in due time. Newcastle was treated in the same way towards the latter part of 1846. In 1847 a plan of the town of Cobourg was put into existence. In 1849 he proceeded to Montreal for the purpose of securing a Commission as Provincial Land Surveyor. This certificate was issued to him the same date as the riot occurred in



SIR SANDFORD FLEMING. K.C.M.G., LL.D.
The designer and engraver of Canada's Classic the Three Penny Beaver

Montreal over the "Rebellion Losses Bill" on April 25, 1849. In 1852 he assisted in the completion of the survey of the City of Toronto and completed plan of that City.

That this young man was public spirited is evidenced by the fact that from June 20, 1849, when the first meeting of the Royal Canadian Institute was held, with only two in attendance, Mr. Fleming one of them, until 1899, when he had been one of the chief advocates, supporters and advisers, he completed his fifty years of continuous active association with that institution.

The one thing that is of vital interest to Philatelists generally, and of Canada in particular, is contained in the following paragraph, which is an excerpt from Dr. Burpee's Biography.

"In an old scrap-book at Winterholme, Fleming's home in Ottawa, a curious little relic of his industry as an artist and engraver over sixty odd years ago (this was written in 1915, and if it is still in existence it is now over seventy-five years old), is a faded proof of a Canadian Postage Stamp and beneath it is this note: 'This is the first proof from the copper-plate of the first Postage Stamp issued in Canada, designed by Fleming for the Post Master General, the Honorable James Morris, dated Toronto February, 1851'."

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Dr. Burpee has certainly performed a real service to Philately in incorporating in his work this illuminating paragraph because it is from an absolutely authentative source.

Fleming did a good work as a Civil Engineer in the survey of Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railway. Surveying for the Intercolonial was almost exclusively his own work, and regarding the Canadian Pacific Railway, it is attributed to him as its Father. He was largely instrumental in creating the atmosphere which resulted in the all round the world British Cables Telegraph. It was Sir Sandford Fleming who first worked out and proposed Uniform Standard time for the world. He was not without honors—in 1880 he was made Chancellor of Queen's University over the heads of men, who, from political connections, might easily have secured the appointment, and in 1894 Her Majesty created him a Knight of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

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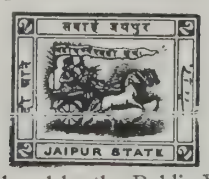
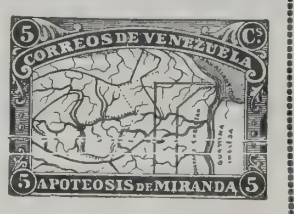
Jaipur

A feudatory state in Rajputana, India, sometimes known as Jeypore. Some years ago various Indian stamps overprinted "RAJ—Service" in two lines were used in this state and were long supposed to be official stamps. It has since been proved that, though the stamps



were employed by the Public Works Department of Jaipur, the overprint was intended rather as a precaution against theft than as a mark to distinguish them as an issue of the state, and it is therefore more of a private than of an official nature. Postage stamps proper were not introduced until 1904.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES



MIRANDA ISSUE
Venzuela A27
5, 10, 25, 50c, 1b

A reader asks: "What is the 'Apotheosis' of Miranda appearing on Venezuelan stamps?" The words 'Apoteosis de Miranda,' the deification of Miranda, explain the issue of this stamp. Francisco Miranda, born in 1754, was the first leader of the Revolution which constituted Venezuela as an independent state and was the first step toward the freedom of the whole South American continent. After fighting under Washington, in 1783, he raised the standard of liberty in the south. Twice he was unsuccessful. In 1810, a 'junta' of the citizens proclaimed Miranda as commander-in-chief and provisional president of the republic. He was defeated by the Spaniards, betrayed into the hands of the Spanish and died in prison.

The lines on the stamp are meant to illustrate a long standing dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain as to the boundary line between the former and British Guiana. In 1886, the United States, on the strength of the Monroe Doctrine, intervened with the offer of arbitration, which was refused by Great Britain. In 1895 this offer was renewed and again refused; thereupon, President Cleveland suggested to the Congress of the United States that a commission should be appointed to ascertain what was the true divisional line between the republic of Venezuela and British Guiana; this being done 'it will be the duty of the United States to resist by every means in its power, as a wilful aggression upon its rights and interests, the appropriation by Great Britain of any lands, which, after investigation we have determined by right to belong to Venezuela.' It was this statement of the President that threatened to lead to a rupture between the United States and Great Britain." We may add that the Miranda set and two postal cards were issued July 4, 1896, and were good for postage until November 4th.

To a Postage Stamp

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Impartially you decorate!
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You'll bring a bill, a billet-doux—
What destinies upon you wait!
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And calmly unconcerned when you
Return a rhyme that's less than great,
O little square of vivid hue.

Subscriptions old you may renew,
Convey a heart, or make a date—
Equipped with governmental glue.

How can you mock the foolish who
Must always send the word—too late—
O little square of vivid hue
Equipped with governmental glue?

—*N. Y. Herald-Tribune.*

Junior Items

—David Lome, 627 Hendrix St., Brooklyn, N. Y., would like to organize a stamp club in his vicinity. Write him. We thank our Junior for a clipping showing a bureau decorated with used stamps.

—A Junior sends us a nice set of cartoon clippings dealing with the development of the postal service. We should be glad to reprint them were they not copywrited. We appreciate all such favors and make use of them when possible.

Perplexing Surcharges

S. T.—Superintendent of Telegraphs. A surcharge found on several of the early stamps of South Australia.

S. U.—Sungei Ujong. These letters were overprinted on the ½a blue Indian stamp of 1865, and the Straits Settlements 2c stamps of 1868 for use in the Native State of Sungei Ujong.

T.—Treasurer. A South Australian overprint.

T. L.—Taufa 'ahau—Lavinia. These initials were overprinted on the 1d Tonga stamps in 1899 to mark the wedding of the King and Queen.

T. R.—Titles Registration. An overprint found on certain early South Australian stamps.

V.—Volunteers. Also found on early South Australian stamps.

V. A.—Valuator and Auctioneer. Another South Australian overprint.

W.—Waterworks. A surcharge found on some of the early stamps of South Australia.

Another Contest

On Jan. 30, we shall issue a nice special number and we want all our juniors to send in their *first* and *second* choice as to the best advertisement in that issue. We want you to not only name the best advertisements, but tell why you think so.

Yes, there will be many prizes. Address, Beverly office.

The Perfection Guide

We are inserting this item on this page because we want all our Juniors to see it, and we will take a chance upon the seniors reading.

We recommend that you obtain the "Perfection Guide" described and advertised elsewhere in this issue by the Hawkeye Stamp Co., Cedar Rapids, Ia. The price 15c is alright and the specimen sent us inspires this recommendation. The Guide is a very handy article and will prove a very valuable help to any collector.

Questions and Answers

Q.—Is it better to have stamps unused or used?

A.—The beginner will be wise to take stamps in either condition, as they come.

Q.—What is the rarest stamp in the world?

A.—There are several stamps of which only a single specimen of each is known; nothing can be rarer. The most highly prized of these unique specimens is the 1 cent black on magenta stamp issued in British Guiana in 1856.

Q.—How can I tell if a stamp is a forgery or not?

A.—Forgeries are sent not to worry us, but to make us wary. They are a bugbear, but not more so than in other collecting hobbies. It is a wise plan only to buy stamps from reputable firms that would scorn to sell forgeries or fakes. No concise rules can be given for the detection of forgeries, but if you study your stamps and get familiar with every detail of those you have, you will acquire the right detective instinct to query suspicious characters.

Q.—Must I collect every stamp that has a slight difference from the others of the same kind?

A.—Train your eye to see these differences, however slight, but it is a matter of choice whether you collect all possible minor varieties. The foundation of stamp collecting is the collecting of stamps differing in the broad sense of design, denomination, and colour, and by far the majority of collectors enjoy their hobby on these lines, without going deeply into microscopic and abstruse differences.—*Guide to Stamp Collecting*

"Caisse d'Amortissement" Stamps

The charity stamp has covered a multitude of strange uses, but novel occasions for such issues are still to be found. France has just struck a new note in this direction by overprinting three stamps to be sold at a supplement in aid of the sinking fund. They are ordinary postage stamps, but printed in distinctive colours, and overprinted "Caisse d'Amortissement" or simply "C.A." and the indication of the supplementary charge. Thus on the 40 centimes Sower type printed in blue, the supplement is 10 centimes, the 50c olive-green (Sower) sells for 25c extra, and the 1fr50 (Pasteur), printed in orange, sells for 5 centimes extra. In this way patriotic Frenchmen may pay more for their postage, if they like, to help the franc, but it looks as though the plan is conceived to get the contributions of stamp collectors for that purpose. The present stamps are only in the nature of a provisional issue, for a special design has been prepared for "Caisse d'Amortissement" stamps, bearing an allegory of industry, labour, and agriculture. This has been prepared by the medalist, Pierre Turin, who designed the official medal for the Exhibition of Decorative Arts two years ago.—*Postage Stamp.*

Instruccion

An inscription shown on some of the stamps of Venezuela intended for inland postage. Literally, the word means "instruction," and it is here used in the sense of "learning" or "scholastic in-

struction." These stamps were intended for both postal and fiscal purposes, and the revenue derived from their fiscal use was supposed to be applied for the direct benefit of the National Schools.

Junior Dictionary

Postzegel.—Found on the early stamps of Holland and those for the South African Republic. It is the Dutch equivalent for "postage stamp."

P. P.—A postmark frequently met with, especially on old letters. The letters are the initials of "Poste Payé," i.e. postage paid.

P. R.—A watermark found in many of the stamps of Roumania. The letters are for "Posta Romana," that is "Roumanian Post."

Precancelled.—Stamps sold by post office already obliterated as a convenience to business firms despatching postal matter in quantity.

Prekomurje—(Transmuria).—A surcharge on certain Hungarian stamps used by the Jugo-Slavs during the occupancy of a district on the left bank of the Mur River in the World War.

Premieres Gravures.—A term applied to the first printing of the U. S. stamps of 1861 to distinguish from the later printing, in which small modifications of design and color were made.

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ST. COMLTH. KANGAROO TYPES

Every collector of the Kangaroo type ows how these issues abound in minor ographic flaws. This is not sur- sing when one considers that the dies re handled by no less than three dif- ent printers. Mr. J. B. Cooke, the t printer, was succeeded in 1918 by . T. S. Harrison, who marked the ster die in order to distinguish print- s from the new plates, made by him, m the printings of his predecessor. us specialists are acquainted with the c in the frame above "ST" of "AUS- LIA" as indicating the Harrison print- s in the 3d, 6d, 9d and 1/- values. urther differences between the print- s have been discovered by Mr. C. P. ng, and are here shown.

COOKE. HARRISON.

hese are found in the figures of value ich were plugged into the master die m which the plates were made, and it lows that any slight difference in that re would show throughout the print- .

n the Cooke plate of the 3d value the er ball of the "3" is perfectly circular, ile in the Harrison plate the same ball an upright oval, giving the upper por- n of the "3" a much narrower appear- e.

COOKE. HARRISON.

n the Harrison plate of the 1/- value, plug was inserted at an angle so that figure "1" has a marked backward and the dash is opposite the white ce between two coloured lines of the kground. In the Cooke plate the fig- "1" is upright and the dash level h a coloured line.—*Gibbons Stamp nthly.*

CORRESPONDENCE

the Editor:

As an example of what our Govern- nt is determined to do to safeguard future prestige of our postal issues, ake pleasure in forwarding herewith ranslation of a report published the instant in one of the Habana papers, result of a discovery made of various sons in the capital who were engaged the illegal sale of postage stamp is- s which had been ordered to be de- yed.

Very truly,
CAPT. J. D. SAGUE.

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From the *Diario De La Marina*).

We hereby confirm the information lished day before yesterday regard- the discovery of the illegal sales of tage stamps which were ordered out circulation some time back.

The Comptroller General's Office ed to enforce in 1924 Presidential ree No. 579 of June 25th of the ie year, whereby the destruction of ain stamps valued at a total of 19,022.07 was ordered.

Messrs. Rafael A. Peña, José A. Pérez René Valdivieso, Post Office In- spectors, reported to the Instructional Judge of the First District, the result of investigations made by them by virtue of an order from Mr. Juan C. Zamora, Assistant Secretary of the Post Office Department, to the effect that on the afternoon of the 16th instant they followed Mr. José Romero Pereira and Mrs. Acosta y del Corral, who entered the house occupied by an American dealer in stamps, Mr. William H. Avery, at No. 11 Progreso Street, Habana, finding on his table a large number of sheets of postage stamps of the $1.00 denomination.

Upon being interrogated Mr. Avery declared that Mr. Pereira and Mrs. Corral had gone there to offer the sale of the stamps in question for the sum of $10,000.

They took possession of the stamps and had Mr. Pereira and Mrs. Corral arrested.

The inspectors' official report to the Court concludes by stating that they are of the opinion that the stamps found in the possession of Mr. Pereira, Second Official in the Auditing Department of the Comptroller General's office, and Mrs. Rosa Acosta del Corral, the widow of a former employee of the same department, were taken from packages which were under safekeep in said Government Office, by order of Mr. Pereira.

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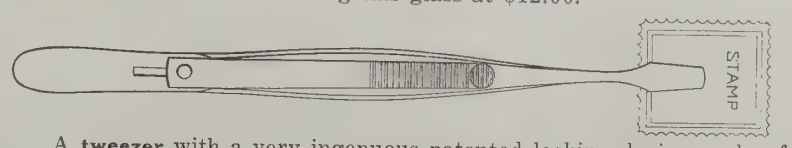

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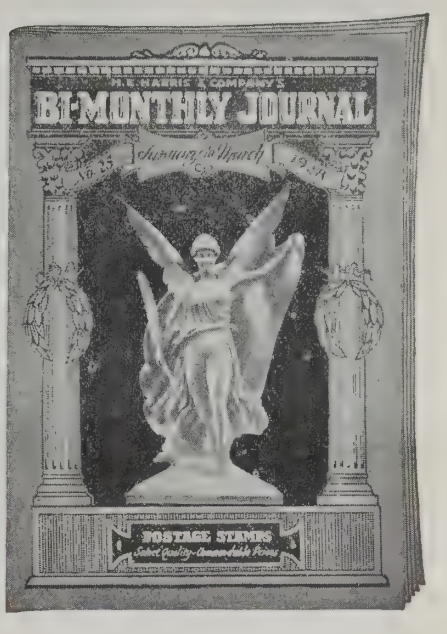

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Valley Forge Stamp

Washington is receiving numerous letters in favor of a Valley Forge Stamp, and the Reverend W. Herbert Burk, Pastor of the Washington Memorial Chapel, at Valley Forge, and President of the Valley Forge Historical Society, has become greatly interested in the subject and is endeavoring to have the Department see the advisability of issuing such a stamp. Senators Reed and Vare have taken the subject up with the Postmaster General, and it is to be hoped that such a stamp will appear. We have commemorated many events of vastly inferior importance, and this turning point in the revolution certainly should not be forgotten.

Mr. Malcolm H. Ganzer writes me that he is taking the subject up with the Norristown newspapers, as well as the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs. The same interests in Philadelphia have been appealed to. It is the only new stamp in prospect, although communications are being received to commemorate numerous events, such as—Battle of Brandywine; anniversary of the wounding of Lafayette; the Adoption of the Constitution at Kingston; Washington Crossing the Delaware; the Battle of Trenton, and others.

1901, 1c Invert

I am informed by one of our dealers that he recently acquired a copy of the 1c, 1901, inverted center, used on the entire cover.

On close inspection, this has been found to be a fake, although it had previously passed through the hands of a dealer supposedly posted.

This transaction brings to light a fine point in ethics. The dealer purchasing it, purchased other stamps at the same time, and when he returned it, the original seller refused to take it back unless the entire lot was returned, knowing that this would be impossible, as a part of the stamps had been sold. It pays the collector to purchase only from those of reliability, who will stand behind everything that they offer. We cannot guarantee that no more of a stamp will turn up, when we say that an item is probably unique, but certainly the genuineness of a stamp should be guaranteed without limit of time.

Air Mail Notes

Bids were opened on December 28th, at Washington, covering an air mail service between Salt Lake City, Utah, and Great Falls, Mont., via Pocatello, Idaho, Butte, and Helena, Mont. There were three bids running from $2.47½ to $3.00 per pound, Alfred Frank of Salt Lake City, being the low bidder.

Under date of December 30th, the Postmaster General announced that the contract had been awarded to Mr. Frank, who will use five monoplanes of American manufacture. Mr. Frank, it is stated, represents a group of Salt Lake City business men, as well as himself.

Under date of January 4th, the Information Service of the Post Office Department gave out the following:—

"Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's flight from Washington, D. C., to Mexico City having demonstrated the feasibility and practicability of an air route connecting the United States with the republic of Mexico, Postmaster General New has decided to open negotiations with Mexican postal officials with a view to the establishment of an air mail route which will have for its Southern terminus the capital of Mexico.

According to plans now being formulated by the Postmaster General, it is proposed to establish an air mail route from New Orleans, La., to Brownsville, Texas, via Houston and Corpus Christi. This is the route taken by Colonel Lindbergh in his memoriable non-stop flight from the National Capital to Mexico City. With such a route in operation, it is the hope of the Postmaster General that the Mexican government will cooperate in the movement to establish an air mail route from Brownsville, Texas, to Mexico City, via Tampico, where the richest oil fields in Mexico are located.

An air mail route will be out in operation between Houston and Fort Worth, Texas, next month. Already, there is a route running from Dallas and Fort Worth to Chicago. By the various connections, mail from Mexico City which now takes six days to reach New York City, would be delivered by air mail in two days' time. Incidentally, the establishment of such a route would bring Mexico City over four hundred miles nearer New York City than if the mail were carried from Brownsville, via Houston, Dallas and Chicago to New York.

A letter leaving New York at 9 p. m. by air mail would leave Atlanta at 6.40 a. m., New Orleans at 12 m. and arrive at Brownsville at 7 p. m. It would be delivered in Mexico City the next afternoon if the route contemplated by the Post Office Department were established.

The Post Office Department was notified today by the Chamber of Commerce of Houston, Texas, that next week it will start a Good Will Tour by air from that city via Corpus Christi, Brownsville and Tampico. This trip will be undertaken in the interest of air mail. The Mayor of Houston, the city's Foreign Trade Relations Manager and outstanding citizens of both Corpus Christi and Brownsville will make the trip, stopping in Tampico and in Mexico City, which is to be the final destination of the tourists.

Canal Zone, Panama

Mr. R. S. Carter writes that the Panama Government has voted $10,000 to meet the expenses of Lindbergh's visi and that two new stamps will be issue to commemorate the event. The issue which was authorized on December 23r will consist of two stamps—a 2c and 5 one depicting the "Spirit of St. Louis flying across the Isthmus, and the othe the world famous plane descending on th field at Matias Hernandez, with a tow of old Panama in the background, co trasting the spirit of antiquity with th of the modern era. The stamps will b on sale for three months, and it is pr posed to issue 300,000 2-cent, and on half as many 5-cent.

The Post Office Department announc that arrangements have already bee made to print these stamps at the Pa ama Canal Press, Mt. Hope, Canal Zo to assure a prompt and excellent job.

On account of the difficulty exper enced in the tropical climates wi gummed stamps, it is probable that t present issue will appear without gum.

If the Canal Zone was still usi overprinted Panama stamps, no dou the stamps would receive a Canal Zo overprint. It is to be hoped that if t enthusiastic authorities in the Can Zone are in a position to issue a speci stamp, or rather surcharge some th they have on hand, that it will be done.

Argentine.—Copies of the ½c a 2c, current issue watermarked AP, a at hand from Whitfield King & Co.

Australian Commonwealth.—Mr. Roberts sends for chronicle the 4½ King George stamp in violet, small m tiple watermark.

Brazil.—*Coffee Bi-Centenary Co memoratives.*—Dr. Mario de Sanc writes us that on the 5th of Februa 1928, 3 stamps will be put into circul tion to commemorate the bi-centenary the coffee tree in Brazil. Values: 1 réis, green; 200 réis, carmine; 300 ré sepia.

The stamps are rectangular, and w measure 28½mm by 18½mm, and t design is the same for the three value in the centre the figure of a you woman in profile, symbol of the Nati with a twig of coffee in her left han the background will show a coffee pla tation; on the horizon the inscriptio "1727—1927" and the words "Sao Paul on the left a decorative frame with value in numbers and the word "ré in the same frame the word "Bi-C tenario do Cafeeiro" and "Brasil-C

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9d	1890, 2c lake	.75
7	15c indigo	1.20
9	1894, 2c carmine lake	.90
1	2c carmine, triangle II	.75
6	6c dull brown	.75
7	8c violet brown	1.20
8	10c dark green	.95
6-7	1895, 2c carmine, triangles II & III in a pair	1.50
5	1895, 50c orange	2.25
8	$5 dark green, superb	18.00
9b	1898-9, 2c orange red	.60
0	4c rose brown	.45
0a	4c lilac brown	.50
0b	4c orange brown	.45
2	6c lake	.75
2c	10c brown, type I	2.25
3	10c brown, type II	1.25
4	15c olive green	1.40
4b	1902, 2c carmine rose	.50
9b	1903, 2c carmine rose	.45
5	1904, 3c violet	.50
6	5c dark blue	.75
0	1908, 15c ultramarine	.50
3-7	1c to 5c, complete (pairs double)	1.10
9	1910, 8c olive green	.75
2	15c pale ultramarine	2.50
1	1915, 2c carmine	1.20
0	1916, $5 green	5.75
3	1918, $2 orange red & black	4.25
4	$5 deep green & black	5.75
1	1919, 3c violet	.50
7	1920, $2 carmine & black	2.50
3	1922-3, $5 carmine & dark blue	5.00
8	1912, 25c carmine rose	.60
9	50c carmine rose	1.25
0	75c carmine rose	1.25
1	$1 carmine rose	3.00

UNITED STATES, Cancelled

6a	1895, $1 black, type II	2.00
4	1902, 1c green, fine horiz. pairs	.35
8-9	1912-15, 1c 2c, block of 4 of each	.35
3	1918, $2 orange & blk., **block 4**	17.50
2	1922 5, $2 blue, **block of 4**	2.50
3	$5 carm. & blue, **block of 4**	7.50
4-6	1926-7, 10c, 15c, 20c, blocks of 4	1.20
47	1917, Rev., $500 blue, canc, by small perf. initials, v. fine	8.00

ASCENSION

1-5	1922, ½p to 3p incl.	2.00
6	5p br. viol. & black	1.20
7	2sh ultram. & black	3.00
8	3sh viol. & blk.	4.50
9	1sh gray green	1.50
18	1924, ½p to 1sh	1.70
9	2sh ultram. & blk.	.65
0	3sh blue	.95

BELGIUM

0	1915, 5fr deep blue	5.00
1	10fr brown	.75
3	1919 20, 1fr light orange	2.00
4	2fr violet (now cat. 35.00)	20.00
4	2fr violet, fine used	15.00
5	5fr carm. lake	5.50
5	10fr claret	5.50
0	1921-3, 5fr br. violet, used or mint	1.50
1	10fr magenta	1.25
3	1924, 5fr red brown, used or mint	1.00
3-78	1925, 10c to 10fr, complete	4.25
5-9	1926, 5c to 5fr, complete	1.00

CANAL ZONE

4	1904, 1c blue green	.60
5	2c carmine	.60
6	5c blue	1.35
7	8c violet black	3.00
8	10c orange brown	3.00
54	1915, 1c to 24c, incl.	2.00
5	50c orange & black	4.00
6	1b dark viol. & black	6.00
4-5	1924, 1c & 2c, the two	.35
6-77	1924-6, ½c to 20c, incl.	1.50
7	1915, Dues, 10c olive	1.00
0	2c on 2c	.60
8	1925, 1c green	2.50
0	2c carmine	2.50
1	10c orange	2.50
5-20	1c to 10c, used	2.25

EGYPT

0	1922, 100m black	2.00
2	1923, 200m violet	.50
4	£1 ultram. & dark viol.	2.25
5-7	1925, Geographical set, used or mint	2.00
8-13	1926, Agricultural set, used or mint	6.50
0	King Fuad, 50pi, used or mint	3.75
5-17	3 surcharges	.60
8-20	Navigation Congress	.50
6-7	1927, Cotton Congress	.50
0-2	1921, Dues, 2m to 10m	1.20
8 9	1922, 2pi to 10m	1.10
2 41	1924, Official, 1m to 50m	2.25

GERMANY

3	1902, 2m gray blue	2.00
5-17	1920, 1.25 to 2.50m	.50
5a	1923, 800th on 300m	1.65
5a	800th on 500m	1.65
5	1924, 5 marks green	1.75
0-60	1926, 3pf to 80pf	1.00
	1927, Hindenburg Jubilee set	.75
2-28	1924, Airmail, complete	3.25
3-5	Charity, complete	2.25

IRELAND

1-8	1922, ½p to 10p, lightly canc.	4.00
	10p light blue	.60
9-11	2½p to 9p	1.80
	9p blk. brown, lightly canc.	.60

Scott No.		Price
* 12	2sh 6p brown or chestnut	4.00
* 13	5sh carmine rose	8.00
* 14	10sh gray blue	16.00
* 22	5p yellow brown	.60
24	9p black brown	.60
* 25	10p light blue	3.75
25	10p light blue, lightly canc.	2.60
* 27	9p olive green	.85
* 29-41	1922-3, ½p to 1sh, compl.	3.85
* 42	2sh 6p brown, I setting	1.75
* 43	5sh carm. rose, I setting	3.50
* 44	10sh gray blue, I setting	8.25
* 42	1926, 2sh 6p, 5sh & 10sh, II setting	5.75

ITALY

*122-4	1921, 15 to 40c, complete	.40
*125-7	15 to 40c, complete	.40
*138-41	1923, Propaganda of the Faith	1.50
*146-51	"Fascisti", complete	1.40
*152-7	1924, Manzoni, complete	3.50
*117-19	1923, Black Shirt set	.75

JAPAN

*116	1916, 10s ult. & dk. blue	2.50
*184-7	1925, Silver Wedding	.65
*192-5	1927, 1½8s to 10s, rare set	1.15
*451	1919, Airmail, 1½8s blue	.75
*452	Airmail, 3s rose	1.65

MALTA

* 13	1885, 1sh violet, o. g.	1.25
16	1899, 5p brown red	.50
* 18	10sh blue black, sigt. crease	4.50
* 44	1907, 4p scarl. & blk., * or used	.40
* 47	1sh green	.75
* 52	1914, 2p gray	.60
* 54	3p viol. on yellow	.60
* 59	1sh green	1.50
* 59a	1sh emerald green	2.00
* 60	2sh ultr. & viol.	3.00
61	5sh scarl. & green	9.50
* 62	1sh green	.85
64	1919, 2sh 6p olive green	8.50
* 66-70	1921, ¼p to 2½p	.75
* 78	1921-2, 2½p ultramarine	.85
* 79	3p viol. on yellow	.60
* 80	6p lil. & red viol.	.75
* 81	1sh em. green	1.20
* 85	10sh blue black	31.50
* 86-90	¼p to 2½p	.55
* 92	6p rare	.75
* 94	2sh ult. & viol.	4.00
* 96	10sh black	13.50
*103	1922, 4p yell. & ult.	.65
105	1sh br. & blue	.45
*106	2sh ult. & ol. br.	3.00
*107	2sh 6p blk. & r. viol.	1.75
*108	5sh ult. & orange	2.75
108	Same stamp, lightly canc.	2.50
*109	10sh ol. br. & gray	5.00
*110	£1 carm. & black	10.00
*111-15	1923-4, 1p to 3p (5 var.)	.90
*128	1926, 5sh ultr. & orange	2.75
*129	10sh ol. br. & gray	4.00
*131-47	1926-7, at 32c per shilling.	
*401-10	1925, Dues, complete	2.40

PALESTINE

1	1918, 1pi deep blue	7.50
* 1a	1pi ultramarine	.30
* 2	5m on 1pi ultramar.	1.50
2	Same, used	.45
* 3-10	1918-19, 1m to 5pi, the set	.55
* 11	9pi bistre	.65
* 12	10pi ultramarine	.85
13	20pi gray	1.75
* 15-22	1920, 1m to 5pi, the set	1.25
15-22	Same set cancelled	.75
* 23	1920, 9pi bistre	.75
23	Same used	.85
* 24	10pi ultramarine	.90
24	Same used	.85
* 25	20pi gray	1.75
25	Same used	1.65
44	1921, 5pi plum	.50
* 45	9pi bistre	1.60
45	9pi bistre, canc.	.60
* 46	10pi ultramarine	4.00
* 47	1921, 20pi gray, rare	6.50
* 48-62	1922, 1m to 20pi, complete	3.90
48-62	Same set, used	1.90
*301-5	1923, Dues, 1m to 13m, complete	1.25
301-5	Same set cancelled	1.25
*306-11	1924, 1m to 5pi	.80

SAMOA

*114-19	1914, ½p to 1sh	1.75
114-19	Same set used	1.75
*120-1	1914-18, 2sh to 5sh	3.30
122	10sh red brown	3.00
123	£1 rose	6.00
*124-30	½p to 1sh	1.35
*136-41	1920, ½p to 1sh	1.20
*155	1922, 3sh violet	1.50

SOUTH WEST AFRICA

* 1-14	1923, ½p to 1sh, in horiz. pairs	1.90
* 25-6	5sh, horiz. pair	8.50
* 37-8	2p, horiz. pair	.20
* 39-40	3p, horiz. pair	.25
* 47-8	1sh 3p, horiz. pair	1.00
* 49-50	2sh 6p, horiz. pair	3.50
* 51-2	5sh, horiz. pair	4.50
* 69-70	1924 5, 1sh, horiz. pair (cat. 2.50)	1.50
* 71-2	1sh 3p, horiz. pairs (cat. $3)	1.80
* 73-4	2sh 6p, hor. pairs (cat. $10)	6.00
* 81-3	1926-7, 4p, 3 varieties, complete	.65
* 85-5.0	1926, ½p-6p, hor. pairs (cat. 96c)	.60
*311-12	1923, Dues, 3p, horiz. pair	5.40
*345-6	1924, 5p, horiz. pair (see Scott's Monthly Journal for Nov.)	40.00
*343-4	Dues, 6p, horiz. pair	.50
*369-70	1925-6, Dues, 3p, horiz. pair	2.50

TANGANYIKA

* 8-9	1922, 1c & 10c	.40
* 10-18	5c to 75c, compl.	2.00
* 19	1sh green & black	.60
* 20	2sh br. viol. & blk.	1.20

Scott No.		Price
* 21	3sh black	1.80
* 22	5sh red & black	3.00
* 23	10sh blue & black	5.50
* 25-8	1925, 5c to 30c, 4 var.	.45

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* 10	1913-15, 2sh 6p green & claret	1.00
* 11	5sh blue & claret	1.90
* 12	10sh ol. gr. & blue	4.00
* 13	£1 red & deep green	12.00
* 13a	1927, £1 red & gray green	6.50
*301-4	1925, Airmail, complete	1.35

URUGUAY

*174-6	1908, 1c to 5c	1.60
*187-95	1910, 5m to 1p	5.50
*217-22	1919, 2c to 23c, complete	2.20
*225-34	5m to 1p	8.10
*244-53	1922, 5m to 36c	3.75
*254-60	1922-3, 5m to 8c	1.40
*267-76	1923, 5m to 50c	5.00
*279-81	2c to 12c	1.00
*282-4	1924, 2c to 12c	1.75
*285-98	5m to 2p	7.90
*300-2	1925, 2c to 12c	1.00
*303-4	5c & 12c	.50
*306-8	2c to 12c	.75
*401	1921-2, Airmail, 25c, blue surch.	4.50
*402	Airmail, 25c, red surch.	1.80
*403	25c, green surch.	1.35
*404-6	1924, 6c 20c, complete	1.30
467	1925, 11c, on first flight cover	7.00
468	11c, on first flight cover	7.00
469	45c, on flown cover	2.00
*410-13	1926, 6c to 25c, complete	2.50

VARIOUS

* 59-65	**Algeria** 1927, 7 surcharges	.60
318-22	**Argentine** 1922, 2c to 20c, rare	1.65
*972-98	**Austria** 1915-17, 1h to 10k	5.00
*991	1915, 5k dark viol.	3.60
*105	**Barbados**, 1905, 6p lilac & blk.	1.75
* 1-5	**Belg. E. Afr.** 1922, 5c to 50c	.35
* 6-17	1924, 5c to 10fr	2.30
49	**Bermuda** 1917, 28h 6p red & blk.	.85
53	1920, 2sh ultr. & viol.	.85
* 61	1sh gray green	.60
* 51	**Canada** 1897, 6c yell. brown	1.25
* 52	1897, 8c dark viol.	.45
* 32-9	**Cayman Isl.** 1912, ¼p to 6p	.90
* 63	1923, 10sh carmine	8.75
*232-48	**China** 1926, ½c to 50c	1.50
*252-68	1927, ½c to 50c	1.50
64-9	**Congo** 1921, 5c to 50c, 6 var.	.55
70-1	1921, 1fr & 3fr	.60
72	5fr carm. & blk.	.65
73	10fr green & blk.	1.00
74-8	1922, 5c to 50c, 5 var.	.60
* 86	25 on 30 on 10c (cat. 2.25)	.75
* 87	25 on 30 on 10c (cat. 2.25)	.75
* 88-99	1923 4, 5c to 10fr, complete	2.50
* 42	**Cook Isl.** 1916, 2p deep brown	.90
* 46	1916, 10p deep green	.75
* 47	1sh carm. rose	.75
*552-4	**Costa Rica** 1924, 5c to 20c	.70
*555-7	1924, 5c to 20c	.70
69	**Cyprus** 1912, 12pi or. br. & blk.	.65
70	1912, 18pi blk. & br.	1.00
71	45pi viol. & ult.	2.50
2	**Dan. W. Indies** 1867, 3c rose	1.75
* 27-8	1902, 2 on 3c & 8 on 10c	.75
*428-32	**Danzig**, Airmail, 1924, compl.	1.50
*105	**Denmark** 1918, 27 on 10 olive	2.35
*106	1918, 27 on 5o blue	1.80
*107	27 on 7o carm.	2.35
*108	27 on 15o lilac	2.35
131	1919, 20 on 5o "Faroe"	3.75
* 81	**Dominica** 1923, 3sh viol.	3.75
* 82	1923, 5sh green & blk.	4.00
100	**Dutch Ind.** 1912, 2½gld on blue	1.00
142-5	1923, 5c to 50c	.55
146	1923, 1gld br. viol.	.90
*142-5	5c to 50c, mint	1.00
*146	1gld, mint	1.50
*147	2½gld, mint	4.00
*148	5gld, mint	10.50
* 86-99	**Fiume** 1920, 5c to 10l (now cat. 11.16)	5.75
*172-83	1922, 5c to 5l (now cat. 9.75)	4.75
231	**France** 1926-7, 55 on 60c, no gum	2.00
231	1926 7, same with o. g.	2.75
*191	1924, 5fr carmine	.75
191	Same cancelled	.65
406	1917-19, 25+15c	.35
407	35+25c	.55
408	50+50c	.75
409	1fr+1fr	2.00
*412-19	1922, 2c to 5fr, complete	1.50
*501	**Fr. Morocco** 1922, 75c blue (now cat. 5.00)	2.50
* 17	**Fr. India** 1900, 50c brown	.90
* 12	1892, 75c deep viol.	.60
* 24	1906, 45c gray green	1.50
*202	1916, 10+5c	.75
* 73	**Gibraltar** 1912, 48sh blk. & scarl.	2.50
* 85	1924, 48sh blk. & scarl.	9.50
* 55	**Gold Coast** 1904, 2sh 6p	3.75
* 46-51	**Haiti** 1898, 1c to 20c, compl.	2.30
* 63	1898, 1g red viol.	.40
* 46	**Jamaica** 1905, 6p or. yell.	1.75
49	1905, 5sh viol. & blk.	1.25
* 54	1906, 4p yellow, sl. off center	1.40
* 85	1919, 3sh or. & viol. (now cat. 12.00)	6.00
86	5sh ochre & blue	1.50
* 87	10sh myrtle green (now cat. 15.00)	7.50
* 25-42	**Jugoslavia** 1919, 3h to 10k	2.00
43-5	1920, 2 on 6 to 2 on 20h	1.75
* 51	**Liechtenstein** 1921, 2r on 10h, rare	.50
90	**Luxemburg** 1906, 2½fr verm. (now cat. 7.50)	4.00
122	1921, 5fr dark viol.	.25
122	Same, block of 4	1.00
542	1923, Official, 5fr dark viol.	.40
543	10fr black	.75
* 1-14	**Middle Congo** 1907, 1c to 75c	3.85
* 15	1907, 1 franc	.90

Scott No.		Price
* 16	2 francs	.90
* 17	5fr (now cat. 6.00)	3.25
* 41	**Monaco** 1922, 30c dk. green (now cat. 2.00)	1.25
* 42	1922, 50c ultramarine (now cat. 3.25)	1.80
* 46	2fr scarlet	.85
* 47	5fr red brown	5.50
* 48	10fr carmine	4.50
* 54	1923, 40c orange brown	.70
* 56	5fr dark green	4.50
*467	1925, Dues, 1fr on 50c	.90
* 49-55	1923, 10c to 50c	1.50
* 57-9	1924, 15c to 85c	.35
* 66-77	1924-6, 1c to 10fr	2.20
* 78-85	1926, 45c to 1fr 25	1.40
93	**Netherlands** 1905, 10gld orange	7.50
*107	1913, 5gld yellow	4.00
107	Same stamp used	1.00
*108	1913, 10gld red on straw	13.00
108	Same stamp used	10.00
*118	2½ on 10gld red	2.30
119	2½ on 10gld red	1.90
151	1923, 2½gld black	2.50
97-105	1913, 2½c to 1gld	1.20
135-41	1923, 2c on 1c to 10 on 22½c	.35
142-50	2c to 1gld	.70
*155-7	1924, 10c to 35c	1.30
177-9	1925, 1gld, 5gld	.40
*401-7	1921, Marine Ins. compl.	25.00
*454-5	1923, 2 & 10c	.65
*458-60	1924, 2c to 10c	.45
468-72	1927, 2c to 15c	.30
501-3	1921, Airmail, complete	.60
*137	**New Hebrides** 1921, 10c on 5p	1.10
*140	1921, 20c on 30c	3.00
61-70	**Newfoundland** 1897, 1c to 15c (cat. 3.70)	1.10
74	1897, 60c black	.90
*122-5	**New Zealand** 1906, ½p to 6p	4.25
*178	1925, 2p yellow	.50
127-30	**Norway** 1925, "Spitzbergen"	.50
*218	**Panama** 1920, 50c orange & blk.	4.00
*219	1920, 1b violet & blk.	6.75
*223	1921, 2½c red	.45
*224	3c violet	.45
*249-6	**Roumania** 1922, 5b to 6l	1.75
*291-300	1926, 10b to 10l	1.35
*363-7	1927, 1l to 6l	1.00
*308-19	25b to 10l	1.50
351-62	1906, 3 to 15b, 12 var.	1.00
* 88-104	**Russia** 1913, 1k to 5 rubles	4.25
88-104	Same set used	1.60
*211-15	1922, 5r to 15r	.50
*212-5	1923, 1r to 7r	.85
*246-9	1r to 7r	1.25
*250-9	1k to 1r	2.60
*265-8	1924, 3k to 20k (Lenin)	.75
*269-72	3k to 20k	.75
*294-7	1925, 7k to 40k	1.25
*298-301	7k to 40k	1.00
*330-2	3k to 14k	.75
*333-5	3k to 14k	.40
*336-8	3k to 14k	.75
*339-41	3k to 14k	.40
292	1924, 3r brown & green	.85
293	5r blue & brown	1.65
302	1925, 5r red brown	2.00
303	10r indigo	3.50
323	1925 6, 2r green & rose	.50
324	3r brown & green	.85
325	5r blue & brown	1.65
*518	1921, 2250r dark blue	1.10
*540	1923, 1r+1r on 10r	1.25
*701	1922, Airmail, 45r grn. & blk.	1.25
* 87	**St. Helena** 1922, 7sh 6p	5.00
* 13	**St. Kitts** 1905, 2p br. & viol.	.40
* 20	1905, 1sh or. & green	.70
*112	**St. Vincent** 1913, 1sh green	.75
*116	1914, 1sh bistre	.75
*456	**Salvador** 1919, $1 dk. blue & blk.	.75
*467	1920, 60c on $1	.75
* 71	**San Marino** 1923, 1fr dark br.	1.50
* 72-6	1924, 30c to 2l	.90
* 82-91	1925, 5c to 1l	.65
* 92	2l light green	1.10
* 93	5l ultram.	2.20
* 94-7	1926, 75c to 2.50l	1.20
*105-7	1927, 1.25 to 5l	1.25
* 79-95	**Senegal** 1914, 1c to 5fr	2.60
* 96-102	1922, 5c to 2fr	.80
*108-11	1924 5, 4 surcharges	.45
*120-6	1926 7, 1.25fr to 20fr	3.00
198-203	**Siam** 1926, 1 to 20c	25.00
401-8	1925, Airmail, complete	1.75
* 80-96	**Somali Coast** 1915, 1c to 5fr	3.85
* 99-102	1922, 5c to 30c	.85
*107-11	1923 5, 6 var. complete	.75
*120-4	1926 7, 1.25fr to 20fr	3.00
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168-77	**Sweden** 1924, 5c to 50c	1.65
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French Morocco.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that a 50c slate-green, type as Scott's A12, has been issued. This is a new color for this value.

Greece.—Whitfield King & Co. sends us the following letter received from a correspondent in Athens in which the new Navarino stamps are discussed:

"I duly received your letters of the 17th and 30th November, enclosing cuttings from a periodical describing the new Navarino stamps.

Up to the time of writing there is no definite news as to when these stamps will be issued. On October 20th, two values were put on sale at Pylos, the 1½Dr and the 5Dr with the portrait of Admiral Codrington. A very few were sold, as on the day following they were withdrawn as the inscription on the latter was only 'Sir Codrington' instead of 'Sir Edward Codrington.' I have seen copies of both stamps with postmark of Pylos dated 20th October, but the execution is very poor indeed. It is curious that the illustrations you send me both show the 5Dr stamp with Admiral Codrington's portrait with the inscription as it should be, whereas the stamps have been printed with only 'Sir Codrington.' Further there is dissatisfaction in that the 5Dr value with the portrait of Admiral de Rigny shows him in civilian dress instead of in Admiral's uniform.

I am officially informed that the Postmaster General has requested the Ministry of Finance for authority to destroy all the stamps printed of the 5Dr values with the portraits of Codrington and de Rigny. The whole matter is now in abeyance and it is even possible that none at all will be issued, not even of the other values."

Honduras.—Whitfield King & Co. report two new items from this country. A 1c pale blue shows a view within a circular frame with the inscription "Carretora Del Sur" beneath. The 2c red is of a similar design, but pictures the "Ruinas de Copan" as a central view. Both stamps are of very crude workmanship, the lettering on one is hardly readable.

Luxemburg.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle copies of the new 1927 Charity issue. They are of the following values: 10 + 5c, blue-green; 50 + 10c, dark brown; 75 + 20c, orange; 1fr + 30c, carmine lake and 1½fr + 50c, blue. Each stamp bears the portrait of Princess Elizabeth with the centre vignette in grey-black.

Netherlands.—Copies of the 1927 Child Welfare stamps are at hand from Mr. Frederick D. Markee and Mr. R. Roberts. They are of the following values and shades: 2 + 2c, pink and violet mixture; 5 + 3c, green and yellow mixture; 7½ + 3½c, black and red mixture, and 15 + 3c, ultramarine and brown mixture. Mr. Roberts in describing the stamps states "the usual hideous design with inverted triangle at top and various more or less intelligible scratches and splodges in mixed colors reminiscent of a colored comic pictorial paper."

Nyasaland.—4/- Script is now on issue, but copies have not yet been received by us.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Peru.—Whitfield King & Co. submits for chronicle a 2c, red and brown, Pro Tacna y Arica stamp with no circles around the figures of value.

St. Kitts.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 2½p ultramarine, script watermark, now issued on ordinary paper. The chalky paper variety is likely to be an extremely scarce little stamp, Mr. Roberts writes, as printing it on chalky paper was an error of the printers. The requisition read "So many 2½d blue stamps, paper as before" and on referring to the previous paper the printer looked up the 2½p brown of the Tercentenary issue by mistake, as no blue unicolored stamps are now printed on the chalky surface paper.

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AUSTRALIA.—From the *Victorian Philatelic Record* we learn that there is strong possibility of a new Commonwealth series to replace the present unsatisfactory one. Although nothing definite is as yet decided, it is regarded almost certain that such a new series will be issued before the close of next year.

Several Australian correspondents kindly send us the 1s4d stamp with Multiple watermark and Mullett imprint.

According to Mr. A. Albert the ½, 1½d, 4d, and 9d, are to be expected soon with the new Ash imprint.

He also informs us that, starting from next year, all the Kangaroo issue will be provided with the new watermark. As they are issued thus they seem to be for quite a short life.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—The Rev. W. Iremonger shows us the 1925 printing of the 2½d, recently issued. It is perforated by a comb machine instead of single line, and the colour is dull blue instead of bright ultramarine.

The 1925 printing of the 2s is in a reddish purple very distinct from the deep blue tone of the first shade. The 1925 shade of the 3s is duller and rather redder than its predecessor.

CYPRUS.—Mr. T. Fitikides suggests that the designs of the new series will include the likeness of Zinon the Stoic, an historic Turkish mosque, and the salt lake of Larnaca and the Autocephalous Church.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—From the Rev. W. G. Iremonger we receive specimens of new printings of several values. The ½d is in green as compared with yellow-green; the 1d tends more towards scarlet, the previous printing having a vermilion tone; the purple of the 2d is less reddish; and the blue of the 2½d is lighter and, by comparison, has less tendency towards ultramarine.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—The 1927 printing of the 2s is in a duller blue and brown purple than the earlier printing, while the paper, looked at from the back, appears of a rather greenish-blue, probably due to the yellow gum. Sheets of this value now have two plate numbers at bottom as in the recent printings of the 2½d, 3d and 6d (Rev. W. G. Iremonger).

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.—Mr. J. Robertson sends us further particulars of the new S.W.A. set, viz.:—

There are three placings of the overprint. On the ½d, 1d, 6d, 1s3d, and values it is at the foot; on the 3d, 2s6d values it is towards the top left-hand corner, and on the remainder of the series just above the centre of the stamp, thus not interfering with the central designs.

In all cases the overprint is in black and has been applied by the Government Printer at Pretoria from type-set for The ½d, 1d and 6d are the first of the Pretoria printings of these values to be overprinted for use in this territory, thus giving one method of comparison between them and the London printings

TRANS-JORDAN.—We must admit the feeling of disappointment over the new portrait series. The design, though not in point of arrangement, lacks sufficient contrast to give it dignity. Possibly the omission of the horizontal lines of shading round the inner frame might have helped matters, but even then there is a marked lack of depth, particularly when the stamps are printed in the wrong and rather unpleasing colours of the 2 and 3 milliemes. In the deeper colours rather more contrast is secured and the general effect is better. In the result the set is merely "pretty" when it could so easily have been dignified. We do not forget the magnificent Emir Feisal stamp of Iraq.

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(20 x 10,) thus:—1st row: 4th, 9th, 14th and 19th stamps. 6th row: Ditto.

It is expected that this error will be corrected very soon. Mr. A. H. Davis shows us a complete sheet.

Mr. F. E. B. Metcalfe informs us that the 12c San Martin has again been put on sale, the P.O. Centenary stamp of this value being apparently no longer available. Mr. Davis shows us the 12c San Martin with very clear reversed impression of the design on the back.

BOLIVIA.—The following are the quantities authorised by official decree of the new printing of stamps in the current Arms type, which we believe is to be made by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd. ½c, 100,000; 1c, 500,000; 2c, 500,000; 3c, 100,000; 4c, 100,000; 5c, 500,000; 10c, 500,000; 15c, 1,000,000; 20c, 300,000; 22½c, 100,000; 25c, 300,000; 30c, 100,000; 40c, 100,000; 50c, 300,000; 60c, 100,000; 1 bol, 200,000; 2 bol, 100,000; 3 bol, 50,000; 4 bol, 50,000; 5 bol, 50,000.

Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., Ltd., kindly inform us that the plates of the ten values of the 1925 Centenary issue were destroyed on October 25th last, as certified by the Consul-General.

COLOMBIA.—Mr. A. J. Skevington kindly brings to our notice a forgery of the 1c red, of 1925, locally printed by Villaveces. The forgery is, if possible, of coarser workmanship than the original, the design is smaller and the perforation gauges 12. On enquiry, an official, high in the postal service, informed our correspondent that these forgeries were the work of a small printer in Bogota, who had applied for the contract to print the genuine stamps but had failed to secure it. He had then printed the forgeries and was disposing of them through various agencies, for postal use. The number of forgeries printed is stated to have been 12,000, of which 2 000 were sold. The forger could not have expected to make a big profit out of his work, the total face value of the printing being only about £20. He was sent to prison, but only stayed three months, when political "pull" secured his release.

CUBA.—Further information concerning the Pan-American Congress series is given us by Mr. F. F. de Cossio. These stamps, we are told, will be oblong in shape and will be printed by the Compania Nacional de Artes Gràficas y Libreria. They will show to the left a map of North America, to the right one of South America, while the centre will contain the following portraits and subjects:—

		Nos. printed.
1c	Thomas Estrada Palma,	1,000,000
2c	General Machado,	1,500,000
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30c	Sugar Plantation,	150,000
50c	The Cathedral at Havana,	100,000
1p	The National Opera House,	50,000

A new Air Post stamp, a five-cent denomination, showing a hydroplane in flight over what we take to be Havana. The printers will be as above, but the engraving on steel will be the work of the Security Bank Note Company of Philadelphia.

ESTONIA.—The new Charity stamps on sale from the 15th November for one month, and available for postage until the 15th January, 1928, are, according to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, of the following denominations and subjects:—5 + 5m Château of Kuresaare; 10 + 10m Cathedral at Dorpat; 12 + 12m View of Tallin; 20 + 20m Fortress of Norva; 40 + 40m View of Tallin.

GERMANY.—Mr. J. L. Riedel kindly informs us that the recently-issued I.A.A. stamps commemorate the opening of the Autumn Session of the International Labour Bureau in Berlin, this being the first time it has sat outside of Geneva. The letters I.A.A. themselves stand for *Internationales Arbeits Amt* (International Labour Bureau). Three thousand sheets of each of the three values were overprinted.

GRAND LEBANON.—We have received copies of the second printing of the 15p on 25p 1927 Provisional (S.G. No. 115) of this country. Both the overprinting and the surcharging have been done in one operation, instead of two as before, and the overprint "République Libanaise" now appears above the surcharge instead of below. The new setting is presumably to bring it into line with the remaining values of the set which have been printed from the first in one operation only.

HOLLAND.—Mr. Wimberley tells us that we were incorrect in stating that new Marine Insurance stamps are to be issued. Apparently there is a collector in Holland who is circulating inaccurate information to the philatelic press. He has not honoured us with his "news," but we apparently got hold of this incorrect item at a second or third remove.

NORWAY.—Current postage stamps are now receiving the addition of a hand-stamped "T" in a circle, when used as Postage Due stamps. Mr. Haag-Pedersen shows us the 15 öre with this mark in violet.

PORTUGAL.—The remainders of the Independence series have now been cremated. It is not likely that Portuguese dealers have laid down large stocks of this issue as they are heartily sick of Commemoratives, so we may expect these stamps to rise in value.

This year's Independence series will consist of 15 Portuguese stamps of a face value of 9$85, and 12 for Azores with a face value of 6$80. The designs include two spirited battle scenes, the portrait of an angry charwoman (?), and two other portraits of individuals of extremely depressing appearance, who have no doubt deserved well of their country.

VENEZUELA.—From Señor B. J. Blanco we receive a copy of the *Gaceta Oficial* dated August 30th last, approving the issue of 8,000,000 stamps, presumably of the current type, which are to be printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Son, Ltd. The quantities and values are as follows:—5c, 2,000,000; 10c, 500,000; 15c, 500,000; 25c, 2,750,000; 40c, 1,750,000; 3b, 300 000; 5b, 200,000.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

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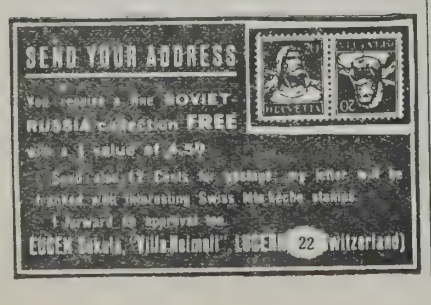

PROOF OF THE VALUE OF CLASSICS

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

In October last Mr. H. R. Harmer sold at auction a portion of the well known British Colonial collection of Mr. A. H. Dingwell.

Here again the value of old Classic Issues as an Investment, has been remarkably well proved.

Mr. Dingwell must have realized fully three times as much as his stamps cost him, and I am convinced that those who buy well selected copies at today's prices will find they have an investment well worth while in a very few years.

One thing I was specially glad to see in this fine auction sale and that was that my opinion of old Australian stamps as an Investment has been more than proved. For many years Australia has sold her best stamps to London, and over here to that great judge of these fine issues—Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack—now, as Australia is getting richer she is anxious to buy back her old stamps, and I have been able to buy to great advantage here and resell in Australia. The pity is that we have so few fine collections of old Australians in this country that little is offered either by private sale or by auction.

Here are a few of the prices realized and for reference I quote the present catalogue price, and for convenience I have reckoned the pound at $5.00.

Cat. No.		Catalogue.	Auction
	Queensland.		
2	1860, 2d blue, imperf. pair, cut at bottom	$400.00	$400.00
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9a	3d large margins	40.00	85.00
9a	3d large margins	40.00	62.50
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7	1861, 1d Woodblock	85.00	125.00
9	4d blue	50.00	87.50
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14	1859, 2d small fillet, early	125.00	137.50
17	Dec. 1859, 2d, Greek border	55.00	72.50
17	2d pair, crease	110.00	150.00
12	1849-59, FOUR PENCE on green	35.00	42.00
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9	1853-59, 4c blue, v. fine used	35.00	137.50
9	4c blue, very fine used	35.00	85.00
11	4c	45.00	87.50
	(These prices are extraordinarily high—I think there must have been a Hawkins and Sinkler in the room! !)		

—*Philatelic Classics.*

MAKE EVERY STAMP A PICTURE

France announces a series of pictorial stamps, to be issued soon. These stamps, bearing pictures of the Rheims cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe, and other like subjects, will replace some of the present issues, which carry portraits of distinguished Frenchmen. The new idea seems so good that Frenchmen think the end of the personal stamp has come.

In the days before the war, most European stamps bore likenesses of rulers, for then the monarchal idea was still flourishing. The obvious step when monarchies fell was to substitute pictures of national heroes. Many European countries did this, some substituting men famed in science and the arts; and even France took up the practice, discarding the female figure so long used. Of course, politics entered somewhat into the choice of the personages to be placed on the stamps, just as it has in this country for many years. Now, in France, politics has been eliminated and national landmarks are to replace personal portraits.

Why should it not be a good idea for the United States to copy this French departure? We certainly have the subjects—the Grand canyon, Niagara Falls, the Yellowstone geysers, Independence hall, the Washington monument and many other places would make an excellent appearance on stamps. These stamps would be more interesting than our present issues and the political juggling which goes on over stamp issues would be stopped.

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WEST INDIAN AERIAL EXPRESS

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Backed by the sugar interests of the Dominican Republic, the West Indian Aerial Express was organised at Barahona, D.R., on June 20, 1927, to operate a passenger, freight and mail air service between Porto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Cuba. Transportation between the three islands has become such a serious problem that only an air service will relieve the situation. Until very recently there was only a very irregular service by steamer, small and uncomfortable, between Porto Rico and the Dominican Republic, but in July, 1927, the New York & Porto Rico Steamship Co. extended their Porto Rico service, and inaugurated a regular weekly (overnight) service between San Juan, P. R., and Santo Domingo City, D.R. From the latter town it is possible to motor to Port au Prince, Haiti, but owing to the lack of adequate steamer service between Cuba and Porto Rico, those with business interests in these islands have had to travel via New York.

Next to Cuba, the island of Haiti-Santo Domingo is the largest, and one of the most mountainous in the West Indies. It lies between Cuba and Porto Rico, being separated from the former, to the west, by the Windward Passage (50 miles wide between Cape Maisi, Cuba, and Mole San Nicolas, Haiti), and from Porto Rico, at the east, by the Mona Passage (70 miles wide). The greatest length of the island is 407 miles, and extreme breadth 120 miles, with an area of 28,249 sq. miles. Haiti in the west occupies 10,204 sq. miles (2,050,000 population), and the Dominican Republic in the east, with 18,045 sq. miles, has a population of 894,665. Port au Prince, on the Gulf of Gonaives is the capital of Haiti, and Santo Domingo City, in a central position on the south coast, the capital of the Dominican Republic.

Porto Rico is 108 miles long, 40 miles wide, with a total area of 3,435 sq. miles, and a population of 1,299,809. San Juan, its capital, is on the north coast, towards the eastern end.

Cuba, lying directly south of Florida, is the nearest West Indian island of importance to the United States, and with its islands and bays has an area of 44,164 sq. miles, and a poulation of 3,123,400. Its width varies from 25 to 124 miles, and its greatest length, east and west, from Cape Maisi to Cape Antonio, is 760 miles. Habana (population 400,000), its capital, is situated on the north coast, near the western end, just across the straits of Florida from Key West, Fla. (90 miles), one of a long chain of islets stretching southwest from the mainland of the United States.

The air service of the West Indian Aerial Express was inaugurated in December, 1927, and for the present it will be weekly, between Port au Prince and San Juan, via Santo Domingo City. When extended westward to Santiago de Cuba (275 miles from Port au Prince), there will be two trips, weekly, of ten hours each, between Santiago de Cuba and San Juan, with stops at Port au Prince and Santo Domingo City. Within six months the Company plans to continue on to Habana (560 miles from Santiago de Cuba), and there connect with the U. S. air mail route, making possible a 24-hour mail service between New York and San Juan (3,000 miles) instead of five days as now required by steamer (1,400 miles).

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Port au Prince to Barahona and Santo Domingo City, D.R., July 18, 1927.

On July 18, 1927, in returning from a test flight made to Port au Prince, an air mail of 90 letters was carried to Barahona, D.R. (85 miles), and 473 letters to Santo Domingo City (100 miles further). Only the regular Haitian inland air mail letter rate of 50c de gourde (10c U. S. currency) was charged.

The postmark "Port au Prince, Haiti" within a single lined circle, 28mm, with the date in three lines in the center "18—JUIL—27," was applied to both the stamp and the cover. Alongside, and appearing partially on the postage stamp (50c de g. orange and black, President Borno) is the special marking 45 x 28mm in red (on Santo Domingo City covers), or blue (on Barahona covers), first used when the Port au Prince-Jeremie air service was inaugurated July 12, 1927.

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The receiving postmark of "Santo Domingo, Rep. Dominicana" (within a double lined circle, 33mm) with date in the center in three lines "JUL—19—1927" appears in blue on both the face and back. The Barahona receiving mark, in green, a single lined circle, 25mm "Barahona, Republica Dominicana," with date in three lines "JUL—18—1927," and to the right, five horizontal lines, 45mm long, and spaced 4mm vertically, was applied to the face, and another, in red, appears on the back, similarly lettered, but with the circle measuring 29mm, and showing only the month and year "JUL—1927" (day omitted).

Santo Domingo City to San Juan, P.R., Dec. 3, 1927.

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the plane "Santa Maria," from Santo Domingo City to San Juan, P.R. (270 miles). Hundreds of letters were in the Santo Domingo City Post Office for dispatch by air, but all except 605 were held over for the formal inaugural flight.

The letters in this mail bear the lithographed 10c red-brown "Expreso" stamp, in the same design (47 x 21½mm) as the 10c blue, Entrega Especial, issued in 1925, except with "Expreso" substituted for "Entrega Especial" at the top. This stamp was patterned after the 10c blue, Special Delivery of the U. S. A. issued July 12, 1922. The 10c red-brown, Expreso, exists with the error "EEXPRESO" once in every twenty stamps, caused by the first "E" of "Entrega" not having been erased before transferring "Expreso" to the lithographic stone.

The postmark applied in blue-green to the stamps on these covers, is a single lined circle, 24mm, "Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana," with date in the center, "DIC—2—1927," and to the right, five horizontal lines, 45mm long, and spaced vertically 4mm. There is also a special marking in blue-green, in three lines, "CORREO AEREO—POR AVION—"Santa Maria" (The greatest horizontal and vertical measurements of this marking are 59mm and 22mm respectively).

On receipt of this mail at San Juan, it received on the back the Duplex marking of that office, a single lined circle, 25mm, with "San Juan, P.R.," the date in two lines in the center "DEC 3—12.30 PM." and the year "1927" positioned between the circle, and the ellipse on end (with "1" inserted) at the right.

Santo Domingo City to Port au Prince, Haiti, December 6, 1927.

On the following Tuesday, December 6, 1927, the inaugural flight was made from Santo Domingo City to Port au Prince, Haiti (185 miles), and about 1,000 letters were carried by the "Santa Maria," piloted by B. L. Rowe.

These covers bear the 2c red Arms type (flat topped shield), of 1924, and the 10c blue "Entrega Especial" (plane in flight), 1920, both lithographed locally, and perforated 11½. The stamps were postmarked in blue-green, with a single lined circle, 24mm, "Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana," with date in the center, in three lines, "DIC—5—1927," and five horizontal lines to the right, 45mm long, spaced 4mm vertically. There is another similar marking in the same color, without the horizontal lines at the right—the circle being smaller, 23½mm, with the same wording in smaller letters, and the date in larger type.

The special marking in blue-green, CORREO AEREO, etc., also appears in addition to one in blue, evidently supplied by the contractor, reading "WEST INDIAN AERIAL EXPRESS—INAUGURATION — REP. DOMINICAINE, CUBA, PTO. RICO, HAITI."

On receipt at Port au Prince, the covers were backstamped in black, "Port au Prince, Haiti," within a single lined circle, 27mm, "6—DEC—27," in the center, in three lines, and handstamped in blue with the AVION marking, from a steel die, brought into use, for inland air mails, in September, 1927 (two concentric circles, 33 and 28mm, with a wavy line between, enclosing an outline plane, and the word "AVION" below).

The envelope I received is one of those specially prepared for the first mail, autographed by the pilot "B. L. Rowe," and bears in the upper left corner, a three line imprint in black, "First Day Air Mail—Santo Domingo to Port au Prince, Haiti—Airplane Santa Maria."

Port au Prince to Santo Domingo City, December 13, 1927.

The first flight carrying mail, in regular service from Port au Prince, Haiti, was made Tuesday, December 13, 1927, when approximately 2,000 letters were dispatched east to Santo Domingo City and San Juan.

The air mail letter rate from Haiti to the Dominican Republic, Porto Rico, and Cuba, has tentatively been fixed at 60c de g. (12c U. S. currency), and while at present little if any time is saved in routing letters for the U. S. via San Juan, it is expected that when the service is extended to Santiago de Cuba, there will be a considerable saving, even though the mail does not go by air from Cuba to the United States.

To the first day covers, and stamps, was applied the usual single line circle (28mm) cancellation, "Port au Prince, Haiti" (the Port au Prince office has in concurrent use markers which measure 26, 27 and 28mm) with the date "13—DEC—27" in three lines in the center. In addition, there is the AVION marking from the steel die brought into use in September, 1927. At the left there is the contractor's marking, applied in blue, "WEST INDIAN AERIAL EXPRESS," etc., described above.

Letters addressed to Pittsburgh, via San Juan, P.R. (no backstampings were applied enroute) reached destination December 20, 1927, while those sent via Santo Domingo City (backstamped there in blue, "Santo Domingo, Rep. Dominicana," within a double lined circle, 33mm, with date "DIC—13—1927") did not arrive until December 28th.

Santo Domingo City to San Juan, P. R., December 13, 1927.

I have not seen any of the covers carried on the formal inaugural flight from Santo Domingo City to San Juan, P.R., on December 13, but presume the markings would be similar to those of the December 3rd flight, with the addition of the contractor's three line marking "WEST INDIAN AERIAL EXPRESS," etc.

San Juan, P.R., westward.

Information is lacking as to the air mail service westward from San Juan, P.R.—arrangements may not yet have been finalised.

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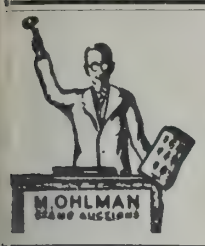

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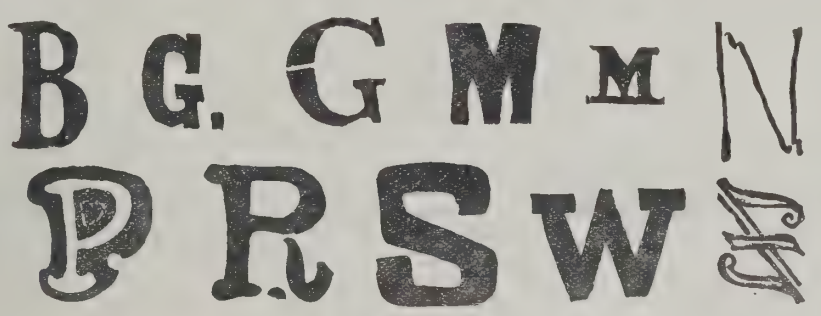

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10.	3c 1861	Waterbury, Ct.	Black	D. H. Stafford
11.	3c 1861	West Point, Miss.	"	M. R. Sanborn

The above lot has but one item which is truly handsome, that being the brilliant red "M" on the 3c 1869. I have seen this on the later issue, 3c 1870, and it is also a stunning color combination. Am told that No. 2 is a precancel, it is in shiny jet black ink, and looks as though printed. No. 3 is a very clean cut letter, and looks nice on the cover. No. 7 has shown up rather frequently, but it is generally smudgy, though this copy was a very fine one. No. 11 is a very odd type of letter, and is easy to look at.

"Black Jacksons."—The last article on the stamp had to do with the "three dots," "other dots." Much is said of the random dots appearing on this 2c stamp. You will note that the extreme corners of these stamps often have dots clearly showing. Sometimes all four corners show dots, though these are distinctly uncommon. The bottom right corner has the dot far more often than its left corner. The top corners generally have dots.

An interesting variety is one with several dots in the margin at top right. One stamp has so many that they look not unlike a small bunch of grapes. It is a rarity, yet you may find it, and it is well worth hunting for, as it is a pretty addition to your collection of minor varieties, and is readily seen without a glass.

"Dot in the Hair."—On the left side of the stamp, in line with the eyebrow and about 2mm from left side of medallion you will frequently see a small round dot. The stamps with this are extremely common. I have before me as I write an unsevered complete India Proof sheet of 200 of the Plate No. 28 stamps. It is interesting to note that this Hair Dot is missing completely from all of the stamps in the first vertical row of the left pane, while all of the rest of the stamps in the sheet have this dot. So we see that one out of every 20 is without the dot from stamps printed from Plate No. 28.

These dots are presumably construction dots placed with mathematical precision on the sheet of steel (plate) before the rocking in of the transfer roll. They vary very slightly in the positions in which they appear in the wavy hair on various copies.

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On Tuesday evening, January 3rd, nine members of the Collectors Club of New York visited the Philadelphia Stamp Club at 1632 Arch Street. A substantial number of stamp members turned out to welcome President Linquist, together with Messrs. Barrett, Bartels, Currie, Konwiser, Pade, Steinway, and Toaspern. On their arrival, the delegation was the guest of Mr. Harry L. Jeferys at the University Club. Later in the evening, parts of three wonderful collections were exhibited by Messrs. Linquist, Steinway and Currie.

Mr. Linquist brought a few pages from his wonderfully fine specialized collection of Norway. Mr. Linquist has made more headway in plating the first stamp than any other collector, including the many enthusiasts living in Norway. Not only are the plate varieties shown in profusion, but he has a wonderful lot of cancellations on this stamp, together with pairs and strips. Mr. Linquist made a remark somewhat surprising, and that is that since he has specialized in Number 1, he has seen so many good sized strips that he has reached the conclusion that they are not near as rare as we have been led to believe in the past.

The second exhibit was made by Mr. Steinway, which consisted of a portion of his specialized collection of the stamps of Great Britain. This collection, which is possibly the finest of its kind in America, is rich in the early classes in singles, pairs, strips and blocks, in both used and unused condition. Mr. Steinway is a collector of the old school, who prefers the cancelled specimen to the mint copy. In so far as condition is concerned, he thinks with the collector of today, for throughout his stamps are practically 100% fine.

Mr. Currie brought with him a few pages of his general collection, which without a doubt is among the two or three finest now in existence in this country. The specialist of today is in the great majority and the general collector of years back is unfortunately passing. Mr. Currie covers the world, and collects in the printed album making an effort to fill every space. Those of us who had the privilege of inspecting his treasure, realize that he has met with wonderful success, in getting copies of most of the stamps, and this includes not only the common and scarcer stamps, but the rarities as well. His United States is practically complete with few exceptions, and in the case of the earlier issues, many of the rarer stamps are present in shades. A British Colony stood out supreme in British Guiana, and the Currie Collection contains of this country such outstanding pieces as several copies of the 1850 issue, the 1c and 4c of 1852, as well as the 4c of 1856. From that point, I do not recall a vacant space. His Canada were unusually fine, and I noticed but one stamp missing. Ceylon was almost complete, including magnificent copies of the 1857—4p, 8p, and 9p.

The Currie Collection is strong even in countries which are not popular with the average collector. For instance, his Colombia Republic is practically complete, and one who has endeavored to get together the early issues, well realizes that this is an endless task. To mention all of the unusual things would be to take the catalogue and probably cover every variety of the 19th Century to which the collection is devoted.

The Exhibit as a whole was well chosen, and the Philadelphia collectors present received a wonderful treat. It is to be hoped that a further visit from the Society will be arranged for next year.

After the Exhibit, refreshments were served in the Club room, and before leaving on the midnight train, Mr. Klein lead the Coffee Brigade, consisting of Messrs. Steinway, Currie, Bartels and Pade, to Broad Street Station, for a good cup of strong coffee. Messrs. Linquist, Konwiser, Toaspern, Barrett, and Clark desired more popular liquid refreshments, and followed the genial "P. M." elsewhere.

vertical lines running through the guide dot at about this same distance from the left side of the 3c blue locomotives (2mm) and near the bottoms of the stamps. By following this vertical line you will soon find the large dot. In addition the 1869's have horizontal guide lines—for example, it is not uncommon to find the 12c green with a horizontal line running in from the left side so far that it touches the bow of the boat, making it appear as though the boat were being towed by a hawser connected to a boat ahead which is out of the picture.

"Guide Lines."—In Black Jacks these lines are numerous. They doubtless wore away appreciably during the wear of the plate in its printing, as my Proof Sheet of 200 shows these lines very clearly. A clear early impression on a mint block or strip shows some very interesting faint lines running both directions on the single stamp, especially if the stamp be from a top or bottom row of the plate. The corner stamps are especially interesting, for here the lines run in a more heavily cut and darker way. These lines run through the corner guide dots which shows that they were of use in making the plates.

Accidental lines, caused probably by using a gritty substance in cleaning up the finished plate, are not unusual. These show running both vertically and horizontally, and you will find some pretty minor varieties here with a little searching. Off centered stamps show th scratch lines better than well cente copies. Often six or eight fine thin li are to be counted between the stamps their white margins.

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Part I.—The Illustrations

Alhambra, Calif.—This town is a newcomer to the ranks. Probably the demand for precancels is limited to circular mail, for I have seen only the current 1½c.

San Francisco, Calif.—At last casts aside the plate which is so well known to the precancel specialist. One of the mysteries of the precancel game has been the retention of this plate for the work at such an important office, when it produced a large proportion of faulty impressions and contained many places where the type was scarred and broken. The new style, illustrated above, is a decided improvement, and is distinctive in that no other city has ever precancelled in identical type as this. The 12 and 13c were the first two specimens to reach me with the new overprint.

Dallas, Tex.—This overprint reaches me on the 1½c coil. Although it appears to be typeset, it is not being a Bureau print of entirely different style from anything in that field. How do you like it?

Part II.—Bureau Printed Precancels

Interest in this branch continues to be the marked feature of the hobby. Prices on the 1916 Experimentals rule high, with spirited bidding at auction reflecting the keen demand. The 3c New Orleans fetched $25.00 at a recent sale and some of the Springfields as high as $5.00 each.

New York is now using the 2c coil, which permits collectors to display a full set of the coils. It is hard to understand why neither New York or Chicago have requested the 7, 8 and 9c, when so many other offices have done so.

Newark, N. J.—Supplies of the values above the 2c have been in stock for many months, but evidently were being kept in storage until all of the locally printed stock was exhausted. They are now being released to the relief of the Bureau Print collector. The 7c preceded the others by a month. I have not seen the 6c, but the balance up to the 10c have come to hand. The 3c coil was added to stock in December.

Camden, N. J.—Ordered in October, the 1½c and 2c coils. These should be fairly hard to secure.

Huntington, W. Va., is another new Bureau user. The 1½c coil was sent to that office in November. A specimen at hand shows the style to be that portrayed by the Dallas illustration.

Oakland, Calif., also gets the 1½c coil, as well as **Dallas, Tex.** Both orders were placed in October.

Port Washington, Wis., is added to the list of small Wisconsin towns which are using the Bureau coils for circular mail. Don't pass up Port Washingtons if they are creased through the center, for like Milton 1½c, they are folded over the edge of the circular to hold it together.

Denver, Colo., is now out with the 7c and 8c in the new perforation.

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For two or three weeks I've left the number of subscribers to my New Issue Service of British Colonials at eleven. A big New York collector told me he's tired of seeing eleven — either fish or cut bait. So now I'm pleased to say it's up to 19. I want no pikers —no 10% fiends—no centering cranks—no philatelic nuisances of any kind. I do want honest-to-goodness collectors who wish a new issue service of Br. Colonials that is, positively, almost perfect. 32c to the 1/-.

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(Clipping from Jos. Cadek.)

Postmaster General New is opposed to ne issuance of a special stamp commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth nniversary of the founding of the Govrnment of the State of New York. Demands for the issuance of special stamps ave reached the stage where they are nuisance, he asserted, and every mail rings in importunities for a special amp of this or that kind.

Senator Wagner of New York yesterday proposed a joint resolution for a pecial stamp for New York, and while Ir. New said the matter was one for ongress to determine he could not approve it.

"In the last few days," he said, "I ave received a number of letters proesting against our liberality in the isuance of stamps to New York. No ne can say that we have not given the tate its full share. If we complied with ne-half the requests for special stamps hat are received here we would have othing but special stamps."

DANZIG

No.	POSTAGE	Mint.	Used
1	5pf	.02	.02
2	10pf	.02	.02
3	15pf	.02	.02
4	20pf	.02	.02
6	30pf	.03	.03
7	40pf	.07	.08
8	50pf	.04	.04
11	1m	.10	.12
12	1.25m	.07	.07
13	1.50m	.15	.16
14	2m	.10	.12
15	2.50m	.06	.07
16	3m	.65	.70
17	4m	.40	.40
18	5m	.12	.12
	Set, #1-18 compl.	1.50	1.65
	Star Surcharge		
19	5 on 30pf	.01	.01
20	10 on 20pf	.03	.03
21	25 on 30pf	.03	.03
22	60 on 30pf	.12	.10
23	80 on 30pf	.07	.08
	Set, #19-23 compl.	.20	.20
	Gray Burelage—Points Up		
25	1m on 30pf	.18	.20
26	1¼m on 3pf	.35	.40
27	2m on 35pf	.30	.30
28	3m on 7½pf	.18	.20
29	5m on 2pf	.20	.20
30	10m on 7½pf	.30	.35
	Set, #25-30, compl.	1.50	1.65
	Gray Burelage—Points Down		
30B	1¼m on 3pf	2.00	2.00
30C	2m on 35pf	9.50	9.00
30D	3m on 7½pf	1.00	1.00
30E	5m on 2pf	1.00	.95
30F	10m on 7½pf	.25	.30
	Set, #30B-30F compl.	13.00	12.50
	Violet Burelage—Points Up		
30G	1m on 30pf	1.25	1.00
30H	1¼m on 3pf	.15	.25
30I	2m on 36pf	1.25	1.25
30K	3m on 7½pf	.35	.35
30L	5m on 2pf	.15	.15
30M	10m on 7½pf	.25	.25
	Set, #30G-30M compl.	3.00	3.00
	Violet Burelage—Points Down		
30N	1m on 30pf	.30	.30
30P	1¼m on 3pf	.75	.75
30Q	2m on 35pf	1.25	1.25
30R	3m on 7½pf	2.00	2.00
30S	5m on 2pf	.20	.20
30T	10m on 7½pf	2.75	3.00
	Set, #30N-30T compl.	7.25	7.50
	"DANZIG" Slanting		
31	2pf	5.00	5.00
32	2½pf	10.00	12.00
33	3pf	.75	.90
34	5pf	.02	.02
35	7½pf	1.50	1.75
36	10pf	.50	.50
37	15pf	.07	.07
38	20pf	.10	.10
39	25pf	.06	.06
40	30pf	2.50	2.50
42	40pf	.15	.20
43	50pf	9.00	9.00
45	75pf	.10	.10
46	80pf	.25	.20
	Set #31-46, 14 var.	27.50	32.00
44-47-48	"Innendienst" cpl.	100.00	..
	Kogge Set		
49	5pf	.02	.02
50	10pf	.04	.04
51	25pf	.04	.05
52	40pf	.25	.25
53	80pf	.04	.04
54	1m	.20	.20
55	2m	.90	.85
56	3m	.12	.12
57	5m	.12	.15
58	10m	.15	.20
	Set #49-58, compl.	1.60	1.60
	Same Perforated		
59	25pf	.07	.08
60	40pf	.10	.12
61	80pf	.15	.20
	Set #59-61 compl.	.25	.30
62	60pf on 75pf	.08	.08
	Coat of Arms Type		
63	5pf	.02	.02
64	10pf	.01	.01
65	15pf	.02	.02
66	20pf	.02	.02
67	25pf	.02	.02
68	30pf	.05	.05
69	40pf	.02	.02
70	50pf	.02	.02
71	60pf	.05	.05
72	80pf	.05	.06
73	1m	..	..
74	1.20m	.10	.12
75	2m	.60	.60
76	3m	.60	.65
	Set #63-76 compl.	1.40	1.50
	Lion's Type		
77	5m	.10	.10
78	10m	.15	.15
79	20m	.15	.15
	Set #77-79 compl.	.40	.40
	Coat of Arms Type		
80	75pf	.02	.02
81	80pf	.03	.03
82	1.25m	.02	.02
83	1.50m	.02	.02
84	2m	.02	.02
85	2.40m	.08	.08
86	3m	.03	.03
87	4m	.05	.05
88	5m	.02	.02
89	6m	.04	.04
90	8m	.05	.06
91	10m	.02	.02
92	20m	.02	.02
	Set #80-92 compl.	.40	.40
	Lions Type		
93	9m	.70	.75
94	50m	.60	.60
95	100m	.50	.50
	Set #93-95 compl.	1.70	1.70
	New Values Surcharged		
96	8m on 4m	.04	.04
97	6m on 3m	.02	.02
98	20m on 8m	.04	.04
	Coat of Arms		
99	4m	.02	.02
100	5m	.02	.02
100a	6m	20.00	..
101	10m	.02	.02
102	20m	.02	.02
103	40m	.02	.02
104	80m	.03	.03
	Lions Type		
105	50m	.02	.02
106	100m	.02	.02
107	150m	.02	.02
108	250m	.25	.25
109	500m	.04	.04
110	1000m	.04	.04
111	5000m	.15	.18
	Set #105-111 compl.	.45	.45
113	50m	.02	.02
114	100m	.02	.02
115	200m	.03	.03
	Set #113-115 compl.	.06	.06
117	250m	.03	.03
118	300m	.02	.02
119	500m	.02	.02
120	1000m	.02	.02
121	3000m	.03	.03
	Set #117-121 compl.	.10	.10
123	10,000m	.03	.03
124	20,000m	.08	.08
125	50,000m	.05	.05
126	10,000 on 20,000m	.25	.30
	Set #123-126 compl.	.40	.45
127	1000m	.02	.02
129	5000m	.02	.02
131	20,000m	.02	.02
132	50,000m	.02	.02
133	100,000m	.02	.02
134	250,000m	.02	.03
135	500,000m	.02	.02
	Set #127-35 compl.	.10	.15
	Abbreviations th=Thousand; mil=Million.		
137	40 th on 200m	.05	.06
138	100 th on 200m	.05	.06
139	250 th on 200m	.20	.20
140	400 th on 100m	.02	.02
141	500 th on 50 th m	.02	.02
142	1 mil on 10 th m	.10	.10
143	10 mil on 1 mil m	.04	.04
	Set #137-143 compl.	.45	.50
144	1 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
145	2 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
146	3 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
147	5 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
148	10 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
149	20 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
150	25 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
151	40 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
152	50 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
153	100 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
154	300 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
155	500 mil on 10 th m	.02	.02
	Set #144-155 compl.	.18	.20
	Gold Currency Surcharge		
156	5pf on 50m	.04	.03
157	10pf on 50m	.07	.05
158	20pf on 100m	.14	.10
159	25pf on 50m	.18	.10
160	30pf on 50m	.21	.12
161	40pf on 100m	.28	.20
162	50pf on 100m	.35	.25
163	75pf on 100m	.53	.40
164	1gld on 1 mil m	.70	.30
165	2gld on 1 mil m	1.40	.70
166	3gld on 1 mil m	2.10	1.00
167	5gld on 1 mil m	3.50	2.25
	Set #156-167 compl.	8.00	4.50
	New Coat of Arms		
168	5pf	.02	.02
169	10pf	.03	.02
170	15pf	.07	.05
171	20pf	.06	.02
172	25pf	.08	.02
173	30pf	.09	.03
174	40pf	.12	.03
175	50pf	.15	.04
176	75pf	.23	.06
	Set #168-176 compl.	.80	.20
	Town Views		
177	1gld	.90	.75
178	2gld	1.25	1.00
179	3gld	.90	.90
180	5gld	1.50	1.50
181	10gld	3.00	3.00
	Set #177-81 compl.	..	..
182	1gld, new colors	.30	.10
183	2gld, new colors	.60	.35
184	15pf, new colors	.05	.03
185	35pf, new val.	.11	.05
186	3pf, new val.	.02	.02
	Air Post Stamps		
401	40 on 40pf	.10	.10
402	60 on 40pf	.10	.10
403	1m on 40pf	.10	.10
	Set #401-403 compl.	.30	.30
404	40pf	.02	.02
405	60pf	.02	.02
406	1m	.02	.02
407	2m	.03	.04
408	5m	.04	.05
409	10m	.06	.07
	Set #404-409 compl.	.15	.20
	Wmkd. Webbing		
410	40pf	.02	.02
411	60pf	.02	.02
412	1m	.02	.02
413	2m	.02	.02
414	5m	.02	.02
415	10m	.03	.03
416	20m	.03	.04
	Set #410-416 compl.	.10	.15
418	25m	.02	.02
419	50m	.02	.02
420	100m	.02	.02
421	250m	.02	.02
422	500m	.03	.03
	Set #418-22 compl.	.10	.10
423	250,000	.02	.02
424	500,000	.02	.02
425	2 mil on 100,000	.02	.02
427	5 mil on 50,000	.02	.02
	Set #423-27 compl.	.05	.06
	Gold Currency		
428	10pf	.04	.02
429	20pf	.08	.06
430	40pf	.15	.12
431	1gld	.32	.20
432	2½gld	.78	.78
	Set #428-32 compl.	1.35	1.15
	Charity Stamps		
551	30pf-30pf	.03	.03
552	60-60pf	.10	.10
553	1.20m-1.20m	.10	.10
	Set #551-553 compl.	.20	.20
554	50m-20m	.03	.05
555	100m-30m	.03	.05
	Set #554-555 compl.	.05	.10
	Official Stamps		
601	5pf	.02	.02
602	10pf	.02	.02
603	15pf	.02	.03
604	20pf	.02	.02
605	25pf	.03	.03
606	30pf	.08	.10
607	40pf	.02	.02
608	50pf	.02	.02
609	60pf	.03	.03
610	80pf	.12	.15
611	1m	.02	.02
612	1.20m	.12	.20
	Set #601-612 compl.	.50	.60
613	2m	2.00	2.
614	3m	1.00	1.
615	5m	.75	..
	Set #613-615	3.75	3.
618	75pf	2.00	2.
619	80pf	.04	..
620	1.25m	.04	..
621	1.50m	.02	..
622	2m	.04	..
623	2.40m	.15	..
624	3m	.02	..
625	4m	.05	..
626	5m	.02	..
627	6m	.02	..
628	10m	.02	..
629	20m	.02	..
	Set #618-629 compl.	.35	..
630	6m on 3m	.04	..
631	4m	.02	..
632	5m	.02	..
634	10m	.02	..
635	20m	.02	..
636	50m	.02	..
637	100m	.02	..
	Set #631-637 compl.	.10	..
639	50m	.05	..
640	100m	.02	..
641	200m	.02	..
643	300m	.04	..
644	500m	.04	..
645	1000m	.03	..
	Set #639-645 compl.	.18	..
	Gold Currency		
646	5pf	.05	..
647	10pf	.10	..
648	15pf	.20	..
649	20pf	.20	..
650	25pf	.25	..
651	30pf	.30	..
652	40pf	.40	..
653	50pf	.50	..
654	75pf	.75	..
	Set #646-654 compl.	2.75	2.
655	15pf, new color	.15	..
656	35pf, new value	.35	..
	Set #655-6	.50	..
	Postage Due Stamps		
801	10pf	.02	..
802	20pf	.02	..
803	40pf	.02	..
804	60pf	.02	..
805	75pf	.02	..
806	80pf	.02	..
807	120pf	.02	..
808	200pf	.02	..
809	240pf	.02	..
810	300pf	.02	..
811	400pf	.02	..
812	500pf	.02	..
813	800pf	.03	..
814	20m	.03	..
	Set #801-814 compl.	.25	..
815	100pf	.02	..
816	200pf	.02	..
817	300pf	.02	..
818	400pf	.02	..
819	500pf	.02	..
820	800pf	.02	..
821	10m	.02	..
822	20m	.02	..
823	50m	.02	..
824	100m	.02	..
826	500m	.02	..
	Set #815-826 compl.	..	..
827	5000m on 50m	.03	..
828	10,000m on 20m	.03	..
829	50,000m on 500m	.04	..
830	100,000 on 20m	.08	..
	Set #827-830 compl.	.15	..
	Gold Currency		
831	5pf	.02	..
832	10pf	.03	..
833	20pf	.07	..
834	30pf	.10	..
835	40pf	.14	..
836	50pf	.15	..
837	60pf	.20	..
838	100pf	.30	..
	Set #831-838 compl.	1.00	..

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parent on these two items.

Dallas, Tex., Bureaus with the 10 perforation are worth holding, for only a limited number were issued.

Harrisburg, Pa., cancelled its order for the 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10c values a year ago. Now the 3c has been reordered and should be in circulation at the time of writing.

Memphis, Tenn., received the 8c in November. It is going to be fairly hard to procure judging from the scarcity of most Memphis Bureaus.

Omaha, Nebr., orders the 7c, leaving only the 9c remaining to complete the set to 10c.

Beverly Hills, Calif., 1½c coil, ordered in November, is one that we will all be eager to see. It marks the first usage of precancels for this office.

San Diego is another California office to receive an initial shipment of Bureau Prints. Again it is the 1½c coil.

Brockton, Mass., is a prolific precancel user, so the 1½c Bureau coil should not be elusive.

Frenchtown, N. J., will provide further interest for the Bureau fan, now that it has added the 3c coil to stock.

USERS OF THE CHINA CATALOG

By THEODORE SIDDALL

(1.)—An apology is due for having published the catalog with so many typographical errors. Most are trifling but the following should be corrected:—

On p. 5, No. 14b, the value should read "12," (candareens).

On p. 6, No. 19c, the space between the Chinese word and value should read "3½ mm." And probably all values in the set may be found with the 3½ mm. space.

On p. 7, No. 40b (the first one) should read "40ab" in the list and under the cut.

On p. 11, the legend should be under the cut.

On p. 12, the battered letters in the paragraph at foot are "Later."

On p. 22, the value of Tibet No. 5 should be "2½ annas on 10c."

On p. 33, the date of issue of the Foochow stamps should be "1895-98."

On p. 35, No. 12, the color should be "brown."

On p. 45, the denomination of No. 44 should be "½ cent" and of No. 45, "1 cent."

(2.)—Complaints have been made because this edition does not give any prices for the rarities. Quite a proper complaint, but first there must be found somebody who knows the prices. I do not know them, nor what they may be a month or a year hence. It is better to leave them out than to print prices that are not prices. Any price that might be printed for a stamp that has not been on the market in several years and might not be on the market in the next five years would be the merest guess. If you know anything about Chinese stamps, your guess is as good as mine; if you do not, what would be the use of guessing? Most collectors are not interested in the prices of the rarities, they not being either buyers or sellers. If those who are interested either as buyers or sellers of the unpriced varieties will send me their want-lists, I will send them priced offers of these rarities, when they are available; so that I venture to say that these lists will give a better idea of the value of these stamps than a list of guesses at the prices of stamps that perhaps never were in stock. Read at the foot of page 37.

(3.)—Criticism is also offered because the very numerous varieties of unperforated pairs and strips are omitt These are mostly rare, and only inter a few collectors. Paragraph 2 cov these also.

(4.)—The catalog also omits the S kiang official stamps, which are mer the ordinary stamps perforated w Chinese characters meaning "for offi use." But as anybody can make th out of the ordinary stamps, with a i it did not seem worth while to incl them. I will sell any I have of the "c cial" Sinkiang stamps at half the u price of the ordinary kinds. Here i good place to mention that, as the h value Sinkiang stamps are used on p cels, which are liable to get rubbed wh en route for 1,000 miles or so on can back, the perforations are not as perf as on stamps that are unused, or c celled to order.

(5.)—The prices in the catalog given in U.S.A. money, and as there no money there less than one cent, tha the lowest price in the catalog, althou there are inaccuracies, such as betw Nos. 232 and 233, where 232 is wo fifty times as much as 233, yet neither worth two cents. The list of sets ta care of such cases as this.

For MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

How Can We Prove Up The 24c Continental?

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By WARNER BATES, 184 State St., Albany, N. Y.

This is a divergence from the subject of the Ribbed Papers of the Continental Printings, a serial which I am writing for MEKEEL'S at this time, but the subject seems timely and therein is my excuse for wandering from the principal theme.

Elliott Perry writes:

"I am reading your series on Continental Ribbed Papers with interest. I have never thought these accidents, or due solely to some freak of paper manufacture, as so many other writers in the past have claimed. The fifteen cent ribbed, for instance, does not match with any other Continental fifteen cent on regular paper, but obviously comes from a separate and distinct printing.

"There is one remark you make, however, which does not agree with any evidence known to me. In speaking of imprints you say:—'Inasmuch as the National plates used by the Continental Company would logically have been used during the spring of 1873, when the contract changed hands, this adds evidence that the Ribbed Paper was not the first Continental emission—'

Is there any evidence any National Plates were used by the Continental Company, except National plates Nos. 21, 22 and 23, the 24c, 30c and 90c? According to Luff, the Continental Company did not use any of these plates in 1873, but made the first use of them in 1874, when they printed and delivered 190,000 of the 30c, and 197,000 of the 90c. Their only printing of the 24c was in 1875—365,000 stamps, but there were 192,500 more 30c stamps printed and delivered by them in 1876. Luff lists the 24c, 30c and 90c on ribbed paper, but questions the 24c and 90c, and it would seem that both of these were first printed too late to catch the Ribbed paper, if the Ribbed paper stamps were all printed before 1874."

First of all let me admit the error of my remarks regarding the use of National plates by the Continental Company, which Mr. Perry quotes.

Frankly, I don't know just how I came to write the paragraph Mr. Perry quotes. It was a slip of the typewriter or of the mental faculties perhaps. As a matter of fact, I caught it in reading over my carbon copy when I started to write the second article in the series, but the copy was then already on the press and it was too late to retract it.

Luff, of course, brings out quite clearly that the Continental Company made new plates for all printings, except the 24c, 30c and 90c.

My statement that Plate No. 136 was the twelfth Three Cent Green plate made by the Continental people was due to the same erroneous line of reasoning. I was assuming for the moment that the Continental Company used National plates Nos. 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, instead of making their own plates with corresponding numbers, and therefore I was counting from Continental Plate No. 14 on, instead of No. 1, Plate No. 136, according to Luff, is the *nineteenth,* and not the *twelfth* Continental Three Cent Green plate. Mr. Perry also picks me up on this slip. He goes on to say:

"I have never seen the 24c, 30c or 90c on what I would call Ribbed paper, as in Vertically Ribbed Paper of the 15c, but had hoped (but not believed) that the 24c might turn up, as it would prove some of the Continental 24c printed and delivered were actually issued to the public. It has always seemed to me the 24c probably was printed too late.

Furthermore, I make Plate No. 136 the 19th plate of the Three Cent Continental, not the twelfth as you have it. According to Luff, the 15c was printed in 1873, but not in 1874. Roughly speaking, Plates Nos. 1 to 31 are the first Continental group, and then come the Department stamps, No. 136, at the earliest, is in the second group of Continental plates made for the general issues.

Referring to the National plates, I find only 26 plates of the Three Cent covering a period of three years. Yet if Continental Plate No. 136 was used as early as November, 1873, the plate numbers indicate about nineteen Continental Three Cent plates used during a period of only six or seven months."

The writer has not stated that the Three Cent Green stamps on Ribbed paper were all printed before the end of 1873, although that is a possibility.

What I did attempt to prove in the first article of the series was that "the probable use of the Ribbed paper by the Continental Bank Note Company was for only a few months, either all in 1873, or partly in 1873 and partly early in 1874."

I will state positively, however, that there is every evidence that the use of the Ribbed paper was discontinued before the fall of 1874 and I know of no evidence to indicate that it was ever used again.

So much for that, and the reader will note that it leaves open the possibility of the 30c and 90c being found on Ribbed paper inasmuch as, according to Luff, both varieties were printed from National Plates by the Continental Company in 1874.

Inasmuch as the 24c was not printed until 1875, *I do not think there is a possibility of this stamp ever turning up on Ribbed Paper.*

Speculation Regarding 24c Continental

For years one expert after another has been bringing forward new methods of proving up the 24c "Continental" stamps in his own collection or stock. This is particularly true of dealers who occasionally break forth in the philatelic press.

What seems to be the most accepted line of reasoning is that any 24c on paper showing silk fibres *must be* Continental.

I have no desire to quarrel with these gentlemen, nor have I any axes to grind. In fact, I do not collect the 24c denomination—do not own a single copy.

I merely want to point out here, for the protection of collectors who may be considering the purchase of 24c "Continentals" at goodly sums, that a 24c printed on paper showing silk or other thread fibres *is not necessarily a Continental product.*

Another writer recently quoted in MEKEEL'S stated that the chief distinguishing factor in determining a 24c Continental print was that the paper was strikingly white and very brittle, and that it was always found with very tiny fragments of silk thread in the same color as the stamp. He also said that sometimes these silk threads were very difficult to see and it is almost always necessary to use a powerful glass to reveal them.

This gentleman may be entirely right—I might examine his "24c printings on silk paper" and agree with him instantly that they were unquestionably Continental printings. *My decision would depend upon whether the paper was National paper showing silk fibres, or Continental paper showing silk fibres.*

Speaking for the Three Cent Green, and this should prove equally true of other denominations printed during the same period, there are two distinctly different kinds of fibre thread paper, one used by the National and the other by the Continental people, and the Continental people apparently also used the same silk fibre paper as that used by its predecessor, *making in all three different printings on two different kinds of silk paper.*

These may be heretofore unrecorded facts for all I know—do not remember ever having seen such a statement in print before—if so, it's time United States collectors in general should be given the truth—it may save some of their good money.

The late Continental Silk paper (that is, the silk paper used by the Continental Company which differs from the one used by the National) is a paper well impregnated with the silk fibres.

The fibres (in Three Cent Green examples), when viewed under a strong glass, seem to be black in color. They are generally very short, measuring from about one-quarter of a milimetre to half a milimetre or slightly more in length.

Generally the fibres, as they lie imbedded in the paper, are straight, but occasionally one is curved. In a typical example, *forty to sixty* of these tiny fibres can be counted on the back surface of the stamp.

The fibres can often, but not always, be distinguished on the face of the stamp, in the colorless portions, where they are not covered up by the printing, especially in the margins.

The paper, although perhaps somewhat whiter than some other Continental printings, is not what I would call strikingly white. Neither would I call it very brittle. It is, however, a firm, hard snappy paper, as a rule.

Looking through the stamp at a strong light, the paper is seen to be woven, and rather coarsely woven. It has, in this respect, somewhat the characteristics of Linenlike Paper.

Silk paper examples examined of the two cent vermilion, six cent pink and ten cent brown show the same black fibres, so I do not find any evidence of fibre being used of the same color as the stamp in this particular Paper.

As my own collection of the Three Cent Green on this type of Silk Fibre Paper numbers between 100 and 200 specimens (shades, printing, plate varieties and cancellations) I would assume that it is fairly representative of the variety. *Practically every specimen runs true to the foregoing description,* and I would here make the statement that, in my humble opinion, a 24c would have to show at least scores of tiny black fibres and generally correspond with the other points mentioned to be unquestionably a Continental Printing on Silk Fibre Paper.

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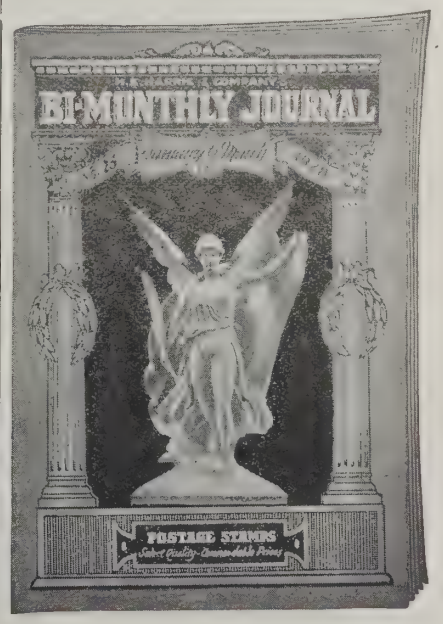

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The reference to the Lindbergh celebration stamps of Panama was somewhat mixed in this column last week, in consequence of misreading data that had been hurriedly prepared by our informant. Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. French, Ancon, C. Z., we have had further particulars of the Panama issue and following description from the *Star* and *Herald* of Panama, R. P., December 30, 1927, is appended:

"The special postage stamp issue to commemorate Lindbergh's visit will soon be on sale, it was announced. The dies are now being made and it is said that the Panama Canal Printery at Mount Hope has undertaken to print the entire issue and make delivery within three days. As soon as the stamps are received by the Panamanian postal authorities they will be placed on sale at the different post offices throughout the Republic, but special arrangements are being made to distinguish the stamps used on the day of Lindbergh's arrival, so as to give them greater value for philatelists. The stamps sold in Panama City on the day of the Lone Eagle's arrival will be postmarked with a special cancellation stamp having the legend "Post Office Dept., Panama (the date) Lindbergh's arrival in Panama," and as a further distinguishing mark, a special ink will be used. During the day before and after the arrival of the aviator, stamps sold in this city as well as in the provincial capitals, will be postmarked with a stamp carrying the name of the post office and the inscription "National Post Office Department—In honor of Lindbergh."

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In the special correspondence in the Chicago *Tribune* of January 9th, describing Lindbergh's reception in Costa Rica, an interesting reference to stamps is found. After the flyer had been presented with a superb placque, the Colonel was the recipient from Postmaster Padilla of the first or imprimatur sheet of special Lindbergh stamps. Moreover, we read that he was given a collection of all the issues of Costa Rica, from the first issue to the latest stamp in honor of Lindbergh. We hope that this collection included the first two imperforates with wide margins. Just how much interest Colonel Lindbergh has in philately, we do not know, but there is no doubt but that he is aware of the activity and enthusiasm of a host of collectors, not a few of whom he knows personally and has a friendly regard for. It is not improbable that he has a soft spot for stamps, in consequence.

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Mr. Henry A. Meyer, Evansville, Indiana, writes: "In the WEEKLY of December 12th, Mr. Smith chronicles the 3pf of Germany in the new light shade inclining toward olive. When I was over there the past summer, I used many of the new shade on cards, but did not happen to have one of the original shade with me; therefore, I did not notice the difference, and did not preserve even one unused copy for myself. I did not realize that a new shade had appeared until I returned home and happened to compare the stamps on a card that I had sent home with some of the original shade. If it had been a rare error, I suppose it would have slipped through my fingers in the same fashion." Mr. Meyer was intent upon his ruling passion, philately, during his extensive travels abroad and in consequence has many little incidents to relate.

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The following interesting letter has come from Mr. Delf Norona, Beckley, West Virginia, whose stamp studies have attracted favorable attention and who, incidentally, is the official reporter for the tenth judicial circuit: "I notice Mr. Ash's claim in the January 2nd issue that a Cuban cancellation used from 1855 through the years, including the 1914 map issue, probably had the longest life of any cancellation employed in any country. As an ardent specialist of the stamps of Cuba, I want to challenge his claim to the extent that the Kingston 'A-01' obliterant was in use from 1858 to 1885, a period of 27 years. Furthermore, after its use was discontinued in Jamaica, with true British thoroughness, it was returned to the London post office and there it was used occasionally, at least, as a cancellation for some time, as I have a British post card, used in 1903, with this cancellation. However, as the philatelic student must be extremely careful about his statements, I must say that several of these 'A-01' obliterators were sent out to Jamaica and several types of 'A-01's' exist; and it is possible that this identical obliteration was not the same one sent out in 1858 to Jamaica. Now, here is a claim for the longest lived stamp. The one shilling stamp of Jamaica, Queen's head, was in use from November 23, 1860, to August 2, 1912, with various changes in color and watermark, of course. However, the original printing plate was in constant use for that period, 51 years, 8 months and 10 days, as is proved by a printing flaw on one of the stamps in the plate. Now, who will come forward and challenge this stamp as being the longest lived issue in the world, and used at that for a genuine postal need?" Here we have a worthy companion for the "grand old stamp" of New South Wales, the five pence, type of the 1855 issue, whose usage over a period of fifty years makes it an honored specimen.

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From Mr. R. R. Walker, Richmond, Virginia, there has been received the following readable study of post office names: "I saw the note in the issue of December 12th on peculiar names taken from a postal guide of one hundred years ago. Your attention may be called to the fact that of the sixteen offices named as in Virginia, in the list, one, Falling Waters, is a good office in West Virginia (then Virginia), Burks Garden, Chalk Level, London Bridge, Overalls and Seven Mile Ford are still offices in Virginia. In addition to the ones mentioned, there are many peculiar names in Virginia, of which the following are samples: Harryhogan, Harry Smith, Cripple Creek, Chase City, Lightfoot, Hardware, Ax, Pistol, Ka, Pumpkin, Round Hill, Hightown, Crabbottom, Long Shoal, Long Spur, Coffee, Tea, Peapatch, Pounding Mill, Horsepen, Bearwallow, Monk, Uno, Ino and Igo; and each of these places probably has a reason for its peculiar name. For instance, on the N. & W. R. R., about fifteen miles east of Petersburg, Va., there is a small town called Disputanta, so named because the people would not agree on any other name." Another reader, given to statistics, sends memoranda showing that Pennsylvania, takes the lead in number of offices within the state, with 2,924, followed by Kentucky with 2,637; Texas, New York and Virginia are bunched in the 2,200's. Illinois has the largest number of postal routes, 2,629, with a mileage of 71,033; and Kentucky with 2,531 routes falls below Texas in mileage of 65,056. These figures are based on the fiscal year of 1926.

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A clipping has come from Professor Frederick S. Eaton, "the stampless cover" devotee of New Haven, Conn., taken from the *Technical News Bulletin*, telling that at the request of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, experimental work has been done to determine the effect on the adhesive quality of stamps as a consequence of contact with the various ingredients "used as separator sheets in books of stamps." It has been shown by the tests that the sticking qualities of stamps may be weakened through the use of certain grade of paraffin paper. "Although the stamps adhere temporarily to ordinary cellophane, a special, moisture-proof cellophane seems to offer possibilities for that purpose." The enterprise of the postal authorities in seeking to overcome what has perhaps been cited as an objection is commendable, and it is possible that a new variety of "waxed paper" will appear in booklets of the future.

MISCELLANY

THE newspapers have described the special issue of Costa Rica in honor of Lindbergh as numbering 20,000, and as having the name of Lindbergh with date, 1928, in one corner, and an airplane in the other.

MR. A. W. LINE, Dunkirk, N. Y., has shown us a copy of the *Author & Journalist* containing an article by John Pirhalla, Jr., entitled, "Writing For Philately." Mr. Pirhalla lists about all of the American publication and incidentally incorporates in his review some interesting philatelic particulars.

THE following officers were elected to serve the Chicago Philatelic Society for 1928: President, B. L. Voorhees; Vice-President, W. N. Emerson; Secretary, J. A. Zalud; Treasurer, C. F. Mann, and Messrs. Boehm, Henman, Howle, Rech and Severn were named as additional directors. The annual banquet of the society is slated for February 16th at the Brevoort Hotel.

THE Furniture City Stamp Club Bulletin, is a folio devoted to the interests of the club, edited by Roland Goodman, under the sponsorship of J. W. Van Brook of the Y. M. C. A., Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the Furniture City, if you have to know.

MR. A. F. MERELL, San Francisco, sends a clipping from the *Examiner* of his city, in the form of an Associated Press dispatch that says that Suzanne Lenglen not alone is interested in collecting with a penchant for air-mail issues, but that her father, as well, is decidedly smitten and is collecting "British stamps." Moreover, the explanation is made that her former manager, Baldwin Baldwin of California, has spent twenty thousand dollars for air mail covers, and that he does his stamp buying in Paris, under the tutelage of Suzanne, who attends to the bargaining and translating in behalf of Mr. Baldwin.

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PHILATELIC MASONRY

By RUSSELL A. COWLES.

Masonry and philately are both universal in character and, as such, furnish a most interesting and unexplored field for the philatelist who attempts to trace the connections between them. The masonic philatelist finds three separate fields in which to devote his attention. On certain stamps there appear typical insignia, notably those of Malta, which contain, on the newer issues, certain masonic symbols of the higher degrees. Whether this fact is a mere coincidence or not is hard to say, since many symbols are universal and their use is not confined to any particular group or time.

Cancellations furnish another interesting aspect of the subject. In the old days before the use of the modern cancelling machine the postmaster used make-shift devices, many times merely a piece of wood or cork which he whittled according to his own fancy or imagination. If he happened to be a member of the masonic fraternity the design naturally took that trend and we have possibly twenty or so of these different designs recorded. Very few can be assigned to any particular town and only in a few cases is it definitely known where they originated. The 1861 issue furnishes the greatest number of these designs with a few on 1851 issues and some even as late as 1879.

From a universal standpoint the large number of masons who appear in portrait on postage stamps is probably of greatest interest. In the early and tumultuous days when this country was fighting for its very existence, and in the subsequent days of its birth and construction as a nation, many of America's "great men" appeared. Several of these men who appear on postage stamps were masons.

America's greatest citizen and its greatest mason, George Washington, appears on the current two cent stamp as well as on a large number of the older and obsolete issues. Next to George Washington probably the most common picture appearing on the U. S. postage stamps is that of Benjamin Franklin, likewise a mason and one of the "founders" of this country. Since a number of presidents appear on postage stamps it might be well to consider those who were masons. James Monroe appears on the current 10c orange, Andrew Jackson appears on the 3c purple 1890 issue as well as earlier issues. William McKinley has his portrait on the current 7c black. James A. Garfield appears on the 6c red-orange current issue. Theodore Roosevelt appears on the 5c blue and Warren G. Harding on the 1½c brown current issue. All of these presidents were masons. Lincoln, whose portrait appears on several issues, while not a mason is known to have petitioned an Illinois lodge for admission only a very short time before his premature death.

Henry Clay, likewise a mason, is found on the 15c 1890 issue, as well as that great American patriot Alexander Hamilton, who appears on the 30c 1870-71 issue. The White Plains issue of 1926 is also a representation of Alexander Hamilton's Battery. John Marshall, chief justice of the U. S. supreme court, also a mason, appears on the $5 green 1894 issue. Livingstone, a mason, has his portrait on the 1c green Louisiana Purchase issue. Charles A. Lindbergh, whose epoch making flight across the Atlantic caused him to be honored with a special 10c blue air mail issue, was also made a mason only a short while before his successful flight.

Outside of United States freemasonry has its greatest following in Great Britain and the English royal family is well represented in masonry as well as on the postage stamps of Great Britain and its colonies. King Edward was a mason, and before his succession to the throne was grand master of masons in England. The present Prince of Wales is a mason as well as the Duke of Connaught. Another famous English mason appears on postage stamps but it was reserved for another country to so honor him. Lord Byron, the famous English poet, was a great lover of liberty and in commemoration of the aid and service he had rendered, Greece issued a special series of two stamps in 1924 on the 100th anniversary of his unsuccessful attempt to aid the Greeks in overthrowing Turkish rule.

The present portrait series of the German Republic contains several of Germany"s famous men, several of whom were masons. Frederick the Great, whom several authorities claim as the father of Scottish Rite freemasonry, appears on the 10pf of that issue. With him is Goethe and Schiller, two of Germany's poets, appearing on the 3pf and 5pf respectively. Beethoven, and of the greatest of musicians, appears on the 20pf and Lessing, the great novelist, appears on the 30pf of that issue.

Austria also has issued a series of postage stamps in 1922 with portraits of its "greatest." Among these will be

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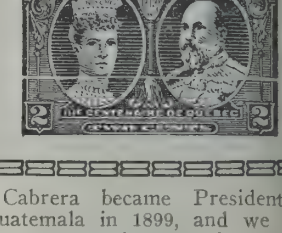

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A Junior Suggestion

By ROBERT SMUTNY (8).

A year ago I started to save stamps. I am 8 years old and have about 5,500 stamps. The Junior page I like, and get lots of help from it, but I read the other parts also. When the grown-ups mention some stamps, like the 2d, 4d St. Helena, 6d Gambia, 2s and 2s 6d Dominica and others, I wish they would please put Scott's number beside it so we Juniors would know just of which stamp they are speaking. Mother would let me buy some, but wants me to get the right ones, and this number would help. Seven boys I know save stamps. I wish there was a stamp club near me. I am enclosing my answer to the new contest. I like the contests, they make one remember.

The Stamp Album

Many beginners start on too grand a scale, and kill their interest at the outset. To put a small collection into a huge album is as silly as to use a haystack for a pincushion. If you are out to collect stamps, then stamps are the things which to concentrate both your time and your money. The object of a stamp album is to assist you in the formation of a collection, to make your stamps, when you have got them, easy of access for reference and study.

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A small collection will be full of interest in a compact, cheap album, or even in a plain exercise book, if neatly and cleanly arranged. Later on, when the collection begins to bulge the covers, you will find a new pleasure in transferring the stamps to more commodious premises. But we have a lot to learn before then, and the chief thing we shall require is patience, for a collection of anything is not got together without steady persevering effort.—*Guide to Stamp Collecting.*

"Country" Etymology

Sweden. In the vernacular language Sverige, is constructed from Svea-Rike, which signifies Svenen Empire.

Wurtemberg. From Wirtemberg, a castle not far from Stuttgart, on the red mountains.

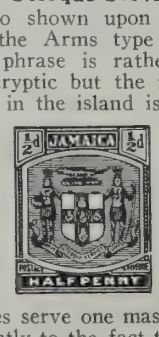
England. Land of the Angles, those Germans from the district of the present Schleswig-Holstein, who came to England together with the Saxons under their leaders Hengist and Horsa, a short time after the downfall of the Roman Empire.

Finland. Land of the Finns. The name of the Finns is the Gothic translation of their peculiar name soumalist, swamp men, from Souma swamp, moor.

—*Ill. Briefmarken Jour.—Am. Jour. Phil.*

Indus Uterque Serviet Uni

The motto shown upon the Jamaica stamps of the Arms type issued since 1903. The phrase is rather condensed and a bit cryptic but the interpretation put upon it in the island is:—"Let each



of the Indies serve one master," an allusion apparently to the fact that there are dominions under the British flag in both the East Indies and the West Indies.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

Palace of Minerva
Guatemala, A31
1902, 6c

Cabrera became President of Guatemala in 1899, and we have his name on the 1902 six centavo value in the minutest inscription to be found on a stamp. It is also on the facade of the Palace of Minerva and reads: "Manuel Estrada Cabrera, Presidente de la Republica a la Juventud Estudiosa," a part of which means presumably that President Cabrera has dedicated this structure to studious youth. Minerva was the ancient patroness of learning, and as the city of Guatemala possesses a university, a national library, schools of art, medicine, engineering and agriculture, a conservatory of music, with several evening technical schools, the palace of Minerva is quite appropriate.

Rahway Stamp Club

By PAUL C. HOWARD, *Pres.*

This month is the 2nd anniversary of a stamp Club in the Y. M. C. A., at Rahway, N. J., which was started in January, 1926. We have a club of boys whose ages range from 10 to 15. We would like to communicate with other clubs and receive suggestions as to how to run our meetings, and interesting topic to take up. Would those who communicate with us please send letters to 166 Central Av.

Questions and Answers

Q.—I bought a packet of stamps recently, and in it there were some stamps postmarked, but they had still all the gum on the back, and do not appear to have been stuck on letters. What are they?

A.—In some countries, in order to cater for the demand for used stamps for collections, the post office obligingly postmarks stamps in sheets. Such stamps are described as postmarked to order. It is not always possible to say whether stamps have been postmarked to order or really used.

Q.—How should I go about valuing my collection?

A.—Value it as something precious, to be taken care of, studied, and turned to for recreative interest, but not to be parted from for lucre.

Q.—Can you advise me what country I ought to specialise in?

A.—No collector should specialise until he has a fair general knowledge of stamps. In choosing a country to specialise in, one must be guided by inclination and opportunity. In your general collecting you have perchance been more attracted to the stamps of one country than another; some country is consequently better represented there, and provides a good start for specialising. In any case, you have to make your own choice.—*Guide to Stamp Collecting.*

Mormon Stamps

Bogus labels issued some years ago purporting to be a series of stamps for the use of the Mormons in Utah. These labels bear a portrait of Brigham Young and are inscribed "Utah Postage." There are three values—two, five and eight cents, respectively.

K. K. K.

These letters, placed in triangular arrangement on the Philippine insurgent stamps, were the initials of the first three words of the famous or infamous "Katipunan" society, a secret organization formed upon Masonic usage for patriotic purposes. It was the instigator of the various rebellions against the Spaniards and the power behind the so-called "Aguinaldo Government," its symbolism—a triangle enclosing a sun and three stars—appearing on the stamps as well. Its full name was *Kataas-taasang Kalagayan Katipunan Nang Manga Anac Nang Bayan* or "Sovereign Worshipful Association of the Sons of the Country."

Junior Dictionary

Prince Edward Island.—An island situated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Stamps were first issued on January 1, 1861, and these special stamps were superseded by the general issue for Canada on July 1, 1873.

Principaute De Monaco.—Found on the stamps of Monaco, *i.e.*, "Principality of Monaco."

Printed Both Sides.—Errors upon which the design is shown on the back as well as upon the face.

Printed Matter, Stamps For.—Stamps issued for use on newspapers and printed matter only.

Printing.—Various methods of printing employed in the production of postage stamps.

Printings.—Separate editions of the same stamp or stamps issued at different periods.

Prince Henry Issue.—A special set of stamps issued in Portugal in 1894 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Prince Henry the Navigator.

Printer's Waste.—A term sometimes applied to errors and freaks in postage stamps which may reasonably be suspected of having become circulated by more or less illegitimate means.

Prir.—An overprint shown on certain Iceland stamps issued in 1897. The first letter is not a true "p" but a Saxon letter signifying "th." The whole word means "three."

Prisoners' Letters.—Letters mailed by prisoners of war, which are not as a rule franked with stamps but bear some indication of the fact that they are from prisoners.

Private Stamps.—Issued by private individuals or societies, with official sanction, and recognized by the Government of the countries in which they appear as having proper franking power within certain specified limits. Instances may be found in the private stamps for Civilian Rifle Clubs issued in Portugal, and the stamp issued by Senor Duro in Spain in 1881.

Saving Money

(From "Stamp Collecting Hints" issued free of charge by T. D. Bottome, 2934 Shriver Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.)

In beginning a collection of stamps, it will be found that many of them may be obtained at a very moderate cost, and by steadily collecting, one can invest as little or as much money in stamps as may be desired, which may be considered a good method of saving money. A good collection may be valuable beyond expectations in a surprisingly short time.

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ent. If the prewar German bonds had emained good they would have earned bout 40 per cent. in the same time.

The increase in the value of the stamps f other countries may be found in a imilar manner. It may be interesting to now that on a general average the tamps of nearly all countries have about loubled in value during any ten-year eriod, and in some instances the increase as been 300 per cent. or more.

The truth of these statements is a evelation to those who have been prejuiced to stamp collecting for no reason hatever excepting that perhaps it may eem to them to be a sort of child's play nd unworthy of serious thought. But side from the investment point of view he stamp collector obtains a splendid eturn in the recreation and charm of ollecting. Nevertheless it is an interestng hobby that may unwittingly become splendid investment. We have a true ecord of a school boy who began colecting in 1860 and kept accurate account of all his stamp purchases, which ad totaled about $350 up to 1896, when e sold his collection to the well known tamp dealers, Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., of ondon, England, who paid him $15,000 n cash.

I Polska Wystawa Marek

This inscription means "First Polish Stamp Exhibition." The exhibition in uestion was held at Warsaw in May, 919, and was organized by the Polish Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. The tamps bearing this inscription were sold t a small premium above face value, the xtra amount being donated to the Polish Red Cross.

Japanese Consular Offices

For many years the Japanese mainained local post offices at many towns n China and Corea, these usually being nder the supervision of the resident onsul. The stamps used in these offices were the ordinary issues of Japan overprinted at the base with minute native characters. The offices in China are still n existence but surcharged stamps for se in Corea were discontinued in 1901, nd shortly afterwards the Corean posal service was entirely merged with that of Japan.

In Lighter Vein

A provincial post-office recently had placed along the whole front of its counter a piece of wire netting raised just enough to allow small parcels, etc., to be pushed under it. This gave the local wits an opportunity of chaffing the officials by facetious allusions to the Zoo, but even a postal worm will turn at last.

The other evening a smart youth strolled in, and, after surveying the recent addition to the appointments of the place, he turned with a grin to the young lady behind the counter.

"What time do the animals feed, miss?"

"Not just yet, I'm afraid," replied the lady, sweetly; "but if you're hungry you can start now," and she placed a handful of nuts on the counter before the smart young man, who pinched himself in the swing door in his hurry to get away from the laughter of those present.

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A gentleman living in a rural part of Lancashire sent his coachman to a neighbouring village for five shillings-worth of penny stamps.

After a time, John returned from his tramp of two miles.

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"Got the stamps, John?"

"Yes, sir," the man replied, handing over a batch of half-penny stamps.

"I said penny stamps, John, and you've got half-penny ones."

"Yes, sir," and the smile widened. "I asked for five shillings-worth of stamps, and the post-master says, 'Half-penny or penny?' 'Do you sell half-penny stamps?' I asked. 'Yes,' said he. 'Well,' says I, 'if you can buy stamps for a half-penny, what's the use of payin' a penny?' An' I bought the half-penny stamps, sir."—*Postage Stamp.*

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PHILATELIC MASONRY

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noted the following masons: Hayden, Mozart, and Beethoven, all great composers, apear on the 2½, 5, and 7½ K respectively. Even in Italy we have the portrait of that great Italian patriot and mason, Mazzini, appearing on a special commemorative issue in 1922. Another great Italian patriot and mason, Garabaldi, has been honored by the little country of San Marino with a special issue of stamps in 1924.

Within the last few months has appeared a special American Legion issue of two values in France. On these stamps are the portraits of George Washington, already mentioned, and that of Marquis de Lafayette who rendered such great services to this country during the Revolution. During that period Lafayette was made a mason in one of the military lodges of the Continental Army.

During the decline and fall of Spanish rule in the new world a great number of men in various countries arose to guide the people in their flight for freedom from Spanish oppression. It is rather difficult to trace any masonic connections of these men since greatest secrecy was preserved during those times. However, we do have definite information of one group of masons in the Philippines who strove to break the Spanish yoke. Among these is the ill-fated Jose Rizal who appears on the 2c green of the Philippines. Rizal was the backbone of the Philippine revolution and because of his influence was summarily court martialed and shot by the Spanish governor when the opportunity presented itself.

This short article is not intended to be complete and undoubtedly a masonic connection can be traced to a large number of other men appearing on postage stamps of all countries. To the philatelic mason this subject will present great interest and certainly deserves great attention.—*American Philatelist.*

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United States

Washington Notes

The Postmaster General has not, as yet, approved the issuing of a stamp to commemorate the Encampment at Valley Forge, but it is hoped that this will receive his favorable consideration and final approval. Numerous letters are reaching the Third Assistant Postmaster General, and it is hoped that more communications from interested parties will be addressed him upon the subject. As previously mentioned, the Senators from Pennsylvania are in favor of such a variety, and they have so informed the proper authorities.

Mr. Merritt C. Huse, president of the Kiwanis Club, of Philadelphia, advises me that they have addressed the Department favorably upon the subject. Get out your history and read of these things, and I believe it will be finally conceded that the event is well worthy of commemoration.

Our stamps so far this last year or so have commemorated battles of the Revolution, and one commemorating an Encampment, possibly showing Washington in prayer, would be a new departure.

English papers are carrying news to the effect that the Lindbergh stamp is shortly to be superseded by a new stamp. There is no basis of fact for this statement, for at the present time the Department is not even considering the subject.

No new stamps are expected in the immediate future, and while numerous suggestions are being received, no favorable action has been taken.

1½c Rotary Variety

Mr. C. H. Sauers has submitted a curiosity namely—a block of the current 1½c Rotary Print, in which one entire stamp is almost blotted out by means of a smear. This smear was either caused by a thumb or by a piece of rag touching the plate and then being pressed on the sheet. An inspection of the smear leads one to believe that it was impressed by something that had just touched the wet plate. It is not sufficiently distinct to be classified as a double print, but is a curious variety, nevertheless.

Air Mail Notes

Postmaster General New announced on January 5th that, effective February 1, 1928, air mail service over the route from Chicago, Ill., to Dallas, Texas, will be changed to a night schedule, connecting with the route from Dallas to Galveston, Texas, via Fort Worth and Houston, and with the route from Dallas to San Antonio, via Fort Worth, Waco, Austin and San Antonio, which latter routes are to begin operation on February 6th. Complete schedules will be announced later.

The southbound plane will leave Chicago in the evening on receipt of mail from the transcontinental plane which leaves New York at 12.15 p. m. daily. This will make possible air mail delivery to Dallas and Fort Worth early the following forenoon, and at the other Texas air mail points in the forenoon or early afternoon of the day following dispatch from New York City. The northbound planes will leave the Texas terminals in the late afternoon or evening, arriving in Chicago for early morning delivery with direct connection with air mail routes to St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Detroit. Connection will also be made with the eastbound transcontinental plane at Chicago due to arrive at the New York terminal in the late afternoon.

Under date of January 7th, the Second Assistant Postmaster General announced that effective with the northbound trip leaving Dallas at 6.57 p. m., and the southbound trip leaving Chicago at 8 p. m. on February 1st, the schedule on C. A. M. No. 3, will be changed so that the Dallas plane reaches Chicago 7.30 a. m. the following morning, and the Chicago plane will reach Dallas on 8.33 a. m. of the following day.

Argentine.—*Air Stamps.*—Mr. A. H. Davis writes, under date of November 22nd: 'The Latecoere Co. inaugurated to-day the South American section of the air mail route as far as Natal (Brazil), and in this connection the Argentine postal authorities have in preparation a special set of aviation stamps of the following values:—For Europe and Africa: 18c, 36c, 54c, 72c, 90c, 1.08, 1.26, 1.80, 3.60. For Brazil: 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 50c, and 1 peso."—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Ecuador.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us for chronicle the 3c sepia, 4c deep green, and the 5c carmine stamps of 1926 issue with the surcharge "Quito," a railway train and "1926" and the word "Esmeraldo." The 3c is in red while the other two values are in black. Mr. Roberts further informs us that stamps are also found with the overprint inverted. The surcharge is poorly done and is very indistinct.

Finland.—Mr. Oscar Hill advises that this country has issued its first Commemorative stamp which is to celebrate its 10th anniversary as a Republic. Mr. Hill writes that he received a letter on Jan. 4th, franked with this stamp, which is of 2 mark value. It is blue on a white background with the Finnish Court of Arms in the centre while at the top is "Suomi" and at the base "Finland." At the right side is the date Dec. 6, 1927, while at the left is Dec. 6, 1917.

Leeward Islands.—Apropos of our recent forecast of the intended discontinuance of the 5d denomination, Mr. L. W. Brummitt shows us a new shade of the current stamp (Script wmk.), viz., purple and greenish-yellow (instead of purple and olive-green).—*Stamp Collecting.*

Luxemburg.—Mr. W. T. Wilson reports the appearance of two provisionals. The 40c orange and the 75c deep blue, of the design as A12, have been surcharged "35" and "60" respectively in black.

Norway.—Ibsen Stamp.—Further to the note in our issue of May 14th last, the *Observer* states that a special Ibsen stamp will be issued on the occasion of the Ibsen centenary, bearing his portrait and his signature. The first idea was to issue the stamps on January 1 next, but owing to certain difficulties they will not now be seen till the end of February.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Paraguay.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1 peso, bright green, picturing Pedro Juan Cabailero in the centre with the surcharge "c" in the upper right corner in black. Also a new 2.50 pesos in pale brown bearing the likeness of Fulgencio Yegros.

Peru.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of 50c violet, issue of 1924, with the surcharge "Servicio Aereo" in two lines in black.

THE BR. SOLOMON ISLANDS

The Solomon Islands, where natives are reported to have massacred British officials and a group of native police, have long had the blackest reputations because of the ferocity of their inhabitants, according to a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

"The islands were given their present name by their Spanish discoverer because of their supposed richness in gold," says the bulletin. But the gold turned out to be worthless iron pyrites, and a subsequent French visitor called them, "The Land of Assassins."

A Dark, Kinky-Haired Race

"Civilization and Christianity have never made any marked impress on the Solomon Islanders. British law has been observed to a certain extent because of fear; but little time elapses in any of the island communities without a murder.

"The natives are Melanesians, much blacker than the light colored Polynesians of Samoa and the Marquesas. The typical Solomon Islander has kinky, black hair, but in many cases it has been covered with a lime paste made from coral until it has been bleached to a pinkish tan. Many of the men have sinister expressions and they seem to have a veritable instinct to kill. As one visitor phrased their attitude: every stranger is an enemy, and it is of course a virtue to kill enemies.

"There has been no cohesion among the people. In the old days head-hunting was their chief combined occupation and sport of the adult males. Any near-by village was a fair source of heads. If a more ambitious expedition was desired the warriors climbed into their war canoes, visited a neighboring island, and if successful came back with their boats loaded with the heads of men, women and children. These were hung up in the community 'club house' or in the canoe houses.

Irresistible Desire to Kill

"British control has about put an end to head-hunting, but the desire to kill remains and crops out in miscellaneous murders. The favorite method of attack has always been to spring upon the victim from behind and finish him off before he knows what is afoot. The first rule of conduct a newly arrived white man learns in the Solomons is never to allow a native to walk behind him. Instances are on record where trusted natives have begged their white benefactor not to walk in front of them while on the trail. The temptation to strike, the assert, is almost irresistible.

"The Solomons, 900 miles northeast of Australia, are among the most remote of the Pacific Islands, yet save for the Laccadrones, and perhaps the Marshalls, they were the earliest found by Europeans. They were discovered strangely, from Peru, when adventurers, thirsting for more gold, heard rumors of a continent close by to the west. The expedition under Medana, sailed in 1567, and managed like the expedition of Magellan, to cross the vast Pacific without finding any of the many important islands. In the Solomons they had numerous brushes with the natives, and a number of the voyagers were killed.

Islands Lost for Two Centuries

"After Medana's two ships returned to New Spain, the Solomons were lost for two centuries, being rediscovered by a French expedition in 1767.

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The writer, who is interested in blocks of U. S. postage stamps, has been much concerned by the great increase in their value, as indicated by the 1928 edition of Scott's Specialized Catalogue.

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For comparison of values between that time and the present, the writer has compiled a list of the prices catalogued at the sale mentioned, which were compiled as four times or more of the price of a single stamp (there being then no published catalogue of blocks), and the prices indicated in the present catalogue.

This list comprises 42 items of pairs and blocks from 1847 to 1869 inclusive, and includes blocks larger than four at two, or three times the present list price of a block of four, regardless of the fact that in many instances a block larger than four of a desirable item is really worth much more than that ratio of value.

A short computation shows the increase in value of the items listed to be a little more than nine hundred and forty per cent, which would be considered a good profit on any commodity as a fifteen-year investment.

DECEMBER SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

The returns for December are very gratifying, a distinct increase in entries being noticeable. The fine co-operative extended is very gratifying. W. W. Betts, the Johnson Stamp Co. and the Ancher Stamp Co. are the leaders for the month, with A. R. Perry and H. A. Keigwin tied with 14. We are particularly pleased with the 12 new subscriptions sent in by Norman Shepard. The following sent in ten or more subscriptions during the month of December:—

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REMINISCENCES OF LONG AGO

Mr. Frederic Breitfuss.

By CHAS. J. PHILLIPS.

I think that very few of the present day American collectors can know anything about the late Mr. Frederic Breitfuss of St. Petersburg, Russia, and yet only some twenty years ago he was considered to have the third largest general collection in the world, ranking after Ferrary of Paris, and Tapling of London, and before the period that the Worthington collection had attained the position it had in later years when it was dispersed.

As Breitfuss is so little known here I think a few particulars of his life and of his collection should prove of interest.

Frederic Breitfuss was born Sept. 16, 1851, and commenced collecting stamps when at school, about 1865.

In 1872 he entered a business house in Marseilles, and there bought several collections which had been pawned by French officers on leaving Marseilles in 1870 to go and fight in the Franco-German war. Breitfuss told me that these collections were sealed up, and the pawnbrokers would sell them only unopened; only one of these turned out a real bargain.

In December, 1873, Breitfuss moved to London and remained there about two years. While there Dr. Viner persuaded him to join the London Philatelic Society (now The Royal). There he met the then leading collectors, such as Judge Philbrick, V. de Ysasi, M. de Johannis, Sir D. Cooper, T. K. Tapling, etc.

Mr. Breitfuss told me many interesting anecdotes of those days. He stated that about 1874, Senf sent him the first copy he ever saw of a circular Moldavia —the 27p. As the copy was not pretty, he sent it to Sir Daniel Cooper at $12.50, who kept it. Mr. Philbrick, at the next meeting of the Society, on hearing of this, said "Oh, if stamp collectors will pay such prices, collecting will be impossible, and that will be the end of Philately! !"

In 1875 Mr. Breitfuss moved to Odessa and met a few collectors there and added to his already great collection.

In 1877 he left Odessa and returned home to St. Petersburg.

The father of Mr. Breitfuss was the Court jeweller, and had much influence, which he used to obtain stamps for his son. He also made him some good presents—for instance, in 1866 he ordered from Herr Ernst Paul Wuttig, of Leipzig, all stamps he could supply at 10 silbergroschen (about 25 cents) each and under, and received a large parcel; among them were the British Guiana 1862 typeset 1c and 2c.

Breitfuss bought many collections and added the cream of these to his own.

Among the most famous of these were the collections of Prince Galitzin-Ostermann, for which he gave $7,500.00 in 1887 and the famous collection of Mr. Theodor Notthaft, director of the Russian-Chinese and International Banks, which he bought in 1898 for over $35,000.

Breitfuss collected on the broadest lines of general collecting. He included essays, trials, proofs, issued stamps, both unused and used, forged stamps used postally, errors, stamps on covers, bisected stamps used for a portion of their original value. Also envelopes, postcards, Locals, etc. He also specialized in stamps that could be plated, such as New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, Nevis, British Guiana, Mauritius, etc., etc.

In European countries he had wonderful specialized collections of Switzerland, France, German States, etc., etc.

About twenty-five years ago it appeared likely that the Breitfuss collection would be purchased intact and given to the Russian nation. At this period one of his good friends and a great client of my old firm, was the late Grand Duke Alexis Michaelovitch. His Highness intimated to Mr. Breitfuss his wish to purchase his collection and to give it to the nation, placing it, under the charge of Mr. Breitfuss, in one of the great museums of St. Petersburg. Unfortunately the Grand Duke died before this arrangement could be carried out. A little later on some collectors in Russia approached Mr. Breitfuss and offered him $165,000 for his collection; this however, was declined.

Early in 1907 Breitfuss wrote to me and asked if my firm would care to purchase his famous collection.

In May, 1907, I went to St. Petersburg accompanied by the late G. Hamilton Smith, and spent ten days in making a thorough valuation.

We found that Breitfuss valued his envelopes, postcards, and locals at such high figures that there was no chance of coming to terms on these, also Breitfuss decided to keep a few countries of little commercial value, such as the Central American group, as he wished to have a few books to keep up his interest in Philately.

With these exceptions I bought the whole of this great general collection contained in seventy large volumes mostly crammed full almost to the point of bursting the backs.

Mr. Breitfuss had the habit of marking on the hinge of almost every stamp he bought separately, price paid and date from whom he bought it.

I made a number of notes of these prices as I think there is much interest in showing where famous stamps came from and prices paid.

Switzerland—Zurich, 4rp mint pair bought in 1881 for $20.00.

Saxony—Error, ½ngr in blue, from Dr. Kloss in 1879 for $15.00.

New Zealand—Colonial print, 1s green on blue, unused, from J. W. Palmer in 1873 for $2.50.

About 1874 Breitfuss wrote Mr. Bassett Hull and asked him to send him all dated copies of old New Zealands in exchange for Russian Locals. In due time he got a nice parcel all at one penny each. In these Breitfuss found a penny brown, perforated and watermarked N Z. This copy was dated July, 1873, and is the only dated copy of which I have any record.

Victoria—5sh blue on yellow, mint from J. B. Moens in 1881 for $7.00.

Spain—1865, 12c rose and blue, a mint horizontal pair, one stamp having the frame inverted. This unique piece was sold by J. B. Moens in 1882 for $1.25. Probably the inverted frame was not noticed.

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IN renewing his subscription our friend Herman W. Boers informs us that should he be deprived of the WEEKLY he would feel much the same as a pump without a handle. Those of us who live in the city are sufficiently acquainted with country ways to appreciate the force of this comparison. Mr. Boers sends us a news item which we use elsewhere.

E. H. WILSON of the Witch City Stamp Co., 195 Essex St., Salem, Mass., can get no replies to letters sent J. A. M. Vallette, Casa Grande, Ariz. Interested parties should write Mr. Wilson.

LAST week we published information relative to some stamp office robberies on Nassau St. J. A. Galbraith informs us that his office was twice entered, his stock badly disarranged and much of his better class material stolen. As we go to press there have been no arrests.

THE Wayne Stamp Society of Detroit has elected the following officers for 1928:—President, A. C. Butzen; Vice-President, George Bauer; Secretary, H. Fritz; Treasurer, Alex. M. Doig; Auction Manager, Clyde Jackson; Publicity, Herman W. Boers. This society meets every Thursday evening in the new Recreation Community Bldg., Fairview and Canfield Sts., Detroit, Mich.

THE Michigan Stamp Club of Detroit is making plans and preparations for the annual banquet to be held in March. Pres. Chas. Brisley has appointed the following committee:—Harry C. Carter, Chairman, Karl Koslowski and Horace Hartwell. It promises to be the biggest yet pulled off, and is always looked forward to as a good time. Of course the ladies will be there.—HERMAN W. BOERS.

50c gray, dated 3 May, 1891, from Theodor Buhl, $75.00.

Saxony—1850, 3pf red, mint, from Dauth of Frankfurt in June, 1881, $2.50.

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New Caledonia—1859, Two sheets of the 50 types of the 10c from Moens, 1887, $21.25 each.

Tuscany—60cr unused from Dauth, 1881, $20.00. 3 lire, full gum, from Moens, $30.00.

The above are most of the special stamps of which I happened to make a record of the prices.

I have records of many stamps in this famous collection, and I note a few that may be of interest to American collectors.

United States—1847, 5c, unused block of six. 1857, 24c *red-lilac,* two copies unused. Breitfuss told me that he got one of these in 1880 from the Post Office Department in St. Petersburg. The Aug., 1861, were not known to Breitfuss as a separate issue, but he had some of them, mixed with the later issue, as shades, among them a superb 30c red-orange.

U. S. 1867, grill all over, a mint pair bought from Moens for $1.50.

In German State stamps on covers he had a wonderful lot of rarities, such as Lubeck, Bergedorf, Oldenburg, etc. I think an outstanding cover was a Baden franked with Landpost, four of 1kr, one 3kr, and three 12kr, also another rare item in Baden, was a cover franked with half a 12kr, used as a 6kr rate.

I sold many rare stamps of the F. W. Ayer collection, especially British North American and British Guiana, to the St. Petersburg banker, Mr. T. Notthafft, and as Breitfuss bought the Notthafft collections two years after the owner's death—I had many of the rare items from that collection on sale a second time. Through our then agent in the United States—Mr. Eustace B. Power—we resold many of these stamps back to Americans, especially to the late G. H. Worthington, the Hon. E. R. Ackerman and Mr. F Herman.—*Philatelic Classics.*

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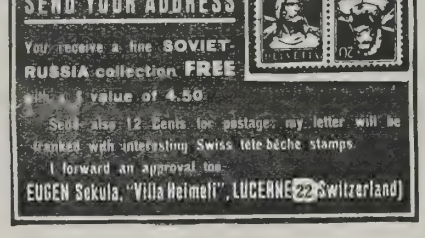
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STAMP MARKET GOSSIP

By "THE SEER OF THE STRAND."

The "Best Things" of 1927.—Readers will remember that in my notes of December, 1926, I made reference to the many "good" things I had advocated during that year. I am not going to worry now about what has transpired during 1927, but will content myself with saying that I have again "touched lucky." Without exception, my prognostications have borne fruit, and it only remains for me to finish up the year with some more of the right sort. Before doing so, however, I may be forgiven, perhaps, for again alluding to my "Best Thing" of October— the 2/6 value of South West Africa, bi-lingual overprint on Union. I mentioned this also in my opening remarks of November, and again have to say that this stamp is still on the upgrade. To-day's market value of the pair is 60/-, and it will assuredly soar to a higher figure. The 10/- denomination is also on the increase, and I value this pair to-day at £4 10s.

South-West Africa again reminds me that I have another "rod-in-pickle" here. I am going to inflict another pair from this most popular country on my readers as my "Best Thing of the Month." This is the new 5d Postage due, overprinted "Suidwes" on the Transvaal due of that value. I understand there were only 20 sheets of this value printed, then the supply ran out. Eighteen of these sheets were sent to dealers in this country, and the remaining two fell into the hands of local dealers. There are no more likely to be printed as this is the last of the Transvaal 5d dues, which have done duty for many years in the Union of South Africa. We may expect an entirely new issue very shortly.

St. Vincent.—There are two stamps of this little Colony which I think are well worth acquiring. They are the 6d value, M.C.A., S.G. No. 114, and the 3d blue, script, S.G. No. 134. The former has just been issued with the script wmk., and the obsolete stamp is certain to rise in value very shortly. The latter stamp is, to my mind, much underpriced in current catalogues. It is quite a good little item and the quotation does not do it justice. It will certainly make headway in the near future.

Mauritius.—A little whisper has reached me that the 10 rupees will shortly be issued with the script watermark. When one stops to think what happened at the time the 5 rupees of this Colony changed to the script, one can judge what will happen when the 10 rupees changes. I strongly advise all interested to acquire the various papers and dies whilst prices are low. In passing, I should like to mention that the value of the 10 rupees, blue-green, with olive back, is worth every penny of its catalogue quotation. The emerald throughout Die I, should turn out to be a very good stamp.

Bermuda.—The 1/- value, jet-black on olive S.G. 51a, is exceedingly difficult to obtain in used condition. This stamp had a very short life, and I have no qualms in recommending readers to obtain it in either mint or used condition, as it is certain to rise in price shortly.

Malta.—It is a long time since I referred to this Colony, but recent price lists have tempted me to mention one of the "POSTAGE" overprints as being offered at the present time at a much lower figure than the issue warrants. I allude to the 2/6 value, which, in my opinion, will soon be just as scarce as the 2/-. There was never a large number of this denomination about, and those of us who regularly patronise a New Issue Service, know what we had to pay at that time. Shortage of cash in certain quarters is, to my personal knowledge, the only reason for this 2/6 value being offered at a low figure, and I advise all readers to take full advantage.

Newfoundland.—It may not be generally known that a completely new issue for our oldest Colony is in course of preparation. Such being the case, it behooves us to fill up our "blanks" whilst we have the opportunity of doing so at low rates. Newfoundland is a very popular country with philatelists, and its present pictorial issue has not had a long life, so "fill 'em up" and help along the Xmas cheer.

Irish Free State.—I note the 10d Thom, S.G. 43, still on the up-grade. On enquiry from one of our leading I.F.S. specialists, I find this stamp a very elusive item, and am assured that the catalogue quotation of 20/- mint and 5/- mint will soon be amended.

St. Helena.—Now that the 4d value has a catalogue quotation, I advise all readers interested to make sure they have a few copies of this stamp. One-and-six, to my mind, is a very low figure for it, and I should not be surprised to see this greatly increased within the next month or two.

New Zealand.—The 4d mauve, of the Dunedin Exhibition set, S.G. 538, is a greatly undercatalogued stamp. I know one or two very keen judges of the London market, who are buying all they can get at this figure. In fact, I was told by one of these gentlemen that he would be willing to pay much more if he could obtain them in blocks. Whilst knowing there is a big field here for specialism in the way of minor varieties, etc., I also know that speculation comes into the question in no mean way.

BEST THING OF THE MONTH.

South-West Africa, 5d, Postage Due on Transvaal. "SUIDES" overprint. (in pair with "South-West Africa.")

—Phil. Journal of Great Britain.

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Cuba, new Comm. issue: 1c, 20c, 5c, 8c, 2c, 10c, 13c	.85
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The Continental Ribbed Paper U.S. Issue 1873-74

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By WARNER BATES, 184 State St., Albany, N. Y.

PART III

The texture, thickness and color of the paper itself are all factors which aid the collector in readily detecting the ribbed paper used by the Continental Banknote Company.

In a previous article, the writer attempted to prove that the ribbed paper was used by the Continental people only in the latter part of 1873, or possibly in the latter months of seventy-three and the early months of seventy-four, indicating that this ribbed effect was caused by the paper-manufacturing process rather than by accident, such as worn cloth rolls or rough press boards.

An effort has also been made to show the reader how to detect ribbed paper for himself, either by holding the stamp between the eye and the light so that he can look directly through it, or by holding it so that the eye can glance transversely across the surface of the stamp, either front or back.

We will now examine other characteristics of the paper itself—texture, thickness and color.

This entire series is based on the writer's own collection of the Three Cent Green only, but, in general, the remarks apply to other denominations of the Continental emissions printed during 1873.

Thickness of the Ribbed Paper

H. L. Wiley, in his work on "The Three Cent Green," gives some interesting tables showing the thickness of the various issues of the Bank Note Company, measured with micrometers.

Of the stamps examined, 83 per cent. of the National printings ranged between twenty-five and thirty ten thousandths of an inch; Continental, 83 per cent. between .0025 and .0030; Continental Ribbed, 83 per cent. between .0025 and .0028; American, 85 per cent. between .0030 and .0036, and American Re-engraved, 77 per cent. between .0030 and .0036.

These figures indicate that the Ribbed papers are slightly thinner than the average, *but to the eye they appear thicker.* The reason for this optical illusion is undoubtedly that the ribbed paper is more closely woven and more opaque than most other papers of the Continental and other printings.

Hold the average Continental paper between the light and the eye, and you will see hundreds of alternating light and dark spots or specks. This is the woven effect. Look at the light through an ordinary linen handkerchief and you will get a somewhat similar effect.

Hold a ribbed paper example between the light and the eye and you will likewise get something of this cloth-like effect, but if you will examine it carefully you will see that this effect is not so pronounced as in other paper varieties.

It is my belief that this minute difference is due to the method in which the ribbed paper was produced. Evidence points to the fact that the paper pulp was run onto a screen of parallel wires, producing the ribbed or laid effect. This would result in the pulp being laid more thickly where it squeezed downward between the wires, and therefore made the paper throughout more opaque than normal, even if the micrometers show it to be no thicker.

Being more opaque than normal, the printing does not show through so clearly on the reverse side of the stamp as it does in other papers, which gives the ribbed paper, when viewed from the back, the appearance of being whiter.

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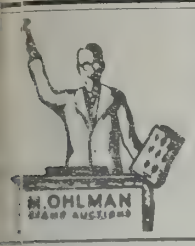

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pressed and not coarsely woven also gives the ribbed paper, viewed from the back of the stamp, an appearance of evenness of texture that other papers do not have.

In other words, you have here a paper that is more firm, compact and opaque than the average Continental paper. But don't look for a paper that is smooth or polished, because ribbed corrugations generally show quite clearly when looking transversely across the reverse surface of the stamp.

Corrugations Show on Back of Stamp

A word or two regarding the corrugations which can generally be seen when looking transversely across the reverse side of a ribbed paper copy.

In pronounced examples these tiny hills and valleys show rather clearly, but in the horizontally ribbed paper they rarely run straight across the stamp as though "ruled off"—instead they are just a trifle curved and irregular, just as real hills and valleys would show on a contour map.

To say it another way, the ribbed paper has the appearance of being slightly "crinkled." If the reader wishes to get a better conception of my meaning, he might examine a piece of crepe paper—the corrugations of the ribbed paper, looking either at or through the stamp, generally look somewhat like the corrugations of crepe paper.

What has just been said, however, is generally more true of the horizontally ribbed paper than of the vertically ribbed. In the latter paper, the corrugations seem straighter and more continuous.

Likewise, in the vertically ribbed paper, the ribbing is usually more pronounced, either looking through the stamp or across its surface.

The reason for the two foregoing facts probably has to do with the effect of the printing process upon the ribbing of the paper.

Put a magnifying glass on some ribbed paper examples and you will find that the lines of the design, generally speaking, are laid on more thickly than printings on most other papers. That is to say, the lines of printing are usually heavier and lack sharpness of detail. There is a tendency for the printed lines to merge with each other and often the horizontal lines of shading in the oval back of Washington's head merge so that this appears to be a solid mass of color. (Not true, however, of the olive-green printings on horizontally ribbed paper.)

This is an important fact and is one more indication that the ribbed paper is a distinct paper variety. Not only does the paper itself show distinct characteristics, but impressions on it generally are different from impressions on most other papers of the period in question.

Probably the reason for this peculiarity of impression is the same as has been stated before—that the ribbed paper is a firmer, more compact and opaque paper than normal—therefore, the ink was not so much absorbed or soaked into the paper—it remained where it was placed on the surface of the paper, and some lines of engraving had a tendency to run together or merge.

Yet the ribbed paper was not essentially polished or calendared, so that the ink did not have a tendency to run irregularly, producing "scraggly" or blurred lines of engraving, as is the case with American Hard Paper. The lines of printing of the ribbed paper stamps are firm and regular, but generally heavier and more pronounced than normal. Examined under a glass they appear to stand up above the surface of the paper as does the engraving on a business or calling card.

In this article I have emphasized the appearance of the ribbed corrugations on the reverse side of the stamp, but right here I want to remind the reader that the ribbing can often be seen on the surface as well as the back of the stamp.

Where this is the case, the reader will find that looking at the light, transversely across the printed surface of the stamp, the ribs will apparently glisten. This is because the light strikes the ridges leaving the valleys slightly in shadow.

Now for one more point of difference between the ribbed and other paper printings.

Wiley measured seventeen copies of the vertically ribbed, and 104 copies of the horizontally ribbed paper, and found the length and breadth of the printed designs different from the printings on other papers. He says in conclusion:

"The . . . summary indicates that all vertically ribbed stamps are .990 of an inch or more in length and .780 of an inch or less in width, and that all horizontally ribbed stamps are .990" or less in length, and .780" or more in width.

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Either in the evening of January 3rd, or early in the morning of January 4th, the office of Mr. Percy G. Doane, in the Tribune Building, 154 Nassau Street, New York, was entered through the transom and the safe cabinet robbed of some 400 lots of United States stamps. The loss suffered by Mr. Doane was somewhere in the neighborhood of $2,000.00.

The man suspected is about 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs about 140 pounds, is from 30 to 32 years of age, has dark hair and suffers from bad teeth. He wears a Fedora hat and a brown overcoat, and has an aversion to shaving. It is suspected that he operates with one or two confederates, and dealers should watch carefully for this man as he may have come on from other towns in which stamp dealers have been heavy losers through illegal entry.

The same day the shop of Mr. Max Ohlman was entered and a considerable amount of stuff stolen. The shop of Mr. J. A. Galbraith was broken into early in December and some material stolen, and again a couple of days following the Doane and Ohlman robberies, Mr. Galbraith lost two books of United States stamps, etc., and the same day an attempt was made to rob the shop of the Chambers Stamp Company.

Part of the loot had already been sold to two unsuspecting members of the stamp fraternity in New York. A great deal of the stuff can be identified, so dealers should be most careful in purchasing stamps from unknown sources, particularly when United States and British Colonies are offered in bulk lots without much regard to value. It is probable that the thieves will confine themselves to New York until the available places for robbing have been exhausted.

The greatest danger which stamp dealers have to face is while there is a market for stolen stamps by dishonest dealers, the robberies are bound to continue. While the suspected thief is evidently a bungling amateur, if the field is rich and the disposal of loot easy, he will probably get a skilled confederate to continue.

The Directors of the A.S.D.A. call particular attention to the severe penalties for buying stolen property and urge that great care be taken in dealing with unknown parties. Should any A.S.D.A. be a party to knowingly buying stolen stamps, the Association will bend every effort toward securing the utmost limit of punishment. We feel sure we have no traitors within our ranks.

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TWIN CITY ANNUAL

The fifteenth annual meeting and b quet of the Twin City Philatelic Soc of Minneapolis-St. Paul was held at Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, Saturday evening, January 14th. Offic elected for 1928: Pres., E. J. Wesche Vice-Pres., Gerald H. Burgess; S Treas., E. M. Oleson, and Directo Edward S. Stebbins, George M. Br and Lawrence D. Steefel.

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Don Jose Castener, Vice Pres. of the Philippines Philatelic Association, has written a very courteous and fraternal letter to the WEEKLY, which we take pleasure in reproducing. It was presented to Mr. Percy A. Hill, our Philippines correspondent, and as it was written in Spanish, Mr. Hill very kindly translated it as follows:—

MANILA, Dec. 12, 1927.

Distinguished Sir,

Kindly excuse me for not writing in English as I am 63 years of age, and as my friend Mr. Hill knows, it is somewhat late for me to take up the study.

At the suggestion of your compatriot and my friend Mr. Percy A. Hill, I have the pleasure to send you the philatelic menu of our banquet given in this city to the Director of Posts, Don Jose Topacio, and a photograph of the "stamp diploma" given to him, in appreciation of the many attentions he has afforded philatelists.

I also take pleasure in sending you a postcard of the Spanish cruiser "Blas de Lezo" which visited the city, and was the first Spanish warship to visit the Islands since 1898, also various news clippings relative to this, and the three stamps of which I was the author (designer), and which they did me the honor to accept, the Madrid-Manila Air-Mail surcharge, the Legislative Palace, and the Spanish Charity Fund—the "Blas de Lezo."

The latter stamp is of private character for funds for the widows and orphans of the Spanish community, but which was allowed to bear cancellations during the stay of the cruiser in port, by the courtesy of the Director of Posts, provided it was accompanied by regular postage.

There is also the design of the new Postage Due stamp now being printed in the United States, and expected here about April, 1928. (There are 7 values, 4-6-8-10-12-16 and 20 centavos printed in carmine.)

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your servant, q.b.s.m., etc.,
JOSE CASTENER.

There are some paragraphs in Mr. Hill's letter to us that will prove readable and we quote herewith:—

"While I have no doubt you are filled up with association notices, it might be a good idea to note this one. There are some 4,000 active collectors here, a good association, and many prospective MEKEEL readers, as the greater majority understand English. There are already quite a number of MEKEEL subscribers, which might be augmented. We use Scott as a medium as the dollar is just double the peso for computing values.

In relation to Sr. Casteñer, he is one of the most indefatigable philatelists, considering his age (63) I have ever seen. Added to this is no mean ability in making up the designs for the three stamps on the back of the card.

And in speaking of Commemoratives, the one made by Sr. Casteñer in 24 hours is only a private stamp gotten up for charity and in honor of the first Spanish warship to visit Manila, since their flag came down in 1898. They were able to collect quite a sum for the widows and orphans, and the postal authorities allowed cancellation during the stay of the cruiser, provided ordinary postage was used. As these stamps only cost two centavos, or one cent, and caused the government no trouble of printing, they served the immediate purpose. Of course they are not for collectible purposes. The idea regarding these was good."

The banquet of the local society tendered Sr. Jose Topacio, Director of Posts and Telegraphs of the Philippines Ids., was a notable event. A photograph sent us pictures three cakes on the guest table (1) 1854 Isabella Stamp, (2) Seal of the society, and (3) The Legislative stamp. Another photograph shows the "stamp" diploma given Sr. Topacio as a mark of esteem.

The Charity label referred to in this correspondence is shown herewith. It pictures the Spanish cruiser Blas de Lezo.

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By CORNEL KMENTT, *Sec.*

The Mahoning Valley Stamp Club of Youngstown, Ohio, held its annual meeting Jan. 13, at the new office of the Ohio Savings and Loan Co., 17 East Boardman St. The president, Perry G. Parker, gave a review of the activities of the past year, dwelling particularly on the club's share in the preliminary work to be done in connection with the great Midwestern Stamp Exhibition, to be held May 21 to 26, at Cleveland.

The Sec.-Treas., Mr. Kmentt, reported a gain of six members, which brought the membership up to thirty-three. Mr. Kmentt further reported cash on hand as well as a bank balance.

The officers for the ensuing year are:—Pres., Fred Guersch; Vice-Pres., Howard C. Buttermore; Sec.-Treas., Cornel Kmentt, 217 So. Portland Av.; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Ruth R. Eurich; Directors: Perry G. Parker and Dr. Arthur C. Tidd.

NOTES FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By PERCY A. HILL.

At a banquet our Philatelic Association gave to the Director of Posts, he informed us that he had just sent to the U. S. for 2,900,000 stamps of a new design for postage dues. These are of seven values, and the design is a Filipino boy about to post a letter. The colors and denominations will be sent later. This is the only territory under the U. S. flag that lacks the postage dues which were discontinued about 1906.

There is to hand here a little work entitled, "Stamps of the Philippines, 1854-1899," printed about a month ago, and containing some good data as to the numbers issued of the early varieties, 1854-1864, together with much material drawn from old records of the Spanish Postal Administration dealing with Philippine stamps. It would be of benefit to readers of the WEEKLY to boil down a great deal of the data contained therein. There is also another work in contemplation by Don Juan Mencarini, who intends to bring all issues, with officials, etc., up to date. The author of the first work alluded to is Sr. Jose E. Marco.

In reference to the notes in a recent issue doubting the 2-4-6-12-20-30 and 1p precancelled MANILA, P. I., these are perfectly genuine, and are the only ones used here. In addition there are some which bear an "H" below, standing for the jewelry firm of Heacock, as well as others, with letters denoting firms. Precancels will become too complicated, as well as expensive (except as a sideline like match and medicine stamps), if this keeps up.

An Australian paper says: "Canberra commemorative stamps cancelled with the Canberra postmark on May 9 are becoming much sought after by philatelists. The P.M.G. (Mr. Gibson) has received requests from stamp collectors to cancel some more. As the cancellation die has been destroyed, he is unable to comply.

Still more rare are Canberra stamps pricked with the letters O S, which indicates on service, and which are used for Governmental postage.

Each Federal member is presented with 60 stamps a week for official correspondence, and on the week of the opening ceremony members obtained their issue in commemorative stamps.

A postal official said yesterday that he had not seen one letter with a Canberra O.S. stamp on it!"

From Hong Kong comes the following:—"A copy of the China, 1912, with the Shanghai overprint inverted, has just been found. Very little is known of this error. It was first discovered in 1913, when a well known local collector unearthed a couple of copies from amongst some hundreds of used current $1 stamps. He saw that most of them had been used at Canton and immediately went there to see if he could find more. The only information the Post Master there could give him was that he had noticed that the overprint was upside down on a few of the $1 stamps and that the last had been sold over the counter ten days before. A round of the stamp dealers also failed to bring to light any more of these errors. He quietly continued his search for some time, refraining from announcing his discovery for fear the forgers would get to work, but he died without finding another copy.

The present specimen was found by a collector here among some stamps offered on an approval sheet last May. He paid the magnificent sum of $3 for it. Since then the stamp has been examined by the foremost experts on Chinese stamps and declared to be genuine. Thus the credit for this find must be given to Hong-Kong. The owner is a keen collector and is highly elated over his luck."

P.S.—Supplementary to my letter of a few days ago. I am sending herewith the denomination and numbers of the new Philippine postage dues now printing in Washington:—4c, 1,000,000; 6c, 250,000; 8c, 500,000; 10c, 250,000; 12c, 400,000; 16c, 250,000 and 20c, 250,000; Total 2,900,000.

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1907	4c olive green	170 ..	.10
1907	10c brown and black	172 ..	.03
1907	20c green and black	173 ..	.04
1907	50c black	174 ..	.08
1909	4c vermilion	179 .03	.02
1909	12c pale blue	182 ..	.03
1909	20c red brown	183 ..	.02
1909	50c yellow	184 ..	.03
1909	1 sol red and black	185 ..	.04
1912	8c on 12c, #165	186 .10	.10
1915	2c on 12c, #165	189 .04	.05
1915	1c on 10c brn. & blk.	193 .04	.05
1916	1c on 12c pale blue	196 .02	.02
1916	1c on 20c red brown	197 .02	.02
1916	1c on 50c yellow	198 .02	.02
1916	2c on 4c vermilion	199 .03	.03
1916	10c on 1s red & blk.	200 .12	.06
1916	1c red	201 .02	.02
1916	10c bistre brown	203 .10	.05
1916	2c on 1c brown	204 .20	.20
1916	2c on 5c brown	205 .06	..
1916	2c on 10c brown	206 .06	.06
1916	2c on 50c brown	207 .04	.03
1917	1c on 4c vermilion	208 .02	..
1917	1c orange and black	209 .02	.02
1917	2c green and black	210 .02	.02
1917	4c lake and black	211 .05	.02
1917	5c ultram. and black	212 .05	.02
1917	10c blue and black	214 .10	.02
1917	12c violet and black	215 ..	.02
1917	20c green and black	216 ..	.02
1917	50c vio. brn. and blk.	217 ..	.05
1918	1 sol blue and black	218 ..	.10
1918	2 soles ultra. & blk.	219 ..	.40
1920	5c blue and black	220 ..	.04
1921	1c olive and red brn.	222 .03	.02
1921	2c green	223 .03	.02
1921	4c carmine rose	224 .10	..
1921	5c olive brown	225 ..	.04
1921	7c violet	226 .10	.08
1924	4c on 5c, #212	233 .06	..
1924	2c olive green	234 .03	.02
1924	4c yellow green	235 ..	.03
1924	5c black	236 .03	.03
1924	10c carmine	237 .10	.03
1924	20c ultramarine	238 ..	.10
1924	1 sol yellow brn.	240 ..	.50
1924	20c blue	246 ..	.03
1925	2c on 20c blue	251 .06	..
1925	10c orange red	252 .50	..
1925	15c deep blue	253 .10	..
1925	5c blue	401 ..	.12
1926	5c rose red	404 ..	.10
1926	5c green	405 .06	.05
1911	10c deep blue	476 ..	1.25
1874	1c bistre	501 .02	.03
1874	5c vermilion	502a .03	..
1874	10c orange	503a .03	..
1874	20c blue	504a .15	..
1881	20c blue	509 .90	..
1881	1c bistre	511 .50	..
1884	10c orange	524 .15	.08
1884	20c blue	525 ..	.08
1884	1c bistre	527 .50	..
1896	5c vermilion	529 ..	.04
1896	20c blue	531 .10	.08
1896	50c red	532 .12	..
1896	1 sol brown	533 .20	.20
1899	5 soles yellow grn.	534 .75	..
1902	5c on 10 soles green	536 .08	.08
1902	1c on 20c blue	537 .06	..
1902	1c on 10s violet	539 .12	..
1909	1c red brown	540 ..	.02
1909	5c red brown	541 ..	.02
1909	10c red brown	542 ..	.03
1909	50c red brown	543 ..	.03
1918	1c violet brown	544 .02	..
1918	5c violet brown	546 .04	.03
1918	10c violet brown	547 ..	.03
1897	1c dull lilac	601 .15	..
1897	5c dark blue	603 .60	..
1897	10c violet brown	604 .75	..
1889	5c orange	653 ..	.25
1889	10c slate	654 ..	.15
1889	20c blue	655 ..	.35
1896	1c ultramarine	672 .02	.03
1896	10c yellow	673 ..	.10
1896	50c bright rose	674 .12	..
1901	10c black	675 .02	..
1909	1c red	676 .02	.02
1909	1c brown red	676a .02	.02
1909	10c bistre brown	677 .05	.03

CAPT. HENRY HECHLER

Philately has lost a staunch devotee in the death of Henry Hechler of Halifax, N. S., which occurred Saturday, Jan. 15. His name has been a household word with Canadian philatelists, and he had a world acquaintanceship. J. D. Cox sends us this clipping from the *Halifax Chronicle:*—

"The death occurred Saturday morning of Capt. Henry Hechler, one of the best known men of Halifax, after a fatal illness of two weeks, though for six months previously his health had not been as good as usual. Capt. Hechler, who came to Halifax when but a lad, was born in 1853, and was in business in Halifax for about half a century, having retired five or six years ago. He was an outstanding philatelist and numismatist and dealer, and his collection was conceded to be perhaps the best in Eastern Canada. In fact it is reported that on his retirement from business the deceased received over $30,000 for but part of the collection.

Capt. Hechler was elected an alderman of the city in 1876, and served for three years as representative of his ward. He was for very many years in the 63rd Rifles—now the Halifax Rifles—and rose to the rank of Capt., which he held on retirement. He was an officer of the Halifax Battalion which went to the West in service in the Riel Rebellion, and during the Great War was censor at the detention camps at MacNab's Island, Melville Island and Amherst. He was a member of the Royal British Veterans' Society and of the N. S. Stamp Club, and different philatelic organizations.

Captain Hechler was a former officer of the 63rd Regiment, Halifax Rifles, and was on the retired list at the time of his death. He will be borne to the cemetery upon a gun carriage."

AIRMAIL ROUTES 21 AND 22, FEB. 6

By HENRY O. MEISEL.

The first flight of airmail on C.A.M. 21 and C.A.M. 22 will be made February 6, and collectors desiring first flight covers should mail them to postmasters at scheduled stops in time to receive the special first flight cancellation. Route C.A.M. 21 will operate between Dallas and Galveston, with stops at Fort Worth and Houston. Route C.A.M. 22 will operate between Dallas and San Antonio, with stops at Fort Worth, Waco and Austin. All first flight covers sent by collectors will receive special attention.

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Just as we go to press a letter sent by air mail from Alaska arrives with the application of Frederick C. Schiller, Fairbanks, Alaska, president of the Arctic Philatelic Society. It is really worth the trouble of stopping the press and changing the forms in order to make Mr. Schiller a member of the Honor Club.

UNLISTED PRECANCELS

The Chicago Precancel Club has agreed to assume the responsibility of acting as a clearing house for New Issues for the forthcoming 1929 Precancel Catalog. It has appointed Arthur C. Bates, Fred Raff and Adolph Gunesch on the committee. All sendings are to be forwarded to Mr. Arthur C. Bates, chairman, 50 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, Ill. Mr. Gloeb of Omaha who formerly did this work is assisting the Editor in preparing copy for the printer.

Remember if you have unlisted varieties to send them to Mr. Bates for listing. The actual specimens must be submitted. Items submitted will be returned as soon as possible. If sent registered, they will be returned registered.

The Catalog is not a money-making proposition. It is dedicated to a great hobby, and one that lives and thrives because its adherents are blessed with an abundance of altruistic co-operation. All new listings should reach Mr. Bates by March first, so do your checking early.

The Telfer Collection of Early Canadians

I have much pleasure in announcing that I have just purchased the famous collection of early Canadian stamps, formed during many years past, by Mr. Eugene Telfer of Detroit.

Here is a case in which I have helped very largely to build up the collection and in all such cases, I am glad to have the opportunity of buying back from my clients such groups of early stamps as may suit me for my own stock.

This purchase comprises all the issues of the Province of Canada, 1851 to 1864 inclusive.

Mr. Telfer felt that he had gone as far as he possibly could in these old issues as he was hardly able to add anything to his very extensive collection and he has decided to specialize in the issues of the Dominion of Canada, commencing March, 1868, and in this group it is his idea to highly specialize the cancellations of the "small cent" issue, in which there is still very much to be learnt.

The collection is arranged in a series of Oriel Albums, beautifully written up, and all varieties carefully noted. In each value, we have, first, essays and proofs and color trials, the latter being shown both with and without "Specimen" where the owner could obtain them. Following these, we have the unused stamps, used stamps in singles, pairs, strips and blocks, and with all kinds of cancellations, then stamps on cover in numerous varieties. To give some general idea of the scope of this collection, I give a brief list of a few of the more important stamps in the early issues.

1851 Laid Papers

The 3d. Fine unused with part gum. This stamp, which I find getting quite scarce, was a favorite of Mr. Telfer's. In used he had 21 singles, 9 pairs, and several on covers, and 3 double transfers.

The 6d on laid paper, consist of 2 unused, 20 singles used, 4 pairs, and a number on covers.

The rare 12d is represented by 3 copies on the laid paper, all used, one of them being a margin stamp from the right hand side of the sheet and one having a green cancellation. The proofs of this value are exceptionally fine, some of them being very scarce, both die and plate proofs.

1852-1857 Wove Papers

There are several hundred of the 3d on the different kinds of papers, including 2 blocks of 4, several strips of 3 and 4, a very large number of pairs and some 20 double transfers.

On cover, there are a considerable number of singles and pairs in all varieties.

The unused 3d include several pairs and some brilliant singles.

The "Numeral" cancellations are a very representative lot, with a number of rare towns.

The "ribbed" paper are also exceptionally fine in singles, pairs, stamps on cover, and so on.

Thin Wove Paper

The 6d on the thin wove paper has always been a rare stamp. It apparently immediately followed after the laid paper and is very much in the color of the laid but a few sheets must have been printed on a real wove paper. These rare stamps that are catalogued by Gibbons at £12 and £15 each are well worth it when no trace of the laid line appears. In the collection, I have 7 singles, 2 pairs and 1 on cover .

Medium Hard Wove Paper

Here I have in the unused, a single and horizontal pair, and in the used, 19 singles and 2 on covers.

Thick Hard Wove Paper

A very fine unused and 13 singles and 2 on covers.

Very Thick Soft Wove Paper

One unused, 10 singles and 1 on cover.

1855 Thin Wove Paper

In the 10d unused there are 3 singles and a vertical pair, and in the used, 25 singles, a horizontal strip of 3, 8 transfer varieties, and 2 superb copies on cover.

1855 Medium Wove Paper

The 10d, superb unused with original gum, 12 singles, used, and 2 transfer varieties.

1857 Thick Hard Wove Paper

The 10d unused, fine, 5 singles, used, and 1 superb on cover.

June 1857

In the 7½d green there are 6 unused, mostly with full gum and fine margins, and this rare stamp, used, is a really wonderful lot, consisting of 18 singles and two of the finest copies on covers I have ever seen.

August 1858

The ½d rose, unused, consists of 3 singles and 2 pairs and, used, 17 singles, 3 pairs, and on cover, 2 singles and a block of 4, the latter being, I should think, almost unique.

In the rare variety of this stamp on ribbed paper, there are 3 of the vertically ribbed, and three of the horizontally ribbed, one of the latter being unused with gum.

1858-59 Perf. 12

The ½d rose, unused, 3 copies and, used, 18 singles, a pair and 1 on cover.

The 3d, 2 unused, 16 singles, 2 pairs, and 6 on cover.

The rare 6d purple is a beautiful lot consisting of 3 unused, 6 used, and a superb copy on cover.

The first issue of the "Cents" that, extending from July, 1859, to August, 1864, is highly specialized in all varieties of shade and cancellation, and Mr. Telfer made special efforts to get unusual pieces, such as rare combinations on covers, and blocks, which he found exceedingly rare and bought whenever he had the opportunity. Space will only permit me to mention a few things throughout this section.

July 1859, 1c rose-red

An unused block of 4, mint, and 2 pairs imperf. In the used, an outstanding piece is a very rare block of 8, and there are a large number of strips.

5c red

In the unused, a block of 4 and a number of pairs and strips and singles.

In the used, blocks of 4, 6 and 8, many re-entries, and a strong lot of cancellations. Throughout this issue special attention has been paid to "Numerals" in four circles, which are very complete including many of great rarity, such as those in bright green and in red.

An outstanding item in the 5c is a vertical pair imperf. on original cover, well tied on, and cancelled in blue, "Whitby, August 11, 1863."

10 cents

We have first of all, a fine page of unused—many shades—nearly all with full gum.

Outstanding pieces are the 10c real black-brown perfectly centered and with full gum, a horizontal strip of three on cover, tied on, and about 12 singles and several copies on cover. All the other shades of the 10c are represented by a vast number of copies on and off covers, many scarce cancellations and some fine pairs and strips.

12½c green

In the unused there are 3 pairs and a considerable number of singles. Also, we have here a pair and a block of 4 of the very rare imperf. stamps, a block being very seldom met with. In the used there are 2 blocks of 4, one being on cover, and a large number of pairs and combinations on cover.

17c blue

The unused include 20 singles, with several of the slate-blue, a very fine single imperf., and a unique block of four imperf., a very rare item, also several double transfers. The used include two very rare blocks, each of 4, and one of 6, and a number of pairs and stamps on cover.

I should be very happy to send selections from this collection to any client known to me or against usual references.

The whole collection is now remounted in my small approval books.

CHARLES J. PHILLIPS

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CORNERSTONE POSTAGE STAMP

On January 11, the 171st anniversar of the birth of its founder, Alexande Hamilton, the Bank of New York an Trust Company laid the cornerstone o its new 32 story building, which is bein erected at the northeast corner of Wal and William Streets in New York City on the site occupied by the bank sinc 1796.

It will be of interest to stamp collect ors to learn that among a lot of interest ing items contained in the copper bo was a complete set of current unuse United States postage stamps. Ther was also various coins minted in 192 copies of the day's newspapers on ra paper, photographs and a copy of "We by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

The set of stamps included all the cur rent values from ½ cent and up, the vari ous Special Delivery stamps, Specia Handling, and of course the airmails, in cluding the Lindbergh stamp. Also las year's commemoratives.

That there were no "straight edges was seen to by a philatelist, Mr. A. E Pade, who is connected with the For eign Department of the Bank. M Pade had the honor of procuring an arranging the stamps which were mounte like on an album page. It is to be hope that there may be stamp collectors pres ent among those of the next generatio when at some future date, maybe 50 o 100 years from now, these stamps wi again see daylight. Perhaps the preser day stamps by that time will be so rar that this little lot will be considered real "find."

Or perhaps they won't even us stamps any more and smile at the funn little stickers people had to use in th olden days in order to send a lette Possibly they won't write letters an more either. Who knows?

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, 1926

The set of four stamps issued in th Argentine in 1926 to commemorate th Centenary of the Post Office are not fo permanent use, but will be replaced b the 1924-5 type when supplies are ex hausted. The 5c and 25c values ar already obsolete and the 5c (No. 345 recently re-issued in place of the fir named denomination is printed from ne plates. There are two of these, each o 200 subjects, and both contained erro with period below the "c" like the 192 series, when first issued. On one pla there were four of these errors and o the other eight, but both plates have no been corrected. Error impressions fro the two plates can be distinguished b the paper. The stamps from the pla with four errors were printed on a thic white paper, while impressions from th plate with eight errors were on a thi transparent paper.

The 5c stamp with portrait of Gener Justo Jose de Urquiza issued in 192 was, by mistake, printed on the "larg sun" paper of 1921 and is listed in Sco under No. 303. It was priced in 192 at $1.50, but is now unpriced. My co respondent, Mr. A. H. Davis, tells m there were only three sheets of 100 eac of this variety. One sheet of 100 re poses in the album of a millionaire co lector and at least 50 were used on pa cels from Buenos Aires to the interio which leaves 150 stamps unaccounte for. It is quite a rare stamp and the fe copies that have changed hands in Ar gentina have realized about $25.00 apiec —*Philatelic Opinion.*

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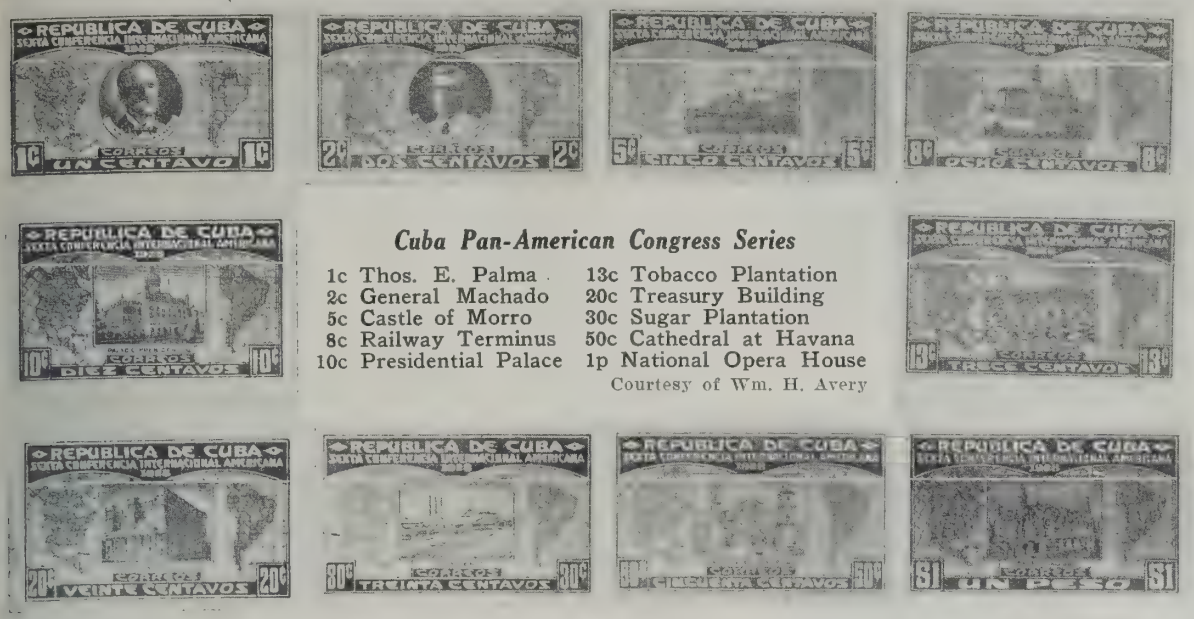
There is a tendency for dealers to offer stamps at a small fraction of catalog as special bargains when they possibly have only one or two copies in stock. We desire to know how common this practise is, and we shall consider it a favor if our subscribers will keep us informed of "bargain" offers that are deceptive. Let this apply to transactions of the future, rather than the past, and we will deal at once with offending advertisers.



Cuba Pan-American Congress Series

1c Thos. E. Palma
2c General Machado
5c Castle of Morro
8c Railway Terminus
10c Presidential Palace
13c Tobacco Plantation
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(Clipping from H. Walk.)

MANILA, Dec. 31—Thirty-one years ago today Jose Rizal, Filipino idealist and writer, met his death before a Spanish firing squad on Bagumbayan field.

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COMMUNICATION

TO THE EDITOR:

I was much interested in the article by Edgar Sheffield Brightman in the WEEKLY as reprinted from *Zion's Herald*. I wonder how many of your readers know the status of the man whose views they were reading. Professor Brightman is one of the most outstanding teachers of philosophy in America today. He occupies the Borden Parker Bowne chair of philosophy in Boston University, and is the author of numerous works on his subject. He teaches personalistic philosophy, which leans somewhat toward the doctrines of Kant, and which vigorously opposes the mechanistic views of Friedrich Nietzsche, John Dewey and Bertrand Russell. I pass this on to you, not with the intention of lending *eclat* to the article itself, which is unnecessary; but with the purpose of pointing out the fact that some of the masterminds of our age take our beloved bits of paper seriously.

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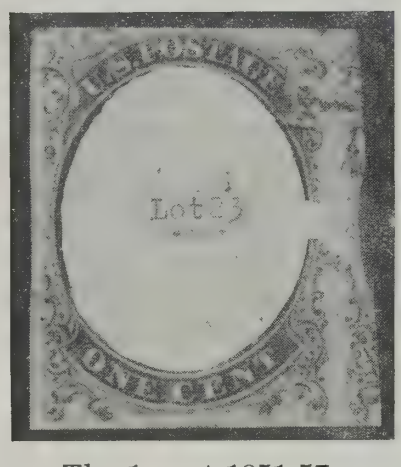

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THE AUCTION SALE—MAIL BIDS

By VICTOR W. ROTNEM.

The auction sale has long been a popular marketing device for the selling and buying of postage stamps. There is a certain psychological lure and fascination in the auction method. At a certain time and place, certain property is sold to the highest bidder. The bargain element, the competitive element and the attraction of buying at the price which the buyer sets himself are ingredients lacking in the ordinary counter or approval book sale. At a certain moment a piece of merchandise is offered for highest cash price that is bid. Bang, goes the auctioneer's hammer and the title to the merchandise changes ownership.

The auction sale of postage stamps has the added feature of mail bidding. Since collectors or dealer buyers are scattered about in different parts of the country catalogs are printed which describe the lots of stamps and bidders may enter their bids by mail, listing the highest price per lot which they are willing to pay. In order to add an additional feature of chance, the price is started on the floor at a reasonable advance over the next to the highest mail bid. Then those attending the sale in person may bid against the high mail bidder. Suppose, for example, that the bids from mail bidders on a 5c U. S. 1847 in fine condition are as follows: $3.50, $3.80, $5.80, $6.20, $7.40, $8.10. The mail bidder who bids $8.10 has spoilt all the bids from $3.50 to $7.40 inclusive. However, the auctioneer starts the price at $7.50. If there is no bid from the floor, the bidder who was willing to pay $8.10, buys at $7.60. If there is a floor bidder in competition he will bid $7.60. The dealer bids $7.70 for the mail bidders; the floor bidder says $7.80, the dealer $7.90, the floor bidder says $8.00, the dealer says $8.10 for the mail bidder. The floor bidder sticks and says $8.20, and so he wins against the high mail bidder. Perhaps, however, there are floor competitors,—they must keep on until one remains. If two or three are keen for the stamp, they may bid until they wear the others out.

The mail bidder is an important factor in any auction sale. He is represented by the auction dealer who is handling the sale. The mail bids usually buy the bulk of the material, and as they become experienced they learn to gauge their bids with a fair degree of certainty.

There is a fear on the part of some mail bidders that they will obtain more stamps than they can pay for. This can be prevented by asking the dealer to buy not more than a certain amount for you. Merely place on your bid sheet the notation, "Do not buy over $25 (or any amount you wish) for me at this sale."

It should always be remembered that an auction sale is a strictly cash proposition. Floor bidders must pay for their lots at once after the sale. Mail bidders agree to pay within three days (as a rule) after the receipt of their lots. This privilege is extended to those who are favorably known to the dealer; otherwise cash deposits or cash in advance of lots are required.

Auction lots, as a rule, are carefully described. Lots in error may be returned promptly and adjusted in most auction sales.

Most auction houses permit inspection of lots by mail bidders if charges are paid both ways by the bidder, and if there is time for inspection before the sale.

It is a universal rule that on lots that are purchased, the forwarding charges are paid by the bidder. The dealer is acting for you as a buyer, and you must pay forwarding charges. In Europe many auction houses charge the bidder a commission for service, but this is not the American custom. (French 17½%; Belgium and Swiss 10%.)

LINDBERGH STAMPS FOR CUB

We have just received particulars an issue of Cuba in honor of Lindbergl visit to that republic, just as we go press. Concerning the new stamp, d tails have been sent by Mr. E. M. A which are based evidently on a sta ment of *El Comercio* of Havana, dat January 12th. The report is that a ha million stamps of the design and val of the present 5c airmail, blue, Cut will be printed in red, and surcharged black, "Lindbergh-Enero 1928," in hon of the Colonel's visit. Naturally, the stamps will be for use on air mail excl sively. It may be added that the ne Cuban set is much in demand and that is not obtainable yet at many offices all the denominations. In fact, the has been sold out at one office.

LEAP YEAR INTERVAL

Was leap year skipped from four eight years at one time, and if so, b tween what years was the eight-ye period?

J.K.

The last time there was an interval eight years between leap years w from 1896 to 1904. The next time w be from 2096 to 2104. The reason that century years, such as 1800, 190 etc., are not leap years unless they a exactly divisible by 400. Thus t year 2000 will be a leap year, while 19 and 2100 are not leap years.—*Clippin*

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The Evidence of Dated Copies

This particular Silk Fibre Paper, being considerably scarcer than the Ribbed Paper, the writer naturally has not located as many dated copies. In fact he has but five.

The first is a cover cancelled with the greenish-black postmark and cancellation of Franklinville, N. Y., with letter dated February 17, 1877 (Postmark Feb. 19).

Number two is an off cover copy bearing date, April 9, 1877 (year-dated postmark).

Number three is precancelled on piece of cover with pen postmarking, "Irondale, N. Y., Apr. 14, '77."

Number four is piece of cover with a 3c stamp postmark of Hartford, Wis. Apr. 18, 1877.

Number five is a cover, the stamp tied with New York (City) postmark (May 30 P. M.) and Station 5 cancellation with penmarked notation on end of flap of cover—May 4, 1877.

These dated copies, although few in number, indicate rather clearly that the use of the silk fibre paper I am describing was during the early part of 1877, and I am inclined to think from the evidence that the printing and delivery of these stamps (at least, so far as the Three Cent Green is concerned) was during the first few months of that year only.

The next paper used by the Continental Company for the Three Cent Green and I believe all other denominations printed at that time) was a paper I term the Late Linenlike.

This is a distinct paper and will be dealt with fully in later articles. I merely desire to mention here that all my other reference copies of the Three Cent Green to 1877 (including copies dated in August and October, 1877), and up to about the middle of 1878, are on the Late Linenlike Paper.

The paper used prior to the Silk Fibre paper just described was the Continental Straw Fibre paper and my reference copies of this paper are all dated 1876.

According to Luff, the only Continental printing of the 24c was in 1875, which would seem, in my opinion, to preclude the possibility of this denomination coming on the particular silk fibre paper just described. If the copies of the 24c existing which show silk fibres are on the earlier Silk Fibre paper they *may be either National or Continental*, and I do not think there would be any proof that they were the latter.

The one distinctive paper that I feel sure of as being an 1875 issue (from which conclusive proof in my reference collection) is the Double Paper and, as I will attempt to show at another time, this paper seems to have been issued and used during the early part of 1875.

Therefore, it would seem to me, that any copies of the 24c which may turn up on *double paper* might very well be considered Continental printing.

24c Double Paper—National or Continental?

Mr. Luff records having seen the six and twenty-four cent stamps of the National issue on double paper.

So far as the twenty-four cent is concerned, I cannot see how one would determine that the printing on double paper was executed by the National Company, and not the Continental, inasmuch as the Continental Company used the National plate without alteration.

The only convincing statement made by Mr. Luff in this connection is that the "National Double Paper" he examined showed the stamp printed on the thicker of the two layers of paper, with the thin layer of paper used for backing. In all of my Three Cent Green Double Paper examples, the printing seems to be on the thin layer, with the thick paper used for backing. However, inasmuch as neither layer is at all thick, considered by itself, this does not seem *very* positive proof that the 24c on Double Paper recorded by Luff was a National and not a Continental printing.

As to the six cent Luff records, that would seem to be a different story. He says he has seen it on an original cover cancelled Nov. 1, 1870. I should very much like to examine this particular cover.

We have the evidence of the Specialized Catalogue that the Thirty Cent comes on Double Paper, and in the case of this stamp it is listed as a Continental printing. Inasmuch as no secret mark was engraved on the Thirty Cent either, I wonder what the cataloguers go on in designating any double paper copy they may have examined as a Continental printing instead of National.

Mr. Luff's record shows that the 30c was not printed during 1875, whereas my Three Cent Green dated reference copies on the Double Paper are all dated 1875. However, the 30c was printed during 1874, and inasmuch as my reference copies were all used during the early part of 1875, it is quite possible that the Continental Company may have been using Double Paper the latter part of 1874, and early part of 1875, and this may have been early enough to catch some of the 1874 printings of the 30c.

National Paper with Silk Fibres

Now back to the consideration of 24c examples on paper showing silk fibres.

Earlier in this article, I said that in passing on such a stamp my decision as to whether it was National or Continental would depend upon whether the paper was National paper showing silk fibres, or Continental paper showing silk fibres.

I have tried to describe thoroughly the characteristics of the Continental Silk Fibre paper.

The National Silk Fibre paper is a different story.

The Three Cent Nationals that I have on this paper are on a hard, rather thin, snappy paper of about the same texture as most National papers. It is a firm, closely woven paper. I would say it is somewhat whiter than the Continental Silk Fibre paper I have already described, but still I would not call it "strikingly white."

Each stamp of this National Silk Fibre paper shows from one to two bright red threads, and in addition, from one to three or four black or dark brown threads.

The red threads are usually curved and from one-half to one millimetre long. The black threads are generally shorter and straight.

Inasmuch as all the fibres of both colors together in the National paper do not exceed five or six in any of the examples I have seen, whereas the Continental Silk Fibre paper I have previously described invariably shows scores of fibres scattered all through the paper, I feel certain that the two papers are entirely different. Also, the Continental Silk Fibre paper never seems to show fibres of any color other than black, whereas all National examples show the red fibre in addition to the black.

A fact that at first might seem confusing is that this identical National Silk Fibre paper is found with Three Cent Green prints showing the secret mark, which must therefore be Continental printings.

However, a little study explains this satisfactorily. All the Continental printings that I have observed on paper showing the red fibres and identical with the National Silk Fibre Paper are of a light yellow-green shade.

All Continental Silk Fibre paper printings showing scores of tiny black fibres only instead of five or six red and black

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In his chronicle, Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., says that the proposal that a stamp be issued to commemorate the trying days at Valley Forge has been gaining momentum. Individuals and organizations have allied themselves in an effort to successfully promote the issue. From an occasional correspondent who is in the thick of things at Washington, and to whom we have been indebted in the past for news of important postal developments, a letter has been received that intimates that the suggestion that this stamp be prepared has struck the popular fancy. Although at the time he wrote the department had not committed itself, there is some reason for the belief that such a stamp will be forthcoming in due time. As is known, many other subjects for commemorative stamp treatment have been presented and the correspondence that is being received reveals the extent to which the idea of special stamps has grown in a popular sense. Indeed, the discriminatory powers of the department must be put to many a test in view of this circumstance, but we are inclined to the opinion that the department may be relied upon to conserve the best traditions of its history. It is known that the Postmaser General realizes that the commemorative issues have a place in familiarizing the public with the early history of the nations; and that he is actuated by a wish to recognize the mission of the special stamps.

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In a recent issue an allusion was made to Dr. John Milton Holt, and we have heard from Mr. Fred E. Farnham, Chicago, to the effect that Mr. Farnham met Dr. Holt, who was then a major in the Medical Corps, in 1915, at the Presidio, San Francisco. Later, Dr. Holt went to Cleveland, and from there he went down south as an officer in the U. S. Public Health Service. Mr. Farnham thinks that the records of the marine service would reveal the subsequent history of Dr. Holt.

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Mr. W. R. Ware, Stuttgart, Arkansas, writes: "In the issue for October 31, 1927, there is an article by Geo. B Sloane, entitled, 'An Early Precancel,' and the following particulars may be of interest to those who read the article. William E. Woodruff was the founder of the *Arkansas Gazette,* Arkansas' oldest and largest newspaper, and the fifth newspaper founded west of the Mississippi River. This was on Saturday, November 20, 1918, at Arkansas Post, which was then the capital of the Territory of Arkansas. In 1821, when the capital of the Territory was moved to Little Rock, Woodruff moved his paper also, and printed his first number from the new place on December 29, 1821. The circulation of the paper was 500 in 1829, and had increased to 2,000 by 1836. The letter referred to was printed more than likely on the press of this paper, and as Woodruff's printing activities occupied probably only part of his time, no doubt he had other lines, among which may have been acting as agent for various tax-payers."

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We have been shown by Mr. Max Golding, Chicago, a card that was issued by the German government, which was in use only one day, December 1, 1927. The postal was issued to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the establishing of the first letterpost station in that country in 1827. The stamps on the card, which was sent to Mr. Golding by air mail, have a cancellation which reads: Hundertjahrfeier des Briefpostamts, Berlin C 2, and shows the design of the original station. It seems that this cancellation was not used on letters, but only on this officially printed card, on the reverse of which is pictured in colors, the mail carrier as he appeared one hundred years ago.

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Something should have been said before of the references to collecting in Louis Bromfield's book which, when published six months ago, caused so much comment. In this best seller, "A Good Woman." Mr. Bromfield speaks of stamps in several places. For instance, coming from a woman's club meeting, Mrs. Downes finds on the table at home a letter from her son Philip, a missionary in a remote section of Africa, which she recognizes as coming from him by the handwriting and "by the outlandish stamp of Zanzibar," which would be another specimen for the collection of her brother Elmer. Elmer was a pump manufacturer and a dyspeptic who was a cheerless individual, and who did not seem to take stamps with a smile. In another situation, the sister removes the stamp for Elmer before burning the letter, conjuring up thin spots before the eyes of the real collector.

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From Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, Greece, the following particulars have been received: "I am enclosing herewith the 1½ and 5drs, which are two values of the Navarino set of the five to appear that were placed on sale at Pylos (Navarino) on the day of the festivities there, as I have already informed you, at the time. The other three values (a 4drs and two other 5drs) are now ready as well as the first two values; and will soon be put on sale throughout Greece. You will note that the wording, 'Sir Codrington' of course is not correct, and there have been rumours afloat that this has been corrected, and that the stamps of this type to be on sale will read, 'Sir Edward Codrington.' In such case, the enclosed stamp will be a rare one, in fact, a veritable rarity if the quantity sold at Navarino was only two thousand copies. I have not been able to ascertain the quantity that was sold there, but it cannot exceed four or five thousand stamps." The portrait of Sir Codrington is on the bi-colored brown and gray, 5drs.

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Details of recent developments postally in Germany have been received from Mr. G. Arkenberg, Hannover, who says that a new issue of the German officials, Dienstmarke, and large numerals in center, is appearing; and at the time of writing, December 15th, he had seen the 3pf brown; 8pf green; 15pf light red, and 20pf blue. The old surcharged Dienstmarken remain in use until the supply on hand is exhausted. He says that the surcharged stamps of October 27th, "I.A.A.-10-15-1927" in box (Internationale Arbeiter-Aussehuss) had a postal currency only from October 10th to 15th, 1927; and that the last sale of them to stamp collectors was in Berlin, November 30, 1927. Mr. Arkenberg reports that after the first of February, 1928, the Rentenpfennig series, with the large numerals, 3, 5, 10, 20 and 50pf; the 10 and 20pf, Stephans stamps and the Rhineland series, 5, 10 and 20pf adhesives and 5pf card are no longer valid for postage. The larger values of the Rentenpfennig (100pfg) and the Stephans (60 and 80pf) will circulate for a longer period, because of the quantity of them on hand. The sale of the Hindenburgh stamp will cease February 1, 1928, but it will qualify postally until April 30, 1928; and the same is to be said of the Hindenburg postal card, with his chirography inscription.

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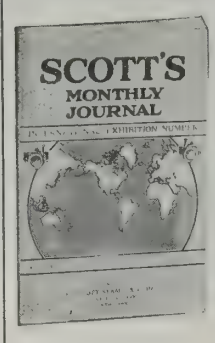

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248-256	1b to 2L COMPLETE	.30	263-269	5b to 3L—Type A54	.30
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1a.	3s orange (error)	..	15,000.00
2.	4s light blue	10.00	.35
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3.	6s gray	100.00	16.00
3a.	6s gray brown	150.00	20.00
	a. Imperf. pair	..	5,000.00
4.	8s orange	25.00	7.00
	a. 8s yellow	50.00	12.50
5.	24s dull red	200.00	45.00
	Reprints 1885, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	16.50	..
	1858.		
6.	5o yellow green	1.50	.25
	a. 5o deep green	2.50	1.20
7.	9o violet	6.00	4.50
	a. 9o lilac	6.00	4.50
8.	12o blue	.75	.02
	a. 12o light blue	.75	.06
	b. Printed on both sides	1,500.00	1,250.00
9.	12o ultramarine	10.00	.06
10.	24o orange	4.00	.40
	a. 24o yellow	4.00	.45
11.	30o red brown	4.50	.45
	a. 30o brown	4.50	.45
12.	50o rose	6.00	1.50
	a. 50o carmine	6.00	1.50
	Reprints 1885, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12	22.50	..
	1862-66.		
13.	3o bistre brown	.75	.15
	a. 3o brown	.75	.15
	b. Printed on both sides	..	200.00
14.	17o red violet	10.00	3.50
15.	17o gray	20.00	20.00
16.	20o vermilion	3.50	.15
	Reprints 1885, Nos. 13, 15, 16	25.00	..
	1872-77. Perf. 14.		
17.	3o bistre brown	.40	.03
	a. 3o yellow brown	.50	.03
18.	4o gray	2.25	.45
19.	5o blue green	1.50	.10
	a. 5o dark green	1.50	.05
	b. 5o emerald green	2.50	.50
20.	6o dark violet	1.50	.12
	a. 6o red violet	3.50	.15
21.	6o gray	15.00	1.50
22.	12o blue	1.00	.02
23.	20o vermilion	7.50	.08
24.	24o orange	6.50	.20
	a. 24o yellow	6.50	.20
25.	30o pale brown	6.50	.03
	a. 30o black brown	6.50	.05
26.	50o rose	6.00	.15
	a. 50o carmine	6.00	.15
27.	1rd bistre & blue	7.50	1.25
	a. 1rd bistre & ultramarine	7.50	1.35
	1877-79. Perf. 13.		
28.	3o yellow brown	.20	.02
	a. 3o bistre brown	.35	.02
	b. Imperf.	75.00	..
29.	4o gray	1.25	.01
	a. Imperf.	75.00	..
30.	5o dark green	1.25	.01
	a. 5o green	1.25	.01
	b. Imperf.	75.00	..
31.	6o lilac	.50	.03
	a. 6o red lilac	.60	.05
	b. Imperf.	125.00	..
32.	12o blue	.08	.01
	a. 12o deep blue	.30	.01
	b. Imperf.	125.00	..
33.	20o vermilion	1.25	.01
	a. Error: "Tretio" instead of "Tjugo"	275.00	275.00
	b. Imperf.	75.00	..
34.	24o orange	.50	.15
	a. 24o yellow	.50	.15
	b. Imperf.	75.00	..
35.	30o pale brown	1.50	.02
	a. 30o black brown	1.75	.03
	b. Imperf.	90.00	100.00
36.	50o carmine	2.50	.05
	a. 50o rose	2.00	.02
	b. Imperf.	75.00	..
37.	1rd bistre & blue	25.00	4.00
	a. Reprint 1885	12.50	..
38.	1kr bistre & blue	4.00	.06
	a. Imperf.	125.00	..
	1885.		
39.	10o dull rose	.65	.01
	a. 10o carmine	.65	.01
	b. Imperf.	75.00	..
	1886-91. Same with Post Horn on Back.		
40.	2o orange	.04	.04
	a. Period before "F R I-MARKE"	.30	.25
	b. Imperf.	75.00	..
41.	3o yellow brown	.12	.10
	a. 3o bistre brown	.12	.10
42.	4o gray	.20	.02
43.	5o green	.20	.01
	a. 5o deep green	.20	.01
44.	6o red lilac	.08	.08
	a. 6o violet	.35	.20
45.	10o pink	.35	.01
	a. 10o rose	.35	.01
46.	20o vermilion	.40	.01
47.	30o pale brown	.50	.01
	a. 30o dark brown	.50	.01
48.	50o rose	.65	.02
49.	1kr bistre & dark blue	.60	.02
	a. 1kr bistre & blue	.60	.02
	b. Imperf.	75.00	..
	1889 Blue Surcharge.		
50.	10o on 12o blue	.10	.08
51.	10o on 24o orange	.25	.45
	1891-96. Wmkd. Crown.		
52.	1o brown & ultramarine.	.02	.01
	a. Imperf.	3.00	..
53.	2o dark blue & yellow	.03	.01
	a. Imperf.	15.00	..
54.	3o brown & orange	.03	.01
	a. Imperf.	20.00	..
55.	4o carmine & ultramar.	.03	.01
	a. Imperf.	12.50	..
56.	5o yellow green	.03	.01
	a. 5o blue green	.03	.01
	b. Imperf. 5o yellow green	1.25	..
	c. Imperf. 5o blue green	15.00	..
	d. 5o brown (error)	1,500.00	..
57.	10o carmine	.04	.01
	a. 10o rose	.05	.01
	b. Imperf.	1.00	..
58.	15o red brown	.08	.01
	a. Imperf.	12.50	..
59.	20o blue	.12	.01
	a. 20o slate blue	.20	.01
	b. Imperf.	1.75	..
60.	25o red orange	.15	.01
	a. Imperf.	12.50	..
61.	30o yellow brown	.15	.01
	a. 30o dark brown	.15	.01
	b. Imperf.	20.00	..
62.	50o slate	1.10	.01
	a. Imperf.	12.50	..
63.	1kr carmine & slate	.75	.02
	a. Imperf.	15.00	..
	1903-04.		
64.	8o red violet	.06	.02
	a. Imperf.	20.00	..
65.	50o olive gray	.75	.01
	a. Imperf.	6.00	..
66.	5kr blue	2.50	.30
	a. Imperf.	50.00	..
	1910-15.		
67.	1o black	.02	.02
68.	2o orange	.03	.02
69.	4o violet	.03	.02
70.	5o green	.12	.10
71.	10o carmine	.06	.01
72.	1kr yellow	.45	.02
73.	5kr claret, yellow	1.75	.08
	a. Imperf.	20.00	..
	Unwmkd. Type 1891-96.		
75.	20o blue	.12	.03
76.	25o red orange	.12	.03
	Unwmkd.		
77.	5o green	.03	.01
78.	8o magenta	.05	.02
79.	10o carmine	.05	.01
80.	15o red brown	.08	.01
	a. Imperf.	20.00	..
81.	20o deep blue	.12	.01
82.	25o orange red	.15	.01
83.	30o claret brown	.15	.01
84.	35o dark violet	.20	.01
85.	50o gray	.25	.01
	1910-19. Wmkd. Wavy Lines.		
86.	1o black	.01	.01
87.	2o orange	.02	.01
88.	3o pale brown	.03	.03
89.	4o pale violet	.02	.01
	1917-18. Unwmkd.		
92.	40o olive green	.20	.02
93.	55o pale blue	50.00	65.00
94.	65o pale olive green	.25	.06
95.	80o black	50.00	65.00
96.	90o gray green	1.00	.02
	1918. Stamps of 1910-18 Surcharged.		
97.	7o on 10o carmine	.04	.02
98.	12o on 25o red orange	.08	.03
	a. Inverted surcharge	100.00	100.00
99.	12o on 65o pale olive grn.	.08	.06
100.	27o on 55o pale blue	.15	.07
101.	27o on 65o pale olive grn.	.15	.07
102.	27o on 80o black	.15	.07
	1918-19.		
105.	7o gray green	.04	.02
108.	12o rose lake	.08	.01
110.	27o blue	.18	.07
111.	1kr yellow	1.50	.02
	1920. Unwmkd.		
115.	3o copper red	.02	.02
116.	5o green	.04	.02
117.	10o rose	.08	.01
118.	15o claret	.12	.03
119.	20o blue	.15	.01
120.	30o brown	.20	.01
121.	40o olive green	.15	.02
122.	60o red violet	.35	.02
123.	80o deep green	.40	.02
124.	110o ultramarine	.45	.02
125.	140o gray black	.60	.02
126.	20o deep blue	.15	.02
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines.		
127.	5o green	1.00	.75
128.	20o blue	2.00	.14
129.	30o brown	.80	.20
130.	60o red violet	1.10	.60
	Perf. 10 all around.		
130a.	5o green	.20	.20
130b.	10o green	.15	.15
	1920-21. Unwmkd. Perf. 10 all around.		
131.	5o green	.70	.70
132.	10o rose	.08	.04
133.	20o blue	.15	.06
134.	20o blue	.25	.04
135.	30o brown	.60	.06
	1921. Perf. 10 Vertically.		
136.	5o copper red	.03	.01
137.	10o green	.04	.01
	a. Tête Bêche	25.00	35.00
138.	20o violet	.15	.01
139.	25o orange	.15	.01
140.	40o blue	.45	.02
141.	50o gray black	.20	.03
142.	1kr orange	.35	.03
	1921.		
143.	20o violet	.40	.40
144.	110o ultramarine	.55	.15
145.	140o gray black	.75	.15
	1921-22. Perf. 10 all around.		
146.	10o green	.06	.03
147.	20o violet	.45	.20
	Perf. 10 Vertically.		
152.	15o violet	.07	.01
153.	20o bright rose	.10	.02
154.	25o rose red	.45	.15
155.	30o blue	.25	.02
156.	35o yellow	.12	.02
157.	45o brown	.20	.03
158.	70o red brown	.60	.15
	Perf. 10 all around.		
159.	15o violet	.09	.03
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines. Perf. 10 Vertically.		
160.	5o copper red	.06	.02
161.	10o green	.08	.03
162.	15o violet	85.00	40.00
163.	80o blue green	1.00	.40
	1923. Perf. 13 Vertically.		
164.	5o copper red	.06	.06
165.	10o green	.14	.12
	Unwmkd. Perf. 13 Vertically.		
166.	5o copper red	2.50	2.50
	1924. Universal Postal Union Congress Issue. Unwmkd. Perf. 10.		
168.	5o red brown	.03	.03
169.	10o green	.06	.06
170.	15o dark violet	.10	.10
171.	20o rose red	.15	.15
172.	25o deep orange	.20	.20
173.	30o deep blue	.20	.20
174.	35o black	.25	.25
175.	40o olive green	.35	.35
176.	45o deep brown	.40	.40
177.	50o gray	.40	.40
178.	60o violet brown	.45	.45
179.	80o myrtle green	.60	.60
180.	1kr green	.80	.80
181.	2kr rose red	1.35	1.35
182.	5kr deep blue	3.50	3.50
	Complete set	8.50	
	1924. Universal Postal Union Commemorative Issue.		
183.	5o red brown	.03	.03
184.	10o green	.06	.06
185.	15o dark violet	.10	.10
186.	20o rose red	.15	.15
187.	25o deep orange	.20	.20
188.	30o deep blue	.20	.20
189.	35o black	.25	.25
190.	40o olive green	.35	.35
191.	45o deep brown	.40	.40
192.	50o gray	.40	.40
193.	60o violet brown	.45	.45
194.	80o myrtle green	.60	.60
195.	1kr green	.80	.80
196.	2kr rose red	1.35	1.35
197.	5kr deep blue	3.50	3.50
	Complete set	8.50	
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines Perf. 10.		
200.	10o green	.50	.50
201.	10o green	.50	.50
	Perf. 10 Vertically.		
202.	35o yellow	.50	.12
203.	110o ultramarine	1.75	.75
	1925. Unwmkd. Perf. 10 Vertically.		
204.	10o violet	.04	.01
205.	15o rose	.06	.01
206.	20o orange	.08	.04
207.	25o dark blue	.10	.01
208.	30o red brown	.12	.02
209.	85o myrtle green	.25	.15
210.	90o light blue	.35	.03
211.	115o red brown	.40	.10
212.	120o gray black	.45	.05
213.	145o apple green	.50	.12
	Perf. 10 all around.		
215.	10o violet	.05	.05
216.	15o rose red	.06	.02
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines. Perf. 13 Vertically.		
218.	5o green	.03	.03
219.	10o violet	.06	.06
	1856-62. Stamps for City Postage. Unwmkd. Perf. 14x13½.		
401.	1sk black	5.00	4.00
402.	3o bistre brown	8.00	6.00
	CHARITY STAMPS.		
	Type of 1872-91 Issues surcharged in dark blue. Wmkd. Wavy Lines. 1916.		
411.	5o+5o on 2o orange	.12	.06
412.	5o+5o on 3o yellow	.12	.06
413.	5o+5o on 4o gray	.08	.04
414.	5o+5o on 5o green	.08	.04
415.	5o+5o on 6o lilac	.08	.04
416.	10o+10o on 12o pale blue	.15	.07
417.	10o+10o on 20o red orange	.15	.07
418.	10o+10o on 24o yellow	.15	.07
419.	10o+10o on 30o brown	.15	.07
420.	10o+10o on 50o rose red	.15	.07
	Stamps of 1903-04 surcharged in dark blue. Wmkd. two crowns. Perf. 13.		
421.	10o+4.90kr on 5kr dull blue	4.00	4.00
	Postage due Stamps of 1874 surcharged in dark blue. Unwmkd.		
422.	5o+5o on 1o black	.18	.12
423.	5o+5o on 3o rose	.18	.12
424.	5o+5o on 5o brown	.18	.12
425.	5o+10o on 6o yellow	.18	.12
426.	5o+15o on 12o pale red.	.25	.18
427.	10o+20o on 20o pale blue	.30	.18
428.	10o+10o on 24o lilac	.60	.40
429.	10o+20o on 30o green	.18	.12
430.	10o+40o on 50o yellow	.60	.40
431.	10o+90o on 1kr blue & yellow brown	7.00	7.00
	1918. Charity Stamps of 1916 surcharged. Wmkd. Wavy Lines.		
432.	7o on 5o on 2o orange	.08	.07
433.	7o on 5o on 3o yellow	.08	.06
434.	7o on 5o on 4o gray	.07	.05
	a. Inverted surcharge	50.00	50.00
435.	7o on 5o on 5o green	.07	.05
436.	7o on 5o on 6o lilac	.07	.05
	a. Inverted surcharge	50.00	50.00
437.	7o on 10o on 30o brown (error)	50.00	50.00
438.	12o on 5o on 3o yel. brn. (error)	50.00	50.00
439.	12o on 10o on 12o pale blue	.12	.06
440.	12o on 10o on 20o red orange	.12	.06
	a. Inverted surcharge	50.00	50.00
441.	12o on 10o on 24o yellow	.12	.06
442.	12o on 10o on 30o brown	.12	.06
	a. Inverted surcharge	50.00	50.00
443.	12o on 10o on 50o rose red	.12	.06
	1920. Air Post Stamps. Wmkd. Wavy Lines.		
501.	10o on 3o brown	.08	.07
	a. Inverted surcharge	22.50	25.00
502.	20o on 2o orange	.15	
	a. Inverted surcharge	17.50	2
503.	50o on 4o violet	.30	
	a. Inverted surcharge	15.00	1
	Wmkd. Crown.		
504.	20o on 2o orange	50.00	5
505.	50o on 4o violet	3.75	
	PARCEL POST STAMPS. Wmkd. Crown. Perf. 13.		
531.	1.98kr on 5kr claret yel.	.70	
532.	2.12kr on 5kr claret yel.	.80	
	POSTAGE DUE STAMPS. 1874. Unwmkd. Perf. 14.		
551.	1o black	.20	
552.	3o rose	.40	
553.	5o brown	.20	
	a. 5o pale brown	.20	
554.	6o yellow	.50	
	a. 6o orange yellow	.50	
555.	12o pale red	.07	
556.	20o blue	.50	
	a. 20o pale blue	.50	
557.	24o violet	6.00	
558.	24o gray	.60	
559.	30o dark green	.20	
	a. 30o light green	.20	
560.	50o brown	.50	
561.	1kr blue & bistre	2.50	
	1877. Perf. 13.		
562.	1o black	.02	
	a. Imperf.	60.00	
563.	3o rose	.03	
	a. Imperf.	60.00	
564.	5o brown	.04	
	a. 5o pale brown	.04	
	b. Imperf.	60.00	
565.	6o yellow	.06	
	a. 6o orange	.08	
	b. Printed on both sides	125.00	
	c. Imperf.	60.00	
566.	12o pale red	.06	
	a. 12o scarlet	.06	
	b. Imperf.	60.00	
567.	20o pale blue	.03	
	a. 20o pale blue	.05	
	b. Imperf.	60.00	
568.	24o red lilac	.50	
	a. 24o violet	.20	
569.	24o gray lilac	1.00	
	a. Imperf.	100.00	
570.	30o yellow green	.04	
	a. 30o blue green	.04	
	b. Imperf.	60.00	
571.	50o yellow brown	.04	
	a. 50o bistre brown	.04	
	b. Imperf.	60.00	
572.	1kr blue & bistre	.30	
	a. 1kr ultramarine & bistre	.30	
	b. Imperf.	75.00	
	OFFICIAL STAMPS. 1874-77. Perf. 14.		
701.	3o bistre	.40	
	a. 3o yellow brown	.40	
	b. Imperf.	60.00	
702.	4o gray	2.00	
	a. 4o pale gray	4.00	
	b. Imperf.	60.00	
703.	5o yellow green	1.25	
	a. 5o blue green	1.25	
	b. Imperf.	60.00	
704.	6o lilac	1.00	
	a. Imperf.	75.00	
705.	6o gray	6.00	
706.	12o dark blue	.65	
	a. 12o blue	.65	
	b. Imperf.	60.00	
707.	20o pale red	6.50	
	a. 20o orange vermilion	7.00	
	b. Imperf.	60.00	
708.	24o yellow	6.50	
	a. 24o orange	7.00	
	b. Imperf.	60.00	
709.	30o pale brown	3.00	
	a. 30o dark brown	4.00	
	b. Imperf.	20.00	
710.	50o rose	4.00	
	a. Imperf.	60.00	
711.	1kr blue & bistre	6.50	
	a. Imperf.	100.00	2
	1881-85. Perf. 13.		
712.	3o bistre brown	.03	
	a. 3o bistre	.06	
713.	4o dark gray	.15	
	a. 4o pale gray	.20	
714.	5o blue green	.08	
	a. 5o yellow green	.08	
715.	6o lilac	.55	
	a. 6o red lilac	.55	
716.	10o carmine	.08	
	a. Imperf.	20.00	
	b. 10o rose	.25	
	c. Imperf.	60.00	
717.	12o blue	.40	
	a. 12o pale blue	1.25	
718.	20o vermilion	.45	
719.	24o yellow	.60	
	a. 24o orange	.50	
720.	30o bistre brown	.25	
	a. 30o dark brown	.35	
721.	50o pale rose	1.00	
	a. 50o dark rose	.65	
722.	1kr dark blue & yel. brn.	.35	
	a. 1kr blue & bistre	.50	
	b. Imperf.	100.00	
	1889.		
723.	10o on 12o blue	.20	
	a. Inverted surcharge	60.00	6
	b. Perf. 14	..	40

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1847

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1851

31	1c, type II	3.50
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33	3c dull red	.20
35a	10c green, types II or III	3.50
36	12c black	7.50

1857

42f	1c, type V	.65
43	3c, type I	.40
44	3c, type II	.05
46	5c red brown or brick red	15.00
47	5c brown	7.00
49a	10c, types II or III	2.50
50	10c, type V	1.35
51	12c black	3.50
52	24c gray lilac, used or unused	8.00
53	30c orange, used or unused	12.00
54	90c blue, unused	30.00

1861-6

63	1c blue	.50
73	2c black	.25
65	3c rose	.02
67	5c buff	17.50
75	5c red brown	5.00
76	5c brown	1.50
68	10c green	.50
69	12c black	1.50
77	15c black	2.50
70	24c red lilac	6.50
78	24c gray lilac	1.65
71	30c orange	2.00
72	90c blue	7.50

1869

112	1c Franklin	1.75
113	2c Horseman	.50
114	3c Locomotive	.05
115	6c Washington	2.50
116	10c Coat of Arms	2.00
117	12c Steamship	2.50
118	15c Landing of Columbus	6.00
119	15c Landing of Columbus	2.50
120	24c Declaration of Independence	7.25
121	30c Coat of Arms	3.50
122	90c Lincoln	25.00

1871, National

145	1c blue	.12
146	2c brown	.06
147	3c green	.02
148	6c carmine	.25
149	7c vermilion	1.50
150	10c brown	.45
151	12c violet	.80
152	15c orange	.90
153	24c purple	3.50
154	30c black	2.25
155	90c carmine	3.00

1873, Continental

156	1c ultramarine	.07
157	2c brown	.07
158	3c green	.02
159	6c dull pink	.20
160	7c vermilion	1.50
161	10c brown	.20
162	12c violet	1.20
163	15c yellow-orange	1.35
165	30c gray-black	.50
166	90c rose-carmine	4.00

1875

178	2c orange	.08
179	5c blue (Taylor)	.17

1879, American

182	1c ultramarine	.05
183	2c vermilion	.02
184	3c green	.01
185	5c blue	.15
186	6c pink	.30
188	10c brown	.25
189	15c red-orange	.40
190	30c black	.65
191	90c carmine	3.25

Cat. No.		Used
	1882-8	
205	5c Garfield	.12
206	1c re-engraved	.02
207	3c re-engraved	.02
208	6c re-engraved	.90
209	10c re-engraved	.03
210	2c red-brown	.01
211	4c blue-green	.18
212	2c green	.01
213	3c vermilion	.75
214	1c ultramarine	.01
215	4c carmine	.25
216	5c indigo	.12
217	30c orange-brown	1.50
218	90c purple	3.50

1890

Cat. No.		Mint.	Used
219	1c blue	$ .07	$ .01
220	2c carmine	.08	.01
*221	3c purple	.18	.02
222	4c dark brown	.30	.01
223	5c chocolate	.40	.01
224	6c brown-red	.60	.18
*225	8c lilac	.35	.03
226	10c green	.55	.01
227	15c indigo	1.00	.40
228	30c black	1.75	.55
229	90c orange	3.00	1.50

1893, Columbian

*230	1c blue	.04	.01
*231	2c violet	.05	.01
*232	3c green	.12	.10
233	4c ultramarine	.10	.05
*234	5c chocolate	.10	.04
235	6c purple	.30	.25
*236	8c magenta	.18	.04
237	10c black-brown	.20	.03
238	15c dark green	.90	.75
239	30c orange-brown	1.65	1.25
240	50c slate blue	1.75	1.35
241	$1.00 salmon	4.00	3.50
242	$2.00 brown-red	3.75	3.50
243	$3.00 yellow-green	7.50	6.00
244	$4.00 crimson-lake	9.00	7.50
245	$5.00 black	12.00	10.00

1894

Many of these can be supplied, but not enough in stock to list. Prices quoted upon request.

1895

*264	1c blue	.07	.01
*267	2c carmine	.05	.01
*268	3c purple	.18	.03
*269	4c dark brown	.20	.02
*270	5c chocolate	.35	.02
*271	6c dull brown	.65	.04
*272	8c violet-brown	.35	.02
273	10c dark green	.50	.02
274	15c dark blue	1.00	.18
275	50c orange	2.00	.40
276	$1.00 black	4.25	.75
277	$2.00 dark blue	7.50	4.00
278	$5.00 dark green	15.00	7.00

1898-99

279	1c green	.05	.01
280	4c (Any Shade)	.40	.02
281	5c dark blue	.20	.02
282	6c lake	.65	.06
283	10c orange-brown	1.20	.03
284	15c olive-green	1.30	.12

1898, Omaha

*285	1c green	.08	.05
*286	2c copper-red	.08	.02
*287	4c orange	.35	.25
288	5c blue	.50	.30
289	8c violet-brown	.80	.35
290	10c gray-violet	.80	.20
291	50c sage green	3.75	2.00
292	$1.00 black	5.50	4.50
293	$2.00 orange-brown	11.00	10.00

1901, Pan-American

*294	1c Lake Steamer	.04	.03
*295	2c Train	.07	.02
*296	4c Automobile	.20	.13
*297	5c Bridge	.35	.25
*298	8c Canal Locks	.50	.40
*299	10c Steamer	.45	.25

1902

300	1c green	.03	.01
301	2c carmine	.25	.01
302	3c violet	.25	.07
303	4c brown	.22	.01
304	5c blue	.25	.01
305	6c claret	.40	.03
*306	8c violet-black	.30	.02
307	10c red-brown	.40	.01
308	13c purple-black	.35	.10
309	15c olive-green	.80	.04
310	50c orange	1.75	.15
311	$1.00 black	5.00	.50
312	$2.00 dark blue	7.00	3.00
313	$5.00 dark green	16.50	7.50

Same, Imperforate

Cat. No.		Mint.	Used
*314	1c green	.20	..
320	2c carmine	.20	..

1904, Louisiana

*323	1c green	.08	.03
*324	2c carmine	.10	.02
*325	3c violet	.45	.40
326	5c blue	.75	.35
327	10c red-brown	1.00	.25

1907, Jamestown

*328	1c green	.05	.03
*329	2c carmine	.09	.02
*330	5c blue	.30	.15

1908

331	1c green	.03	.01
332	2c carmine	.04	.01
333	3c violet	.20	.03
334	4c brown	.13	.01
335	5c blue	.16	.02
336	6c orange	.35	.02
337	8c olive-green	.45	.06
338	10c yellow	.55	.02
339	13c blue-green	.60	.50
340	15c ultramarine	.60	.05
341	50c violet	2.25	.20
342	$1.00 violet-black	4.50	.40

Same, Imperforate

*343	1c green	.04	..
*344	2c carmine	.10	..
345	3c purple	.20	..
346	4c brown	.25	..
347	5c blue	.40	..

1909

*367	2c Lincoln	.06	.02
*368	Same, imperforate	.13	..
*370	2c Alaska-Yukon	.06	.02
*371	Same, imperforate	.13	..
*372	2c Hudson-Fulton	.06	.02
*373	Same, imperforate	.13	..

1912, Pan-Pacific

*397	1c green	.04	.02
*398	2c carmine	.05	.01
*399	5c blue	.25	.10
*400	10c (Either Shade)	.60	.12

1915, Same, Perf. 10

401	1c green	.18	.05
*402	2c carmine	.20	.04
403	5c blue	.60	.13
404	10c orange	4.00	.30

1912-15

405	1c green	.03	.01
406	2c carmine	.06	.01
407	7c black	.25	.06
414	8c olive-green	.28	.04
*415	9c salmon	.35	.05
416	10c yellow	.32	.02
417	12c claret-brown	.40	.04
418	15c gray	.50	.02
419	20c ultramarine	1.00	.05
420	30c orange-red	1.00	.10
421	50c violet	5.00	.40
422	50c violet	2.50	.20
423	$1.00 violet-black	4.50	.40

Same, Imperforate

*408	1c green	.03	..
*409	2c carmine	.05	..

1914-15, Perf. 10

*424	1c green	.04	.01
*425	2c carmine	.05	.01
*426	3c purple	.10	.02
*427	4c brown	.12	.02
*428	5c blue	.13	.05
429	6c orange	.18	.03
*430	7c black	.20	.06
431	8c olive-green	.20	.05
432	9c salmon	.28	.02
433	10c yellow	.28	.02
*434	11c dark green	.40	.07
435	12c red-brown	.45	.05
437	15c gray	.45	.03
438	20c ultramarine	.65	.06
439	30c orange-red	1.30	.07
440	50c violet	4.00	.15
460	$1.00 violet-black	5.00	.40

1916, Unwatermarked

462	1c green	.13	..
463	2c carmine	.07	..
464	3c violet	3.50	..
465	4c orange-brown	.28	..
466	5c blue	.35	..
468	6c orange	.65	..
469	7c black	.40	..
470	8c olive-green	.45	..
*471	9c salmon	.85	..
472	10c yellow	.85	..
473	11c dark green	.50	..
474	12c red-brown	.55	..
475	15c gray	.85	..
476	20c ultramarine	1.30	..
477	50c violet	30.00	..
478	$1.00 violet-black	7.50	..
479	$2.00 dark blue	3.00	.60
480	$5.00 light green	6.50	1.25

Same, Imperforate

*481	1c green	.02	..
*482	2c carmine	.03	..
*483	3c violet	.06	..

1917-19, Perf. 11

*498	1c green	.02	.01
*499	2c carmine	.04	.01
*501	3c violet	.05	.01
*503	4c brown	.06	.01
*504	5c blue	.08	.01
*506	6c orange	.09	.01
*507	7c black	.10	.03
*508	8c olive-green	.11	.01
*509	9c salmon	.13	.02
*510	10c yellow	.14	.01
*511	11c dark green	.15	.04
*512	12c brown-carmine	.16	.02
*513	13c apple-green	.17	.08
*514	15c gray	.20	.02
*515	20c ultramarine	.27	.02
*516	30c orange-red	.40	.03
*517	50c violet	.70	.03
*518	$1.00 violet-black	1.40	.05
*523	$2.00 orange-red and black	4.00	2.00
*524	$5.00 green and black	6.50	2.00

1918, Aeroplane

*520	6c orange	.20	.10
*521	16c green	.35	.15
*522	24c carmine and blue	.50	.25

1918-20, Offset

*525	1c green	.03	.01
*526	2c carmine	.04	.01
*527	3c purple	.07	.01

Same, Imperforate

531	1c green	.20	..
532	2c carmine	.06	..
*533	3c purple	.12	..

1919

*537	3c Victory	.07	.03

1920

*547	$2.00 carmine and black	2.75	.40

1920, Pilgrim

*548	1c green	.03	.02
*549	2c carmine-rose	.06	.02
*550	5c blue	.20	.12

1923, Harding

*611	2c Flat Press	.04	..
*612	2c Imperforate	.04	.04
*613	2c Rotary Press	.04	.02

Huguenot Walloon

*614	1c Ship	.02	.02
*615	2c Ft. Orange	.03	.01
*616	5c Monument	.10	.09

Lexington-Concord

*617	1c Washington at Cambridge	.02	.02
*618	2c Birth of Liberty	.03	.01
*619	5c Minute Man	.10	.09

Norse-American

*620	2c Ship	.10	.05
*621	5c Viking Ship	.25	.18

Sesquicentennial

*626	2c Liberty Bell	.03	.01

John Ericsson

*627	5c blue	.08	.06

Air Mail

*608	8c green	.12	.06
*609	16c dark blue	.22	.12
*610	24c carmine-rose	.35	.20
*624	10c blue	.12	.06
*625	15c brown	.18	.15
*626	20c yellow-green	.24	.12

Parcel Post

1450	1c P. O. Clerk	.03	.01
1451	2c Carrier	.04	.01
*1452	3c R. P. O.	.10	.08
1453	4c Rural Carrier	.13	.04
1454	5c Mail Train	.13	.02
*1455	10c Steamer	.18	.02
1456	15c Automobile	.40	.08
1457	20c Aeroplane	.45	.09
1458	25c Manufacturing	.65	.06
1459	50c Dairying	1.25	.35
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Scott's No.		Mint.	Used
4.	10o on 24o yellow	.30	.35
a.	10o on 24o orange	.30	.40
b.	Inverted surcharge	400.00	400.00
c.	Perf. 14	500.00	..

1891-93.

5.	2o orange	.02	.02
a.	Imperf.	60.00	..
6.	20o dark blue	.08	.01
a.	Imperf.	3.00	3.00
7.	50o pale gray	.35	.03
a.	Imperf.	75.00	..

1910-12. Wmkd. Crown.

8.	1o black	.01	.01
9.	2o orange	.03	.03
0.	4o pale violet	.03	.03
1.	5o green	.03	.03
2.	8o claret	.03	.03

Scott's No.		Mint.	Used
733.	10o red	.05	.01
734.	15o red brown	.06	.02
735.	20o deep blue	.10	.02
736.	25o red orange	.12	.02
737.	30o chocolate	.12	.02
738.	50o gray	.25	.04
739.	1kr yellow	.30	.12
740.	5kr claret, yellow	1.50	.12

1910-16. Wmkd. Wavy Lines.

742.	2o orange	.01	.01
743.	4o pale violet	.04	.01
744.	5o green	.03	.01
746.	10o red	.04	.01
748.	20o deep blue	.06	.01
749.	25o orange	.08	.01
750.	30o chocolate	.10	.02
751.	35o dark violet	.15	.02
752.	50o gray	.35	.03

1918-19.

Scott's No.		Mint.	Used
753.	1o black	.02	.02
754.	3o pale brown	.04	.03
755.	7o gray green	.04	.03
756.	8o rose	.30	.30
757.	12o rose red	.04	.02
758.	15o orange brown	.05	.02

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Prices, by the way, are most moderate when the uniformly fine condition of the stamps is taken into consideration.

I am prepared to submit ON APPROVAL, to collectors known to me, or to new customers furnishing satisfactory references, selections of any stamp or group, of covers, of cancellations, or general selections.

Let me know your wants and I feel sure I can submit something of interest.

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Below I am offering a few items selected at random. **ALL ARE IN FINE CONDITION, AND MONEY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REFUNDED ON ANY ORDER WHICH IS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY FOR ANY REASON WHATEVER,** provided stamps are returned no longer than 3 days after receipt.

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1847 Issue	
5c brown (28), red grid canc.	$ 7.00
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1c, type II, beauties	4.00
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A beautiful lot of 1c varieties ready to submit to specialists or anyone plating this stamp.	
3c, horiz. or vertical pairs	3.50
3c, horiz. strip of 3	7.50
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10c green, type II or III	5.00
10c green, recut top	30.00
10c green, recut bottom, beauty	60.00
10c green, recut top and bottom	80.00
1857 Issue	
1c, type Ia, Plate IV	125.00
1c, type IIIa	8.00
1c, type IV, beauties	12.00
1c, type V	.60
5c brown, type I	12.00
5c brown, type II	10.00
5c orange brown, II, scarce used	40.00
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12c, beautiful horiz. pairs	25.00
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5c brown	3.00
5c red brown	12.00
5c black brown	5.00
15c black	3.50
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		Single	Block
1902, 1c green, mint **blocks of 4**		.25	
Singles or blocks, per stamp			
Imperforated 1c green, No. 314		.20	
2c carmine, No. 320		.15	
1909, **Imperforated,** 2c Lincoln, No. 368		.15	
2c Alaska Yukon, No. 371		.12	
2c Hudson Fulton, No. 372		.18	
1910, 1c green, No. 383		.05	
2c carmine, No. 384		.05	
1912, 1c green, No. 408		.05	
2c carmine, No. 409		.05	
1916-17, 1c green, No. 481		.03	
2c carmine, No. 482		.04	
3c purple, No. 483		.08	
1918, **Aeroplane,** 6c orange, No. 520		.15	.75
1924, **Walloons,** 5c blue, No. 616		.12	.50
1925, **Lexington,** 5c blue, No. 619		.12	.50

Used 20th Century U. S.

1901, **Pan American,** 1 to 10c, complete set	1.30
1904, **Louisiana,** 1 to 10c, complete set	1.30
1907, **Jamestown,** 1, 2 and 5c complete	.25
1912-13, **Pan-Pacific,** 1, 2, 5 and 10c, compl.	.35
1917-19, 1c to $1.00 incls., 18 var. complete	.50
1918, **Aeroplane,** 6c orange	.15
16c green	.20
24c carmine and blue	.35
1923, 8c green	.08
16c dark blue	.15
24c carmine	.20
1926, 10c blue	.08
15c brown (scarce)	.20
20c green	.12
10c blue "Lindberg"	.08
1920, $2.00 carmine and black	.40
1922-26, ½c to $1.00 incls., 21 varieties	.50
$2.00 deep blue (No. 572)	.25
$5.00 carmine and dk. blue (No. 573)	1.40
1912-13, **Parcel Post,** 1c-$1.00, complete set	1.90
25c green, "Special Handling"	.10

Imperf. Civil War Revenues

2c Bank Check, blue	.06
2c Certificate, blue	.25
5c Certificate, red	.25
5c Inland Exchange, red	.12
25c Protest, red	.45
25c Warehouse Receipt, red	.65
50c Conveyance, blue	.75
50c Original Process, blue	.25
$1.00 Conveyance, red	.25
$1.00 Lease, red	1.00

Civil War Revenues, 1st Issue, Perforated

2c Certificate, orange	.60
3c Proprietary, green	.12
4c Inland Exchange, brown	.10
4c Proprietary, violet	.20
5c Proprietary, red	.85
6c Inland Exchange, orange	.15
10c Foreign Exchange, blue	.40
25c Warehouse Receipt, red	.30
50c Foreign Exchange, blue	.40
50c Lease, blue	.50
$1.00 Lease, red	.10
$1.00 Probate of Will, red	1.00
$2.00 Conveyance, red	.15
$3.00 Charter Party, green	.35
$5.00 Conveyance, red	.35
$10.00 Probate of Will, green	1.00
$20.00 Conveyance, orange	1.60
$25.00 Mortgage, red	4.50
1898, Doc. Revs., ½c to $1.00, 12 var.	.35
$10.00 black	.35
$50.00 gray brown	.75

20th Century Revenues

1914, Doc., 3c, sgl. line wmk. (#4078), scarce	.50
$30 vermilion (#4105), scarce	4.00
Proprietary, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½ and 3c, scarce values	.80
Wines, ¼c-$2.00 compl., mixed wmks.	1.75
1916-18, **Wines** (Large), 1c to $9.60 **complete**	6.00
1917, **Doc.,** 1c to $10.00 complete, 17 var.	1.30
$30.00 vermilion (No. 4243)	2.00
$100.00 green (No. 4246)	4.00
1918, **Future Delivery,** 1c-$10.00 complete	2.80
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$50.00 (No. 4284)	2.00
$60.00 (No. 4285)	6.00
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1919, **Proprietary,** 1c-40c blue, complete set	3.00
Narcotic, 8c surch. (No. 4356), rare	5.00
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While I make no attempt to keep a complete stock of **Foreign** stamps, I always have a lot on hand and right now have ready a large number of **"books by countries"** to submit on approval. These books include the best copy of everything I have in stock at the time they are made up and they are marked at very moderate **NET** prices. Let me know what countries or group you are interested in and I'll be glad to submit a selection "on approval." You will find many bargains, as the stamps are all priced on basis of cost, without regard to the replacement values.

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1923, 10c on 17½c. 10c on 22½c, #140-1 .17
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DEATH OF KARL A. PEMBER

We learn with great regret of the death of Karl A. Pember of Woodstock, Vt., which took place at Tucson, Ariz., on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Mr. Pember had evidently gone to the western country for his health. His name has frequently appeared in the WEEKLY as both collector and dealer. We are unable to give an extended account of his philatelic activities, but we reprint the following which appeared in a Boston paper:—

The funeral of Karl A. Pember, clerk of Windsor, Vt., county court, and state ornithologist, who died at Tucson, Ariz., last Wednesday, will be held Wednesday at 10.30 o'clock at St. James Church, Woodstock, Vt., where Mr. Pember was a communicant. The Rev. Lawrence Amor will conduct the services.

Mr. Pember was well known throughout New England because of his active interest in wild bird life and his collection in the county court house at Woodstock has attracted thousands of visitors from throughout the country. He was considered an authority on falcons, and several specimens are included in the huge collection of birds and eggs.

In his capacity as clerk of the county court, Mr. Pember had a wide range of acquaintances among New England lawyers, including many Boston men.

1928 LEAP YEAR CANCELLATIONS

By HERMAN W. BOERS.

Within the last few years the collecting of cancellations has become more of a pastime than ever before. One reads of many post offices that have peculiar names. Of late I have written several articles advising interested parties to write for these post office cancellations, and the recent holiday season has brought out many new collectors.

We had cancellations of Christmas, Fla., Dec. 25, 1927, and Christmas, Ky., Jan. 1, 1928. Did you ever before hear of Christmas on January 1? There is St. Nicholas, Pa., Stamps, Ark., Santa Claus, Ind., Christmas, Ariz., and Santa, Idaho. If one looks up a postal guide many hundreds of curious names or post offices will be found by the cancellation collector.

I have before me a clipping taken from MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, March 16, 1912, in regard to a leap year cancellation in which I wrote the editor:—"You are no doubt a collector of stamps and have a nice collection—I hope so. Did it ever occur to you that it is only once in four years you can collect a leap year cancellation on an envelope? I enclose two, and you may put these in your book with my compliments. Tell your readers to get busy and watch for them next time. It is great to be crazy."

To this letter the editor replied in the WEEKLY as follows:—"The editor is compelled to admit the soft impeachment. He collects varieties of this kind, especially when as in Mr. Boers' case they come his way with the senders' compliments. Forthwith we shall add the Feb. 29 postmark and admit the force of Mr. Boers' contention that it is great to be crazy."

This article is for those who do not think of this as leap year, and who are cancellation collectors. There is plenty of material to select from. May I mention postmarks from every capital city in the U. S. and its colonies that bears presidents' names, railroad and rural mail cancellations, fourth class postoffices using colored cancellations, and many of the latter have peculiar names. You can select from a postal guide or parcel post directory the unique and out-of-the-way post offices, and the result will be a collection of cancellations that will give you "a glorious feeling" when you exhibit them to friends not familiar with stamp collecting.

This quest for leap year cancellations may be supplemented by cancellations from Canada and other countries, including Mexico and South and Central America. Write to the postmasters early and indicate that you want a Feb. 29 cancellation, enclosing addressed envelopes and sufficient money for return postage upon the same.

To those who do not care to go to the trouble of writing postmasters, I would advise the looking at all mail received between March 1 and 10, and especially by large firms. The best way to preserve the cancellations is upon the entire cover, but many collect them 2 x 4 and arrange them by states. I hope that this year will see a larger interest than ever before in leap year cancellations, and that we may hear through the columns of the WEEKLY of collectors' experiences.

SEEN AND HEARD:—

THE Managing Editor was greatly pleased a few days ago in having a call from Ashley C. LeDuc of Red Lion, Pa. Mr. LeDuc was formerly located in the town of Danvers nearby, and he was revisiting the scenes of his former activities. Mr. LeDuc has just completed our 1927 Index and has done a good piece of work. The Index will be published in an early February issue.

HERMAN W. BOERS sends us three clippings from local Detroit papers. One consists of a full account of the last meeting of the Wayne Stamp Society, with special reference to a stamp exhibition soon to be held by the club. Another announces an address by H. E. Haring of the U. S. Bureau of Standards on "Chromium Plating." Mr. Haring developed the process now used by the government for chromium surfacing the plates used for printing postage stamps. The third clipping is from a local German paper and gives a story of the Wayne Club meeting.

WE have just learned through Edward H. Sprangers of the death of Edward Ludwig, of the Ludwig Stamp Co., 21 S. 18 St., Philadelphia, Pa. He passed away on Nov. 16, of last year, of heart trouble. We are advised that Mrs. Ludwig will carry on the business for the present.

EDW. W. SMITH, A.P.S. 1657, has invented a plan to overcome poor gum or lack of gum. A letter at hand shows the stamp "tied" to the envelope with two staples top and bottom. This must be a joke. Anyway the P. O. dept. won't take very kindly to the innovation.

I AM very glad to write you that my gift to our library, of MEKEEL'S, has been of much pleasure to me, as we now have a Stamp & Coin Club organized, which is growing in interest and members, and bids fair to be prosperous. We have twenty-three members on the roll, and more in view.—WM. H. SEWARD, Johnson City, N. Y.

M. OHLMAN, the N. Y. dealer, can render assistance to anyone who may wish to take out insurance on stamps. If interested write him.

J. T. CHASE sends us a clipping of the copyrighted cartoon "Life's Darkest Moment." We thank Mr. Chase for his courtesy, but the cartoon has been previously recorded by us.

ON Jan. 9, at the rooms of the Brooklyn Stamp Club, the following officers were installed for the year 1928:—Pres., R. M. Osborne; Vice-Pres., Monroe Rosenblatt; Sec'y, George W. Wagener; Treas., Wm. J. Coleman; Fin. Sec'y, John J. O'Mara; Sales Manager, Gustave H. Fabian. Board of Governors:—Gilmore E. Martin, Dr. Albert P. Singer, Albert Meyer, Wm. Wulff. Delegates to U. S. Societies:—R. M. Osborne, Wm. J. Coleman and George W. Wagener, Alternate.

ELSEWHERE in this issue W. T. Wilson of Birmingham, England, has an advertisement that describes some artistic labels recently produced by the leading touring club in France, and designed to show the French Government what can be done in the way of issuing beautiful postage stamps. Mr. Wilson has submitted a sheet for our examination, and we find twenty different designs, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, Rheims Cathedral, Mont St. Michel, Versailles Palace, Carcasonne, Strasbourg, etc., etc. The designs are beautifully engraved and the labels are printed in green with good effect. As Mr. Wilson says, these are without doubt the most effective attempt at making attractive designs that has ever been made.

Early Bahamas !

* MEANS UNUSED.

Cat. No.			Cat. Price.	Net Price
*12	1862-67, 1p	lake	3.00	2.00
*14a	" "	4p rose lake	12.00	8.00
14a	" "	4p rose lake	4 00	1.75
*15a	" "	6p violet	6.00	4.00
*17	1875, 1p	vermilion	1.50	1.00
*18	1875, 4p	rose	15.00	10.00
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25th Anniversary Announcement

(Continued from Nov. 7th)

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1847—5c, on Huntsville blue star "5" cover, stamp hit by blue PAID
1851—5c, pair on cover with pair 5c red brown 1857
1857—90c used with 30c, from Earl of Crawford collection
1862—24c lilac, block of 20, o. g.
1867—30c, block used and same unused
1869—12c, block used on cover
1871—24c used with 30c, each tied with Pittsburgh star canc.
1873—90c, strip with plate No. and imprint, o. g.
1879—30c, on cover with 12c 1869
1888—30c brown, imprint and plate No. strip, o. g.
1898—$2 Omaha, on cover with other stamps and used at the right time

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British Colonials = Twentieth Century = Mint

(Where an asterisk (*) follows the price, a block 4 is priced pro rata.)

GREAT BRITAIN, De La Rue 5/-, #140a ..... $ 3.70
De La Rue 10/-, #141 ..... 3.50
20/-, #142 ..... 8.25
Somerset 2/6, #139a 2.50
20/-, #142 ..... 8.25
Waterlow 2/6, S. G. #399 ..... 4.00
2/6, #173a 1.80
5/-, #174a 3.00
20/-, #176 ..... 22.00
De La Rue 2/6, #173, shades from.. 1.00*
5/-, #174 ..... 3.00
Bradbury 10/-, #181 ..... 3.20*
O. W. Official ½d, #456 ..... 2.70
1d, #457 ..... 3.25
10d, #460, S. G. £18 ..... 50.00
R. H. ½d, #485 ..... 5.25
1d, #486 ..... 4.00
Admiralty 1½d, #528 ..... 4.80
2d, #529 ..... 2.40
2½d, #530 ..... 3.50
3d, #531 ..... 2.40
Morocco Ags., 5c-1pe, #51-59 ..... 2.90
De La Rue 3pe on 2/6, #60 ..... 1.25
6pe on 5/-, #61 ..... 2.60
Somerset 6pe on 5/-, #61 ..... 2.50
De La Rue 12pe on 10/-, #62 ..... 4.20
Somerset 12pe on 10/-, #62 ..... 4.00
½d-1/-, #63-69 ..... 2.20
5c-25c, #71-73 ..... .35
5c-1pe, #74-79 ..... .80
De La Rue 3pe on 2/6, #80 ..... 2.00
Waterlow 6pe on 5/-, #81 ..... 2.10
12pe on 10/-, #82 ..... 4.50
2/6, #83 ..... 3.00
De La Rue 2/6, #83a 2.00
½d-1/-, #84-91 ..... 1.20
3c-1fr, #92-100 ..... 1.10
3fr on 2/6, #101 ..... .25

AITUTAKI, 6d, #17 ..... .90
1/-, #18 ..... 1.10
½d-3d, #19-23 ..... .55
2½d-1/-, #24-27 ..... 1.35
½d-1/-, #28-33 ..... .70

ANTIGUA, 2/-, #28 (cat. 6.00) 3.00
5/-, #30 ..... 4.10
½d-1/-, #31-35 ..... .80*
2d-3d, #36-37 ..... .20*
2/-, #39 ..... 5.50
5/-, #41, under-rated 3.25
Block four 14.50
½d-6d, #42-47 ..... .50*
3d, #50 ..... .15*
4d, #51 ..... .12*
1/-, #52 ..... .35*
2/-, #53 ..... .80*
2/6, #54 ..... .90*
5/-, #55 ..... 1.60*
20/-, #56 ..... 6.40
2½d, #59 ..... .15*

ASCENSION, ½d-8d, #1-6 ..... 2.20
2/-, #7 ..... 2.75
3/-, #8 ..... 4.00
1/-, #9 ..... 1.25
1/-, #18 ..... .32
2/-, #19 ..... .64
3/-, #20 ..... .95

AUSTRALIAN C'WEALTH, ½d-1/-, #1-10 ..... 1.95*
5/-, #12 ..... 2.70
10/-, #13 ..... 5.00
20/-, #14 ..... 9.50
5/-, #33 ..... 3.20
1/-, #46 ..... .35*
5/-, #48 ..... 1.60*
10/-, #49, shades from 3.20*
2/-, #74 ..... .64*
20/-, #75 ..... 6.40*
£2, #80 ..... 12.80*
1/-, #146 ..... .35*
20/-, #150 ..... 10.00
½d-3d & 6d, #152-54, 156-59 ..... .37*

BAHAMAS, 1d, #33 ..... .15
1d-1/-, #34-38 ..... 3.40
5/-, #39 ..... 3.20
20/-, #40 ..... 14.00
5d, #41 ..... .75
3/-, #43 ..... 1.50
¼d-6d, #44-47 ..... 1.60
½d-1/-, #49-54 ..... 1.10*
5/-, #55 ..... 1.85*
20/-, #56 ..... 7.25*
3d, #58 ..... .90*
3d, #58a ..... .80*
5d, #59 ..... .15*
2/-, #60, entirely under-rated 1.50
3/-, #61, entirely under-rated 2.00
3d, #64 ..... .12*
½d-1/-, #65-69 ..... .70*
5d, #101 ..... 2.60
5d, #102 ..... .60
5d, #103 ..... .15*
1/-, #305 ..... 6.50

BARBADOS, ¼d-2½d, #90-94 ..... .75
6d, #97 ..... 2.10
8d, #98 ..... 2.70
2/6, #99 ..... 3.85
Block four w. plate No. 16.00
¼d-2½d, #100-104 ..... 1.70
6d, #105 ..... 1.60
1/-, #106 ..... 1.70
1d, #107 ..... .15
¼d-2d, #111-113 ..... .50
6d-1/-, #114-115 ..... 2.15
¼d-6d, #116-123 ..... 4.10
Blocks four 16.75
1/-, #124 ..... 2.60
Block four w. plate No. 11.25
2/-, #125 ..... 5.30
3/-, #126 ..... 8.00
¼d-6d, #127-134 ..... 1.70
1/-, #135 ..... 1.00
Block four 4.25
2/-, #136, under-rated 1.60
Block four 6.75
3/-, #137, under-rated 8.75
4d, #138 ..... .30*
3/-, #139 ..... 4.70
Block four 20.00
¼d-6d, #140-147 ..... 1.60*
1/-, #148 ..... .90
Block four 4.00
2/-, #149 ..... 1.35
Block four 5.60
3/-, #150 ..... 1.70
Block four 7.00
1d, #151 ..... .25*
¼d-6d, #152-158 ..... .35*
1/-, #159 ..... 3.75*
2/-, #160 ..... 1.15*
3/-, #161 ..... 1.80*
3d-1/-, #162-164 ..... .90*
¼d-6d, #165-172 ..... .52*
1/-, #173 ..... .32*
2/-, #174 ..... .64*
3/-, #175 ..... .95*
1d, #176, obsolete ..... .06
1d on 2d, #201 ..... .35
1d on 2d, #201b ..... .35

BARBUDA, ½d-6d, #1-5 ..... 1.25
6d, #5 ..... .20
2/-, #6 ..... 1.50
3/-, #7 ..... 2.30
4/-, #8 ..... 3.40
3d, #9 ..... .40
1/-, #10 ..... .80
5/-, #11 ..... 4.50

BATUM, 5k-7r, #101-109 ..... 1.30
50r on 2k, #133 ..... 3.80
50r on 2k, #134 ..... 3.80
25r on 25k, #143 ..... 1.65
25r on 25k, #144 ..... 6.50
50r on 50k, #145 ..... 1.35
1r-50r, #147-155 ..... .60

BECHUANALAND PRT., ½d-2½d, #76-78 ..... .75
1/- scarlet (S. G. 7/6), #79 ..... 1.10
Block four (scarlet) 4.50
½d-1/-, #83-91 ..... 1.10
De La Rue 2/6, #92 ..... 1.25
Waterlow 5/-, #93 ..... 2.50
De La Rue 5/-, #93, rare 17.50
Bradbury 5/-, #95 ..... 1.60

BERMUDA ¼d-4d, #35-39 ..... 1.80
¼d-6d, #40-47 ..... 1.35*
1/-, #48 ..... .40*
2/6, #49 ..... 1.00*
5/-, #50 ..... 1.75*
10/-, #51 ..... 6.25
20/-, #52 ..... 6.00
2/-, #53 ..... .80*
4/-, #54 ..... 1.25*
¼d-1/-, #55-69 ..... 1.75*
¼d-1/-, #71-79 ..... 2.25*
½d-6d, #81-88 ..... .85*
2½d, #85 ..... .20*
3d, #86 ..... .30*
1/-, #89 ..... .32*
2/6, #91 ..... .80*
10/-, #94 ..... 3.20*
2½d-3d, #95-96 ..... .15*

BR. CENTRAL AFRICA, 1d-6d, #57-59—blocks with plate Nos. 6.40
1d-1/-, #60-64 ..... 2.65*
1/-, #64 ..... 1.00
2/6, #65, block four 9.50
4/-, #66 ..... 3.00
Block four 13.50
10/-, #67 ..... 5.25
1d, #70 ..... .12*
6d, #73 ..... 4.00

BR. GUIANA, 1c-6c, #154d-157 ..... 1.05
Blocks four 4.50
48c, #158 ..... 2.00
Block four 8.50
48c, #158a 2.10
Block four 8.75
60c, #159 ..... 6.25
12c, #165 ..... 1.50
60c, #168 ..... 2.00
Block four 9.00
72c, #169 ..... 1.80
Block four 7.50
96c, #170 ..... 2.30
Block four 9.50
2c-12c, #172, 172a-177 ..... 1.20
Blocks four 5.00
24c, #184 ..... .45
48c, #185 ..... .90
60c, #186 ..... 1.00*
96c, #188 ..... 3.00*
96c, #190, obsolete 1.60
24c, #197 ..... .32*
72c, #199 ..... .95*
48c, #202 ..... .64*
96c, #204 ..... 1.25*

BR. HONDURAS, 10c, #57 ..... .30
1c-20c, #58-61 ..... 2.00
Blocks four 8.35
1c-25c, #62-67 ..... 2.60
50c, #68 ..... 1.50
$1, #69 ..... 2.60
$2, #70 ..... 5.25
$5, #71 ..... 16.00
2c-5c, #72-73 ..... .35
25c, #74 ..... 1.50
1c-50c, #75-81 ..... 2.05
25c, #80a ..... .75
$1, #82 ..... 1.50
$2, #83 (cat. 8.00) 4.20
1c-5c, #85-87 ..... .60
4c, #90 ..... .06*
1c-25c, #91-97 ..... .58*
50c, #98 ..... .64*
$1, #99 ..... 1.25*
$2, #100 ..... 2.50*
25c, #102 (cat. 2.00) 1.00*
$5, #103 ..... 6.40
War Tax #201-205 ..... .30

BR. SOLOMON IS., ½d-1/-, #8-15 ... 2.00
½d-11d, #19-27 ..... 1.00
½d-1/-, #28-35 ..... 1.20
3d, #41 ..... 2.50

BRUNEI, 1c, #1 ..... 1.40
2c, #2 ..... .60
2c, #3 ..... 1.20
3c, #4 ..... .90
4c, #5 ..... .25
5c, #6 ..... .45
8c, #7 ..... .45
10c, #8 ..... .35
1c-50c, #13-22 ..... 6.50
$1, #23 ..... 2.40
1c-$1, #24-34 ..... 2.50
$5, #35 ..... 2.75
Malay-Borneo 1c-$1 ..... 2.00

CAMEROONS, 1d on 10pf, #52b—very interesting marg. vert. pair, showing how this rare error occurred 35.00
2/-, #63 ..... 8.00
3/-, #64 ..... 8.00

CAYMAN IS., ½d-2½d, #3-5 ..... 1.30
6d, #6 ..... 2.00
1/-, #7 ..... 2.50
6d, #11 ..... 1.90
1/-, #12 ..... 2.50
4d, #13 ..... 2.40
6d, #14 ..... 2.40
1/-, #15 ..... 3.10
½d on 1d, #17 ..... 3.00
½d on 5/-, #18 ..... 12.00
1d on 5/-, #19 ..... 9.75
½d-3d, #21-24 ..... 1.05
4d, #25 ..... 4.75
6d, #26 ..... .40
1/-, #27 ..... .80
5/-, #28 ..... 3.20
10/-, #30 ..... 7.00
¼d, #31 ..... .04*
¼d-6d, #32-39 ..... .95*
2/-, #41 ..... 1.15
3/-, #42 ..... 1.60
3d, #43 ..... .45*
1/-, #44 ..... .60*
10/-, #46 ..... 6.25
5/-, #47 ..... 5.00
10/-, #48 ..... 5.00
1/-, #49 ..... .50*
¼d-6d, #50-56 ..... .37*
2/-, #57 ..... .64*
3/-, #58 ..... .95*
5/-, #62 (N. B.—This is centered).. 3.90*
10/-, #63 (N. B.—This is centered). 9.50*
10/-, #63, usual centering, otherwise excellent 6.50
3d-1/-, #64-66 ..... .52*
5/-, #67 ..... 1.60*
10/-, #68 ..... 3.20*

CEYLON, 2c-75c, #166-175 ..... 3.75
1R50c, #176 ..... 4.40
2R25c, #177 ..... 4.80
2c-75c, #178-187 ..... 2.40
1R50c, #188 ..... 1.25
5c-50c, #190-194 ..... 1.30
1R, #195 ..... 1.00
Block four 4.25
2R, #196 ..... 2.50
Block four 10.50
5R, #197 ..... 5.00
10R, #198 ..... 11.50
2c-50c, #200-210 ..... 1.20
1R, #212 ..... .80
2R, #213 ..... 1.35
5R, #214 ..... 2.60
10R, #215 ..... 6.25
20R, #216 ..... 12.00
50R, #217 ..... 30.00 to 35.00
1R, #220 ..... .80
2R, #221 ..... 1.60
5R, #222 ..... 3.10
1R, #240 ..... .60
2R, #241 ..... 1.40
100R, #246, very rare 65.00
2c on 3c, #248 ..... .03*
5c on 6c, #249 ..... .05*

COOK IS., ½d-2½d, #27-29 ..... .50
½d-1/-, #30-38 ..... 1.90
2d-1/-, #42-47 ..... 2.00
½d-3d, #48-52 ..... .35*
2½d-1/-, #53-60 ..... 3.20*
½d-1/-, #61-66 ..... .75
2/-, #67 ..... 1.00
2/6, #68 ..... .80
5/-, #69 ..... 1.60
10/-, #70 ..... 3.20
20/-, #71 ..... 6.40

CYPRUS, 4pi, #42 ..... 1.75
6pi, #43 ..... 1.50
9pi, #44 ..... 5.25
12pi, #45 ..... 1.25
18pi, #46 ..... 2.50
45pi, #47 ..... 5.25
½pi-4pi, #48-52 ..... .80
18pi, #56 ..... 1.00
45pi, #57 ..... 2.60
5pa-10pa, #58-59 ..... .10
10pa-4pi, #72-77 ..... 1.55*
30pa-6pi, #79-84 ..... 2.15*
9pi, #85 ..... 2.60
10/-, #87 ..... 24.00
20/-, #88 ..... 60.00
10pa, #89 ..... .13
18pi, #91 ..... 5.50
45pi, #92 ..... 23.00
Block four w. plate No. 100.00
Jubilee Pictorial Issue, orders accepted at 32c per shilling.
£5 New Issue orders taken at .. 30.00

DOMINICA, ½-6d, #25-30 ..... 2.40
1/-, #31 ..... 1.25
2/-, #32 ..... 1.25
2/6, #33 ..... 1.35
5/-, #34 ..... 8.50
6d, #40 ..... 6.75
Block four w. plate No. 28.00
1/-, #41 ..... 1.50
2/-, #43 ..... 1.10
2/6, #44 ..... 1.60
5/-, #45 ..... 4.00
½d-6d, #46-51 ..... .70*
1/-, #52 ..... .60*
5/-, #53 (cat. 6.00) 8.50
Block four 15.00
2/-, #56 ..... 1.90*
2/6, #57 ..... 2.25*
½d-6d, #59-65 ..... 1.20*
2/-, #67 ..... 2.05*
2/6, #68 ..... 3.75*
½d-1/-, #69-77 ..... .90*
2/-, #78 ..... .64*
2/6, #79 ..... .80*
4/-, #80 ..... 1.25*
3/-, #81 ..... 3.10*
5/-, #82 ..... 3.10*
3/-, #84 ..... .95*
5/-, #85 ..... 1.00*

E. AFRICA & UGANDA, ½a-8a, $1-8, in blocks 28.00
1R, #9 ..... 1.00
Block four 4.20
2R, #10 ..... 2.60
3R, #11 ..... 3.60
4R, #12 ..... 4.65
5R, #13 ..... 5.70
10R, #14 ..... 9.50
20R, #15 ..... 24.00
50R, #16, under-rated 70.00
½a-8a, #17-24 ..... 2.90
Blocks four 6.00
2½a, #20a ..... .75
1R, #25 ..... .80
2R, #26 ..... 1.50
3R, #27 ..... 2.50
4R, #28 ..... 3.60
5R, #29 ..... 5.25
10R, #29a 9.50
20R, #30 ..... 24.00
1c-75c, #31-39 ..... 2.85
Blocks four 11.75
1c-75c, #40-48 ..... 1.35*
1R, #49 ..... .65
2R, #50 ..... 1.15
3R, #51 ..... 1.50
4R, #52 ..... 2.00
5R, #53 ..... 3.10
10R, #54 ..... 5.75
20R, #55 ..... 16.00
50R, #56 ..... 35.00
20R, #61, under-rated 16.00

FALKLAND IS., ½d-1/-, #22-27 .... 4.15
1d, #23a, wmk. sideways 1.00
3/-, #28 ..... 2.60
Block four 12.00
5/-, #29 ..... 5.75
½d-1/-, #30-35 ..... 1.20
3/-, #36 ..... 2.00
5/-, #37 ..... 5.75
Corner block four 24.50
10/-, #38 ..... 8.20*
20/-, #39 ..... 6.40*
5/-, #40 ..... 1.60
2½d, #44 ..... .07
1/-, #46 ..... .32
2½d, #48 ..... .25
3/-, #49 ..... .95
1/-, #103 ..... .50

IRISH FREE STATE, ½d-10d, #1-8. 3.75
2½d-9d, #9-11 ..... 1.60
4d, #10, carmine o'print ..... .80
Dollard 2/6, #12 ..... 3.75
5/-, #13 ..... 7.00
10/-, #14 ..... 13.75
Thom 2/6, #12 ..... 28.50
5/-, #13 ..... 14.50
10/-, #14 ..... 26.50

(An eminent expert has estimated th Thom High Values to be ten times as rar as the Dollards!)

(Owing to Scott's inadequate listing o #15-26, many collectors will no doubt fin their sets made up of "odds and ends" fro various settings. The following list i therefore worth studying.)

½d, #15, Harrison ..... .06
½d, #15, Thom narrow ..... .35
½d, #15, Thom wide ..... .06
1d, #16, Harrison ..... .07
1d, #16, Thom narrow ..... .10
1d, #16, Thom wide ..... .08
1½d, #17, Thom black ..... .40
1½d, #17, Harrison ..... .15
1½d, #17, Thom narrow ..... .12
1½d, #17, Thom wide ..... .10
2d, #18, Thom black ..... .12
2d, #18, Harrison ..... .12
2d, #18, Thom narrow ..... .70
2d, #18a, Thom black ..... .12
2d, #18a, Harrison ..... .35
2d, #18a, Thom narrow ..... .15
2d, #18a, Thom wide ..... .45
2d, #18c, Thom black—inverted print 17.50
2½d, #19, Thom (narrow) 1.50
3d, #20, Thom (narrow) ..... .35
4d, #21, Thom (narrow) ..... .30

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The above offerings will give collectors a slight idea of my enormous stock of modern British colonials. I have no hesitancy in suggesting **that this is the most valuabl stock of modern British Colonials in the world.** I do not claim to have a complete stock - no dealer has — neither do I lay claim to any percentage of completeness. Th reason for this is simple:—**My stamps are here to be sold, and my prices are fixed accordingly.** While I cannot guarantee you always to supply everything you want, chance are that you are missing many an opportunity by not getting in touch with me — rarities and other elusive stamps of the less recognized class are daily passing through m hands. It should be remembered that I sell a great many stamps that never are featured in my advts. — and among them are undoubtedly many of those that you have bee looking for. When you buy from me, you buy from a real Stock — not from a job lot, consisting principally of a few recent speculative small stamps.

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5d. #22, Thom (narrow)	.65
6d. #23, Thom black	.40
6d. #23, Thom narrow	.40
9d. #24, Thom (narrow)	.95
10d. #25, Thom (narrow)	3.75
1/-, #26, Thom black	1.25
1/-, #26, Thom narrow	1.30
1/-, #26, Thom wide	.65
9d. #27, Thom (narrow)	.80
½d-1/-, #29-41	3.50
1½d, #31, Dull Black o'print	1.00
2d. #33, Dull Black o'print	2.50
3d, #35, Dull Black o'print	1.75
6d, #38, Dull Black o'print	2.50
2/6, #42, Thom wide o'print	2.00
5/-, #43, Thom wide o'print	3.40
10/-, #44, Thom wide o'print	9.50
10/-, #44, Thom wide o'print, vert. pair, one stamp "S over E"	22.50
2/6, #42, Govt. narrow o'print	.80
5/-, #43, Govt. narrow o'print	1.60
10/-, #44, Govt. narrow o'print	3.20
½d-1/-, #45-56	1.50

SOUTH WEST AFRICA

Horizontal pairs except where noted.

½-1/-, #1-14	$ 2.30
1 inv'd o'print, #3a-4a (S. G. £5)	17.50
½, #15/16	1.00
½, #17 18	3.25
½, #20a (19/20), under-rated	11.00
Block four	24.00
1-, #22a (21 22), much under-rated	30.00
1-, #23/24	47.50
Block four	100.00
1-, #27/28, much under-rated	27.00
Block four	55.00
2-, #29/30	65.00
½-1/-, #33-46	2.25
1½, #47/48	1.50
2½, #50a (49/50)	4.50*
5, #51/52	4.50
1-, #53/54	10.00
2-, #55/56, entirely under-rated	25.00
Block four	54.00
2½, #57/58	3.30
½-6d. #59-68	.95*
1, #69/70 (cat. 2.50)	1.30*
1, #71/72 (cat. 3.00)	1.45*
2, #73/74 (cat. 10.00)	6.00*
5, #75/76 (cat. 10.00)	6.50*
10-, #77/78 (cat. 16.00)	10.00*
20-, #79/80 (cat. 40.00)	25.00*
2- o'print on U. S. Africa, #13a	27.50*
4 #81-83 (singles), (cat. .90)	.45
½-6d, all transposed o'prints, #85a-90a	.60*
2 #93 94	.20*
3 #95 96	.25*
1 #97 98	1.10*
2, #99-100	7.00*
5, #101/102	7.00*
3 #311/312	7.50*
6 #313/314	2.50*
5 #315/316	.40
2 #323-324	.80
3 #325/326	.95
5 #327/328	25.00*
6 #343/344	.45*
3 #351/352	.30*
2 #363/364	.20*
3 #365/366	.20*
5 #371-372	.45*

H. BERG, High View, N. Y.

HOW CAN WE PROVE UP THE 24c CONTINENTAL?

(Continued from page 75)

fibres are of deeper shades, running from dark green to dark bluish-green.

My reference collection indicates that the Continental printings in the yellow-green shades were early printings, possibly in 1873, prior to the Ribbed paper emissions.

Therefore, you have the probability that the Continental people either took over from the National concern a left-over quantity of the paper showing red silk fibres, or perhaps secured a supply of the same paper from the same paper manufacturers.

Therefore, you have obviously an early and late Continental printing on paper with silk fibres, each distinct from the other.

Considering the fact that the early Continental Silk Fibre Paper is identical with the National Silk Fibre Paper, plus the fact that the Continental Company printed the 24c stamp from the National plates, I would say positively that the finding of a few red and black silk fibres in the paper of any 24c *would not* thereof that it was a Continental printing.

Also, inasmuch as the only Continental printing of the 24c recorded by Luff occurred in 1875, whereas the evidence of my reference collection indicates rather conclusively that the later Continental Silk Fibre Paper was used in 1877, I doubt where the 24c will ever be found on his later paper.

Check List

National

3c green, on paper showing a few red and black threads.

Continental

3c light yellow-green, on paper showing few red and black threads—early.

3c light green, green, bluish-green and dark bluish-green on paper filled with scores of tiny black threads—late (probably 1877).

Sevard's Twinkles

Mr. M. D. Baldwin, Grand Rapids, Mich., has shown us a neat cover bearing three Australian stamps, but canceled by a Universal type A machine "Honolulu, Hawaii" and we agree with the Lulu part of this. The cover is single line handstamped PACKET BOAT, which all means that the Australian steward heard of Waikiki and lei and poi and the Jap sake served at the Dillinghams. These uklele playing boat stewards!

Mr. Joseph Steinmetz, Philadelphia, was out hunting again and shot a 22c meter in season. In the official catalog of meters this is a Type E (Pitney-Bowes) New York City, Permit 230, machine 5088, with slug date. Oddly sufficient, the color of the die impression agrees favorably with the color of our 22c stamp when in a block of eleven. We suppose it was another one of those darn dividends in a registered return receipt requested (4 R's) envelope. These meter things aren't so common that one can get asthma over them. Either.

Mr. M. J. Fenster, who used to tell time by the Colgate clock on the other side of the river, and now of Elmira, N. Y., sent us a triple cancelled envelope, the last surcharge being the Hudson Terminal Station's "Held for Postage." This handstamp oval has an escalloped edge on it. In our list of despatch marks, we have many single line, double line and otherwise fanciful shapes for marks, but the Hudson Terminal oval is in its own class. In fact, we have never been able to get the Dewey system working on despatch marks, outside of a few Universal "Return to Writer" machines.

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"Grand Central Station" in a 29mm R.M.S. with "Transit" is another Christmas gift. We have added a few "Transfer Clerks" and "Transits" to our list since the silk galluses were acquired.

We are wondering how soon it will be that Lindbergh cajoles a few Air Mail issues out of the Central American Republics. We sincerely hope so and glad of it. I don't believe there is an envious soul in this good land of ours for that boy's success, and if we get the 5c Air Mail post card, and I hope we do, may it further glorify the achievements of Lindy. Alexander the Great did an obituary when he had no more worlds to conquer, Caesar got it in the neck when he precancelled his stamps S. P. O. R., and poor Louis the Quince who watermarked his revenues, "L'Etat, c'est moi" lies with the Hesperus, but Lindy—Lindy will cease his Air Mail pioneering only when there is no air mail to carry. The old Hindoo, who, if he had but two loaves of bread, would sell one to buy hyacinths to save his soul, has in us a counterpart. If you have a spare ten cents, and wish a votive stamp to pledge to the success of our wings, buy an Air Mail stamp.

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An inscription found on the ½d, 1897, stamp of Tonga. It means "God and Tonga are my Inheritance," and finds its parallel in "Dieu et mon Droit."

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

Pyramid and Sphinx
Egypt A21
3 Milliemes

The Pyramid and Sphinx. Who would not know what country they represented, even if the name were lacking? Here is a stamp design that is truly characteristic and wholly appropriate, for of all the ancient glories and wonders of Egypt, the pyramids and the sphinx are the best known to the world at large. As monuments they are unique, and the pyramids were named first, by the ancient Greeks, among the seven wonders of the world.

Egypt has some seventy-five pyramids. The one which concerns us is at Ghizeh, and is the most important of all for it contains the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx, both of which can be taken in the same view as they are only a few hundred yards apart. The Great Pyramid bears the name of Cheops, a king of the Fourth Dynasty, who ruled about 3,000 years before Christ, and who apparently constructed it for his tomb. It is built of solid masonry, huge blocks of red granite having been brought from across the Nile.

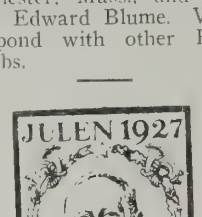
The Sphinx is even more of a mystery than the pyramids. Hewn out of the solid rock, to which masonry has been added in places to complete the form, it has faced the rising sun for at least seven milleniums. Some ascribe it to Chephren, but others claim for it a greater antiquity. It is of the usual form, the crouching body of a lion with a human head. The total length is some 170 feet and the height is 66 feet. It was buried in the desert sand for ages with the exception of the head. The sand was cleared away from in front of the figure in 1816 and a small temple found between the fore legs and against the chest. Inscriptions found indicate that it was to serve as a guardian of the necropolis near the pyramids, the sphinx form being considered a favorite one for the sun-god Ra to assume.

One of the Pharaohs

Through the kindness of N. H. Bikhor of the Royal Stamp Co., N. Y. City, we are able to illustrate this week the new set of stamps just issued by Egypt in honor of the Statistical Congress. The set consists of three values: 5, 10 and 15 milliemes, and the stamps bear the head of one of the well-known Pharaohs, who reigned in Egypt for thirty-six years. The set is very handsome.

Boy Scout Troop Stamp Club

Boy Scout Troop, No. 12, of Dorchester, Mass., has formed a stamp club. With the encouragement and approval of their Scout Master the club started off with a "bang." Out of 30 boys present, a large majority showed a lively interest in stamps, starting with a membership of 12, and have elected as President, Herbert Seegal, 19 Nottingham St., Dorchester, Mass., and Secretary Treasurer, Edward Blume. Would like to correspond with other Boy Scout Stamp clubs.



Denmark Christmas Seal

By courtesy of A. E. Pade we illustrate the Danish Christmas seal. It shows a likeness of the originator of the seal, Einar Holboll.

Building A Collection

How to Buy—No. 1

By GEO. TODD.

There are different ways of buying stamps. Many dealers advertise bargains in stamp papers, boys magazines, circulars, and house organs. To those who do not know what a house organ is, it may be explained that it is a regularly issued pamphlet or paper sent out by a stamp firm to advertise that firm's stamps, but it also frequently contains reading matter and "tips" on the stamp market. When you buy stamps by the above method, be sure to compare prices, so that you know you are really getting a bargain.

Many buy stamps by the approval method, where you can see what you are getting for your money, but don't let your purchases be influenced by dazzling colors, so that you buy what you really don't want. Make sure also that stamps are not priced higher than catalog so as to allow big discounts.

Some boys buy from their home-town dealer, but if it is just a small shop, prices are apt to be high, especially if the dealer has to depend on stamps for a living. Sometimes, you may come in contact with an older collector who will be willing to sell you his duplicates at a very low price.

If you have a set with but one or two stamps lacking, you can usually obtain this stamp by sending a want list to a dealer.

"Country" Etymology

Gibraltar. Named from Arabic Gebrelal Tarak "mountain of Tarak" after the Arabian general who landed in Europe in 711.

Great Britain. Possibly from the Phoenician Baratamak meaning "Land of the Fin."

Panama.—Was the name of an Indian village. Later on it was changed to the city, the province and the isthmus. —*Ill. Briefmarken Jour.—Am. Jour. Phil.*

Junior Items

—We have a clipping from Dav Bernstein in which the Postmaster Ge eral states that the Department is n planning to issue any new denominatio of airmail stamps.

—Dale B. Walker would like to kn how he can distinguish the types of t 2c U. S. postage stamps from 1914 1919. The advice we give Dale will useful to our other juniors. Write o of the standard dealers and ask for set of these stamps and have them pr erly designated. You will thus be a to study the stamps and note the diff ences. They are not so expensive as be beyond the reach of the avera junior.

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—"No. 1 brain teaser may be answe by looking through the catalog, bu could not find it. Anyway, three che for the Junior Page and its contests. MISS IRENE BAKER. It is a letter this that drives dull care away.

Kingston Relief Fund 1d

A surcharge applied to a number the 2d stamps (1899 issue) of Barba in 1906. The stamp was sold for 2d, had franking power to the extent of only, the extra 1d going to a fund the relief of the sufferers by the di trous earthquake in Jamaica.

Koninkrijk Der Nederlanden

This inscription is shown across top of the current gulden stamps of Netherlands and it simply means "Ki dom of the Netherlands."

Tribute to the Lone Eagle

("Star" Clipping from Emil J. Rall.

The above are facsimiles of the sp postage stamps issued by the Rep of Panama in commemoration of Co Charles A. Lindbergh's visit to the mus. The two-cent stamp will be on mail matter circulating internally among members of the Pan-Ame Postal Union, and the five-cent s will be used on all mail to countries in the Universal Postal Union. were printed at the Mount Hope pri plant of the Panama Canal.

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The Junior Dictionary

Principaute De Trinidad.—The inscption on certain bogus stamps, issued n 894, purporting to be an issue for the Pncipality of Trinidad. The stamps shw a view of an island with a pleasure yat in the foreground, and they were isued by an adventurer named Harden Hickley, who posed for a time as Prince Jaes I of Trinidad. He annexed, to hiown satisfaction at any rate, the little ist of this name, which is situated about 50miles from the coast of Brazil, and wse ownership was once the subject ona dispute between the governments of th country and Great Britain. The isla is nothing but a barren, uninhabited rc, and the scheme of foisting these lals on stamp collectors was quite unsuessful. It is said that Hinckley lost al his money in the venture, and soon afrwards committed suicide at a hotel inTexas.

Private Telegraph Stamps.—Issued byvarious private telegraph companies in Great Britain for the prepayment of tegraphic messages before the various lirs were taken over by the Government.

Pro Combattenti.—An overprint or inscription shown on various stamps issul in San Marino in 1918 meaning literlly: "for the troops." The stamps wre sold at a premium over their postal vale, the extra amount being devoted to a pecial fund in connection with the Italan Red Cross.

In Lighter Vein

Woman (to village postmistress):—"Is there ennythin' fer me to-day? I'm seon hearing from my darter, 'Tilda."

Postmistress:—"There's a postcard. Tilda writes she's enjiin' herself an' won't be home till nex' week."

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THE MALAY TIGER

The tiger has found great favour with the designers of the postage stamps used by the Federated Malay States both before and after federation. The first "tiger" issues of Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Selangor and Sungei Ujong, current in the early nineties, present a half-length portrait of the animal springing forth from a thicket of tall grass. If this portion of the design of these stamps had been printed in natural colours, it would have shown how beautifully the tiger's striped coat harmonises with the dark green and brown and yellow grasses and reeds of his habitat. The subsequent "tiger" issues for the individual States, made about 1896, display, in a

simple, effective frame, a fine head study of this fierce yet handsome beast, in which the artist has caught very well the typical "tiger" expression, with flattened ears, baleful eyes and snarling jaws—an expression not unfamiliar in our own domestic tabby in the presence of a mischievous dog. The design for the lower values of the general issue for the Federated States consists chiefly of a full-length picture of the creature bounding with that wonderful, noiseless spring into comparatively open country.

The popularity of the tiger with the Malay stamp designers is due, in a sense, to his unpopularity with the inhabitants of that part of the world, in whose lives, from geographical causes, he plays a prominent and often a too active part. The Malay Peninsula is almost entirely a region of jungle, which stretches west and east from the central mountain range down to the very edge of the sea. Here and there along the coast and in the interior, Eastern and Western civilisation has cleared considerable tracts on which to erect towns and villages and lay out plantations; but always one dwells in the shadow of the jungle. In the jungle itself dwells My Lord the Tiger, who disputes with the Indian elephant the kingship of the Asiatic Wild.

The Malay tiger has not such a terrible reputation as his northern kinsman, the Bengal maneater; but for all that he takes his yearly toll of lonely travelers and unwary villagers and unprotected cattle. He is an ever-present menace. It is largely on his account that the Malays construct their houses high up on a series of piles, preferably over water. Even on small islands off the coast the fear of him persists, for he has been known to swim narrow belts of sea.

Once upon a time, and not so very long ago, the tiger used to make up for his depredations by providing the natives with amusement, though this was involuntary on his part. He used to be trapped and liberated in large arenas, round which the populace gathered to watch him bait the *sadang*, the lordly Malay buffalo, much as Englishmen in days gone by looked on at the sport of bull-baiting. Usually the tiger got the better of his adversary; but at times the *sadang's* long horns got home in a vital spot.

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The tiger being such a feature of Malay life, and the nearest haunt of the lion being in the Nilgiri Hills in India, it seems strange that the town of Singapore should be so called, for "Singapore" means "the City of the Lion." Perhaps the lion referred to, however, is the British Lion.—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

GERMANY

20th CENTURY, MOST COMPLETE, BOTH MINT AND USED

1900

52	2pf	..		.02
53	3pf	..		.01
54	5pf	..		.01
55	10pf	..		.01
56	20pf	..		.01
57	25pf	..		.03
58	30pf	..		.02
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61	80pf	..		.03
Set	52-61	..	3.50	.15
62	1mk	..	1.50	.04
63	2mk	..	2.50	.20
64	3mk	..	3.25	.65
65	5mk, type I.	..		8.00

1902

65c	2pf	..		.03
66	3pf	..		.01
67	5pf	..		.01
68	10pf	..		.01
69	20pf	..		.01
70	25pf	..		.06
71	30pf	..		.02
72	40pf	..		.01
73	50pf	..		.01
74	80pf	..		.03
Set	65c-74	..	3.50	.20
75	1mk	..	2.00	.03
76	2mk	..	5.50	.02
77	3mk	..	3.50	.20
78	5mk	..	7.50	.40
79	2mk	..	6.00	.05

1906-11
Wmkd. Lozenges

80	2pf	..	.40	.15
81	3pf	..	.03	.02
82	5pf	..	.02	.01
83	10pf	..	.07	.01
84	20pf	..	.04	.01
85	25pf	..	.20	.01
86	30pf	..	.04	.01
87	40pf	..	.12	.01
88	50pf	..	.10	.01
89	60pf	..	.35	.01
90	80pf	..	.25	.01
91	1mk	..	.40	.01
92	2mk	..	.60	.01
93	3mk	..	.25	.10
94	5mk	..	.20	.10
Set	80-94	..	2.40	.40

1916

95	2½pf	..	.02	.02
96	7½pf	..	.03	.01
97	15pf	..	.55	.10

1917

98	15pf	..	.08	.01

1918-19

99	2pf	..	.01	.02
100	35pf	..	.02	.01
101	75pf	..	.03	.02

German Republic
Nat'l Assem. Issue
1919-20, Unwmkd.

105	10pf	..	.08	.02
106	15pf	..	.02	.02
107	25pf	..	.05	.10
108	30pf	..	.04	.03
Set	105-108	..	.15	.15

1920
Wmkd. Lozenges

111	1mk	..	.08	.01
112	1.25mk	..	.14	.03
113	1.50mk	..	.04	.02
114	2.50mk	..	.01	.02
Set	111-114	..	.25	.05

Surch. *1.25M*

115	1.25/1mk	..	.05	.05
116	1.50/1mk	..	.06	.06
117	2.50/2mk	..	.60	.60
Set	115-117	..	.65	.65

Typographed

118	5pf	..	.01	.01
119	10pf	..	.01	.01
120	15pf	..	.01	.01
121	20pf	..	.01	.01
123	30pf	..	.01	.01
124	40pf	..	.01	.01
125	50pf	..	.04	.05
126	60pf	..	.01	.01
127	75pf	..	.02	.03
128	80pf	..	.01	.01
129	1mk	..	.01	.01
130	1¼mk	..	.02	.01
131	2mk	..	.12	.03
132	4mk	..	.02	.02
Set	118-132	..	.25	.20

1921

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Surch. 1.60M etc.

133	1.60m/5pf	..	.01	.01
134	3m/1¼mk	..	.01	.01
135	5m/5pf	..	.02	.02
136	10m/75pf	..	.02	.02
Set	133-136	..	.05	.05

1921
Wmkd. Lozenges

137	5pf	..	.01	.01
138	10pf	..	.01	.01
139	15pf	..	.01	.02
140	25pf	..	.01	.02
141	30pf	..	.01	.02
142	40pf	..	.01	.02
143	50pf	..	.05	.05
144	60pf	..	.01	.02
145	80pf	..	.01	.02
146	100pf	..	.10	.08
147	120pf	..	.01	.03
148	150pf	..	.02	.03
149	160pf	..	.01	.03
150	2mk	..	.06	.05
151	3mk	..	.08	.06
152	4mk	..	.02	.02
153	5mk	..	.08	.04
154	10mk	..	.12	.08
155	20mk	..	.25	.12
Set	137-155	..	.75	.65

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156	75pf	..	.02	.05
157	1¼mk	..	.01	.03
158	5pf	..	.08	.10
159	10pf	..	.25	.25
160	15pf	..	.03	.05
161	25pf	..	.01	.03
162	30pf	..	.08	.12
163	40pf	..	.01	.03
164	50pf	..	.01	.01
165	60pf	..	.01	.02
166	75pf	..	.01	.02
167	80pf	..	.02	.03
168	100pf	..	.01	.01
169	120pf	..	.04	.05
170	150pf	..	.01	.02
171	160pf	..	.06	.12
172	5pf	..	.05	.04
173	10pf	..	.06	.05
174	20pf	..	.01	.01
Set	156-174	..	.75	.70

Wmkd. Quatrefoils

175	1¼mk	..	17.50	12.00

Munich Issue
1922
Wmkd. Network

177	1¼mk	..	.01	.01
178	2mk	..	.01	.01
179	3mk	..	.04	.04
180	4mk	..	.01	.01

Wmkd. Lozenges

181	10mk	..	.03	.03
182	20mk	..	.06	.06
Set	177-182	..	.10	.10

1922
Wmkd. Network

185	2mk	..	.01	.01
186	3mk	..	.01	.01
187	4mk	..	.01	.01
188	5mk	..	.01	.03
189	10mk	..	.01	.01
190	20mk	..	.01	.01
191	30mk	..	.01	.01
192	50mk	..	.01	.01

Wmkd. Lozenges

193	100mk	..	.02	.02
194	200mk	..	.01	.02
195	300mk	..	.01	.01
196	400mk	..	.01	.01
197	500mk	..	.01	.01
Set	185-197	..	.10	.12

1922-23
Wmkd. Network

200	2mk	..	.01	.01
201	3mk	..	.01	.01
202	4mk	..	.01	.01
203	5mk	..	.01	.01
204	6mk	..	.01	.02
205	8mk	..	.01	.02
206	10mk	..	2.00	..
207	20mk	..	.01	.01
208	30mk	..	.01	.02
209	40mk	..	.01	.02
211	50mk	..	.01	.01
212	100mk	..	.01	.02
213	200mk	..	.01	.02
214	300mk	..	.01	.02
215	400mk	..	.01	.01
216	500mk	..	.01	.02
217	1000mk	..	.01	.01
218	2000mk	..	.01	.02
219	3000mk	..	.01	.01
Set	200-5, 207-19	..	.12	.15

1923
Wmkd. Quatrefoils

220	50mk	..	.06	..

1923
Wmkd. Network

221	5mk	..	.01	.02
222	10mk	..	.01	.02
223	12mk	..	.01	.03
224	20mk	..	.01	.02
225	25mk	..	.01	.03
226	30mk	..	.01	.03
227	40mk	..	.01	.02
228	50mk	..	.01	.04
229	100mk	..	.01	.01
230	200mk	..	.01	.02
231	300mk	..	.01	.01
232	400mk	..	.01	.03
233	500mk	..	.01	.03
234	1000mk	..	.01	.01
235	4000mk	..	.01	.03
236	5000mk	..	.01	.03
236a	100,000mk	..	.01	.02
Set	221-236a	..	.10	.40

Castle

237	5000mk	..	.03	.03

Cathedral

238	10,000mk	..	.01	.05

Abbreviations:
th=Thousand
mil=Million
mlrd=Billion

238a	5th mk.	..	.01	.03
239	50th mk.	..	.01	.02
240	75th mk.	..	.01	.03

Various Surch. Stamps 1922-23
Wmkd. Lozenges

241	8th m/30pf	.	.01	.03

Wmkd. Network

242	5th m/40pf	.	.01	.03
242a	See A Var. Col.	..		..
243	15th m/40mk.		.01	.03
244	20th m/12mk.		.01	.02
245	20th m/25mk.		.02	.05
246	20th m/200mk		.01	.02
247	25th m/25mk.		.01	.03
248	30th m/10mk.		.01	.02
249	30th m/200mk		.01	.02
250	75th m/300mk		.01	.05
251	75th m/400mk		.01	.02
252	75th m/1000mk		.01	.02
253	100th m/100mk		.01	.03
254	100th m/400mk		.01	.02
255	125th m/1000mk		.01	.02
256	250th m/200mk		.01	.03
257	250th m/300mk		.02	.04
258	250th m/400mk		.02	.03
259	250th m/500mk		.01	.02
260	250th m/500mk		.01	.04
261	800th m/5pf	..	.01	.03
262	800th m/10pf	.	.01	.02
262a	See A Var. Col.	..		..
263	800th m/200mk		.01	.04
264	800th m/300mk		.01	.02
264a	See A Var. Col.	..		..
265	800th m/400mk		.01	.04
266	800th m/400mk		.01	.03
266a	800th m/500mk		..	..
267	800th m/500mk		.01	.05
268	800th m/1000mk		.01	.02
269	2mil m/200mk		.01	.02
270	2mil m/300mk		.01	.04
271	2mil m/500mk		.01	.02
272	2mil m/5th mk.		.01	.02
273	400th m/15pf	.	.01	.02
274	400th m/25pf	.	.01	.02
275	400th m/30pf	.	.01	.02
276	400th m/40pf	.	.01	.02
277	2mil m/200pf.		.01	.02
278	2mil m/5th pf.		.01	.02
Set	241-278	..	.10	.75

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280	500th mk.	..	.01	.03
281	1mil mk.	..	.01	.03
282	2mil mk.	..	.01	.02
284	4mil mk.	..	.01	.03
285	5mil mk.	..	.01	.01
286	10mil mk.	..	.01	.01
287	20mil mk.	..	.01	.03
288	30mil mk.	..	.01	.05
289	50mil mk.	..	.01	.02
290	100mil mk.	..	.01	.02
291	200mil mk.	..	.01	.02
293	500mil mk.	..	.01	.02
294	1mlrd mk.	..	.01	.02
295	2mlrd mk.	..	.01	.02
296	5mlrd mk.	..	.01	.02
297	10mlrd mk.	..	.01	.02
298	20mlrd mk.	..	.01	.02
299	50mlrd mk.	..	.02	.08
Set	280-299	..	.10	.45

Serrate Roul.

301	10mil mk.	..	.01	.02
302	20mil mk.	..	.01	.02
303	50mil mk.	..	.01	.02
304	200mil mk.	..	.01	.02
305	1mlrd mk.	..	.01	.02
306	2mlrd mk.	..	.01	.03
307	5mlrd mk.	..	.01	.03
308	20mlrd mk.	..	.02	.05
309	50mlrd mk.	..	.04	.10
Set	301-309	..	.08	.30

Surch. New Val.

310	1mlrd m/100mk		.01	.01
311	5mlrd m/2mil "		.02	.04
312	5mlrd m/4mil "		.02	.03
313	5mlrd m/10 " "		.02	.03
314	10mlrd m/20 " "		.02	.04
315	10mlrd m/50 " "		.03	.04
316	10mlrd m/100" "		.03	.06
319	5mlrd m/10 " "		.05	.10
320	10mlrd m/20 " "		.04	.15
321	10mlrd m/50 " "		.05	.10
Set	310-321	..	.25	.55

1923
Wmkd. Network

323	3pf	..	.02	.02
324	5pf	..	.03	.01
325	10pf	..	.04	.01
326	20pf	..	.08	.01
327	50pf	..	.20	.02
328	100pf	..	.40	.02
Set	323-328	..	.75	.07

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330	3pf	..	.02	.02
331	5pf	..	.03	.01
332	10pf	..	.04	.01
333	20pf	..	.08	.01
334	30pf	..	.12	.01
335	40pf	..	.16	.01
336	50pf	..	.20	.10
Set	330-336	..	.60	.15
337	60pf	..	.24	.04
338	80pf	..	.32	.06
339	1 mark	..	.35	.25
340	2 mark	..	.70	.10
341	3 mark	..	1.05	.40
343	10pf	..	.04	.02
344	20pf	..	.08	.02

Munich Exhib.
1925

345	5pf	..	.03	.03
346	10pf	..	.07	.07
Set	345-346	..	.10	.10

Rheinland Iss.

347	5pf	..	.03	.01
348	10pf	..	.06	.02
349	20pf	..	.12	.06
Set	347-349	..	.20	.07
350	5 mark	..	1.75	.75

1926
Famous Men
Wmkd. Network

351	3pf	..	.03	.02
352	5pf	..	.02	.01
353	10pf	..	.04	.01
354	15pf	..	.06	.01
355	20pf	..	.08	.01
356	25pf	..	.10	.01
357	30pf	..	.12	.01
358	40pf	..	.16	.02
359	50pf	..	.20	.03
360	80pf	..	.32	.10
Set	351-360	..	1.00	.20

1927

361	3pf	..	.02	.02
362	8pf	..	.04	.02

Surch. I. A. A.

Set	363-365	..	.30	..
New	5pf light gr.		.02	.01

Air Post Stamps
1919
Unwmkd.

401	10pf	..	.01	.02
402	40pf	..	.01	.02

1922-23
Wmkd. Network

403	25pf	..	.04	..
404	40pf	..	.03	..
405	50pf	..	.01	..
406	60pf	..	.02	..
407	80pf	..	.02	..
408	1 mark	..	.01	..
409	2 mark	..	.01	..
410	3 mark	..	.01	..
411	5 mark	..	.01	..
412	10 mark	..	.01	..
413	25 mark	..	.01	..
415	100 mark	..	.01	..
416	5 mark	..	.01	..
417	10 mark	..	.01	..
418	25 mark	..	.01	..
420	100 mark	..	.01	..
421	200 mark	..	.01	..
Set	401-421	..	.20	..

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422	5pf	..	.04	.04
423	10pf	..	.06	.06
424	20pf	..	.10	.10
425	50pf	..	.25	.25
426	100pf	..	.50	.50
427	200pf	..	1.00	1.00
428	300pf	..	1.50	1.50
Set	422-428	..	2.85	2.75

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429	5pf	..	.02	.02
430	10pf	..	.04	.02
431	20pf	..	.08	.02
432	50pf	..	.20	.10
433	1 mark	..	.35	.25
434	2 mark	..	.70	.50
435	3 mark	..	1.05	.75
Set	429-435	..	2.35	1.65

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436	15pf	..	.04	.04

Charity Stamps
1919
Surch. 5pf
Wmkd. Lozenges

475	10+5pf	..	.04	.05
476	15+5pf	..	.04	.05
Set	475-476	..	.07	.10

1922
Wmkd. Network

477	6+4mk	..	.03	.05
478	12+8mk	..	.04	.05
Set	477-478	..	.05	.10

1923
Surch. Values

479	5+100mk	..	.01	.03
480	25+500mk	..	.01	.03
481	20+1000mk	..	.15	.25
Set	479-481	..	.16	.30

1924

482	5pf	..	.25	.25
483	10pf	..	.40	.40
484	20pf	..	.80	.80
485	50pf	..	1.85	1.85
Set	482-485	..	2.85	2.85

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486	5+5pf	..	.05	.05
487	10+10pf	..	.10	.10
488	20+20pf	..	.20	.20
Set	486-488	..	.30	.30

1926
Wmkd. Network

489	5+5pf	..	.05	.05
490	10+10pf	..	.10	.10
491	25+25pf	..	.20	.20
492	50+50pf	..	.50	.50
Set	489-492	..	.70	.70

1927
Hindenburg Iss.

493	8pf	..	.06	..
494	15pf	..	.12	..
495	25pf	..	.20	..
496	50pf	..	.40	..
Set	493-496	..	.75	..

Official Stamps
1920
Wmkd. Lozenges

551	5pf	..	.05	.25
552	10pf	..	.01	.01
553	15pf	..	.01	.01
554	20pf	..	.01	.01
555	30pf	..	.01	.01
556	40pf	..	.01	.01
557	50pf	..	.01	.01
558	1mk	..	.01	.01
559	1.25mk	..	.01	.01
560	2mk	..	.15	.25
561	5mk	..	.01	.05

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562	10pf	..	.01	..
563	60pf	..	.01	.03

1922
Wmkd. Network

564	75pf	..	.02	.10
565	2mk	..	.01	.02

Wmkd. Lozenges

566	3mk	..	.01	.02
567	10mk	..	.01	.02

1923
Wmkd. Network

568	10mk	..	.02	.02
569	20mk	..	.01	.02
570	50mk	..	.01	.02
571	100mk	..	.01	.02
Set	551-571	..	.25	..

Surch. Dienstm.

572	20mk	..	.01	.04
573	30mk	..	.01	.03
574	40mk	..	.01	.03
577	200mk	..	.01	.02
578	300mk	..	.01	.05
579	400mk	..	.01	.05
580	500mk	..	.01	.03
Set	572-580	..	.05	.25

1923
Surch. New Val.
Wmkd. Lozenges

581	5th m/5mk	.	.01	.03
582	20th m/30pf	.	.01	.02
583	100th m/15pf	.	.01	.03
584	250th m/10pf	.	.01	.02
585	800th m/30pf	.	.05	.15

Wmkd. Network

586	75th m/50mk	.	.01	.04
587	400th m/15pf	.	.01	.03
588	800th m/30pf	.	.01	.05
589	1mil m/75pf	.	.01	.06
590	2mil m/10pf	.	.01	.05
591	5mil m/100mk		.01	.05
Set	581-591	..	.10	.45

1923
Surch. Dienstm.

592	100mil mk.	..	.01	..
593	200mil mk.	..	.01	..
594	2mlrd mk.	..	.03	..
595	5mlrd mk.	..	.05	..
596	10mlrd mk.	..	.08	..
597	20mlrd mk.	..	.12	..
598	50mlrd mk.	..	.16	..
Set	592-598	..	.35	..

Val. in Rentenpf.

599	3pf	..	.02	.03
600	5pf	..	.03	.03
601	10pf	..	.04	.02
602	20pf	..	.08	.03
603	50pf	..	.15	.0
604	100pf	..	.30	.1
Set	599-604	..	.55	.3

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605	3pf	..	.10	.1
606	5pf	..	.03	.0
607	10pf	..	.06	.0
608	20pf	..	.08	.0
609	30pf	..	.12	.0
610	40pf	..	.16	.1
611	50pf	..	(.20 when Issued	
612	60pf	..	.24	.2
613	80pf	..	.32	.3
Set	605-610, 612-613		1.00	.8

1927
Number in Oval

616	8pf	..	.04	.
618	15pf	..	.07	.

Listed under A Var.

65a	5mk, type II		10.00	7.0
84a	20pf	..	.25	.2
84b	20pf	..	.08	.0
84c	20pf, Imperf.		35.00	
92a	2 mark	..	.70	.7
114a	2.50mk	..	.05	.0
114b	2.50mk	..	.08	.0
117a	2.50/2mk	..	.90	.
117b	2.50/2mk	..	.80	.
118a	5pf	..	.01	.0
119a	10pf	..	.05	.0
123b	30pf, Imperf.	..		
124b	40pf, Imperf.	..		
128a	80pf, Imperf.		35.00	
146a	100pf, Imperf.	..		
153a	5mk, Imperf.	..		
168a	100pf, Imperf.	..		
170a	150pf, Imperf.		2.50	
188a	5mk, Imperf.	..		
200a	2mk, Imperf.	..		
202a	4mk, Imperf.	..		
204a	6mk, type I		.01	
205a	8mk, type II		.02	
218a	2000mk	..	.03	.0
229a	100mk	..	.01	.0
229b	100mk purple		.03	.0
235	4000mk Imp.	..	5.00	
236	5000mk SeaGrn.		.05	
236a	5000mk Imp.	..	5.00	
236b	100,000mk Imp.	..		
237a	5000mk Imp.	..	40.00	
239	50th	..	15.00	
241a	On Inside of entire Sheet		#241	4.50
242a	8th m/30pf	.	.60	
262a	800th m/100mk		37.50	
264a	800th m/300mk		1.75	
266a	800th m/500mk		1.75	
269a	2mil m/200mk		.03	

Quotation given on item not here priced or listed.

Se Tenant Pairs

#82-83	..	..	.25	
82-96	..	..	.75	
83-98	..	..	.65	
84b-120	..	..	.25	
95-96	..	..	.30	
119-123	..	..	.06	
123-124	..	..	.06	
124-126	..	..	.20	
124-141	..	..	.20	
138-141	..	..	.30	

Blocks @ double price above except #95-96.

Tete Beche Items

119b	10pf	..	.05	
123a	30pf	..	.15	
124a	40pf	..	.08	
126a	60pf	..	.15	
138a	10pf	..	.50	
141a	30pf	..	.30	

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THE CONTINENTAL RIBBED PAPER U. S. ISSUE 1873-74

(*Continued from page 07*

hat is, the vertically ribbed stamps are most invariably longer than any normal amp not on ribbed paper, and that er 80 per cent. of the horizontally bbed stamps are wider than normal ecimens not on ribbed paper."

Check over some ribbed paper copies comparison with stamps on other paers roughly with a millimetre scale and ou will find Wiley was right—the deigns on the horizontally ribbed paper m about one-half millimetre wider, and te designs on the vertically ribbed paers about one-half millimetre longer tan designs printed on other papers.

The present article has been concerned ith an examination into the minutiae of tcture and color of the paper and apparance of the printed design of stamps c ribbed paper. To some, all this detil will appear wearisome, but the dealer c student who wants to be able accurely and rapidly to pick ribbed papers c well afford to study it. Also, each ad every one of the details mentioned lp to establish the ribbed paper as a dtinct and legitimate paper variety and n an accident.

Let me make clear that not every detil or characteristic mentioned will be fnd to be true of each and every rbed paper stamp examined. But the s dent will find, as he gets into the subjt, that these different details check on eh other in determining whether a stmp is on ribbed paper or not, and tlrefore it is helpful to be familiar with a the various characteristics and peculirities of the paper and of the printings o this paper.

In my humble opinion, Messrs. Luff ad Clark should again list the ribbed paer in the Standard Catalogue under th Continental Bank Note Company's pntings. It has fully as much standing as a distinct variety as the laid paper lied in the 1861 and 1862-66 issues—infact, it is a more distinct variety and n so elusive to the eye as this earlier lai paper, in many instances. Likewise, th ribbed paper is a distinct variet and easier to pick than the "paper wh silk fibres" listed under the Continental printings.

Certainly, if the Scott Company will n list ribbed paper, it should at least remove or correct the following paragph which appears at the end of the Cntinental listings:

"Almost all of the stamps of the Continental Bank Note Company printing, including the Department stamps and some of the newspaper stamps may be found upon a paper which shows more or less of the characteristics of a ribbed paper."

The above is an erroneous statement. These stamps *are found* (at least most of the values) on a true ribbed paper, and the catalogue should so state.

The Specialized Catalogue lists Ribbed Paper definitely, and thereby disagrees with the statement in the Standard Catalogue.

While on this subject, let me point out that, in my opinion, the Specialized Catalogue is in error in listing the 2 cent vermilion and the 5 cent blue of the 1875 printings on Ribbed Paper.

As was shown in my first article, the Continental Company undoubtedly printed on the Ribbed Paper only in 1873 or, at the longest, in 1873, and the early part of 1874, and I have never seen the slightest evidence that this paper was used in 1875.

The American Hard Paper, which was probably used in 1880, or possibly in 1879-80, has an appearance on the back slightly like the ribbed paper, and many collectors and dealers have confused the two. Wiley, for instance, in his early work, described this American Hard Paper as the "Two-One Ribbed Paper," but he corrected his error in a subsequent article.

I believe that the cataloguers, in listing the 1875 printings on Ribbed Paper have confused the 2 cent Vermilion and 5c Blue printings on American Hard Paper with the Continental emissions and I hope these two listings will be removed from the next edition of the Specialized Catalogue.

The next article in this series will treat of the different shades of the Three Cent Green printings on both Horizontally and Vertically Ribbed paper.

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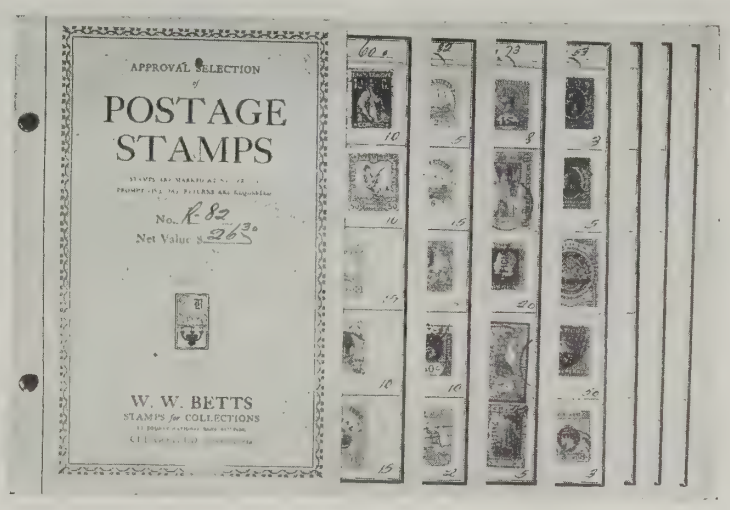

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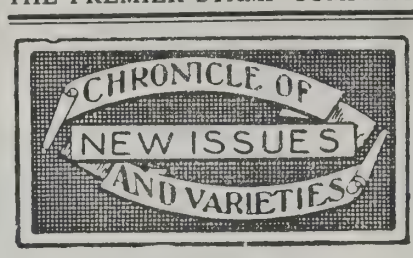

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United States

10 Cent 1847 Large Block

During October, I had the pleasure of describing in this column, the wonderful block of fourteen, and strip of ten of the ten 10c 1847 which was found on a piece of ragged cover. I was unable at that time to state as to what city used this, but have recently come into possession of a portion of the cover, from which the stamps were removed, and find that the package was mailed from "Cleveland, Ohio, June 7, 1851," and was addressed to a New England point, as previously stated. As this is, no doubt, the outstanding United States item now in existence, it was thought that this information should be made a matter of record.

Washington Notes

Under date of January 12th, the Postmaster General announced that side-wise coils of three thousand stamps of the 1½c denomination are available. These are similar to the large 2c coils recently placed on sale, and while the stamps are identical with the smaller coils, in this case the gum side is wrapped outward. They are especially made for certain affixing machines now upon the market.

As a result of numerous reports in foreign papers to the effect that higher denomination air mail stamps would be available, the Department has been receiving quite a few letters relative to the issue of such varieties.

The demand has been sufficient to warrant the Postmaster General in announcing that there is no truth in such a report, and that the Department has no thought of issuing any new air mail stamps, either of new denominations, or new stamps to replace those in current use. The Postmaster General stated that the Department is entirely satisfied with the present issue of airmail varieties.

United States Values

Mr. Willis M. Pott has gone to considerable trouble and compared the catalogue prices of 20th century United States stamps from 1923 to 1928 inclusive. During this period of five years, it is found that unused singles have advanced 98%, whereas mint blocks have advanced 91%. Used singles have taken an increase of 82%, whereas used blocks have advanced 85%.

If we consider the advance of the last catalogue over the present one, we find that unused singles go forward 43% and blocks 37%. Used singles increase 28% and blocks 30%. This data certainly is a strong argument in behalf of collecting as an investment. Recent auction prices show that there is a constant demand for 20th Century United States stamps, and it is nothing unusual to see the dealer in the auction room buy the majority of the stamps at prices ranging from 75% to 100% or more of catalogue. The greatest increases are in the perf. 10 issues, which are still attractive at prevailing prices. The 50c, which could have been purchased a few years back at one or two dollars, is beginning to approach $50.00. Numerous other stamps here and there are good buys, and one collecting 20th Century United States in superb condition is making no mistake.

Belgium. — The "Three men in a boat" Charity stamps of this country have been issued and copies have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. Each stamp bears the word "Caritas" at the base and the name "Belgique" vertically at the left with "Belgie" in the same manner at the right. The figures of value are in the upper right corner with the added value in the lower left. Values and shades are 25c + 10c chocolate; 35c + 10c green; 60c + 10c violet; 1fr-75c + 25c blue and 5fr + 1fr purple magenta.

Egypt. — The set of three values known as the Statistical Congress commemorative issue has been received from Mr. R. Roberts. They were issued December 28th last, and bear the head of one of the well known Pharaohs of old, Amenhotep III, son of Thothmes IV. The values are a 5m brown, 10m red and 15m blue, large format, perf. 13½, watermarked crown, crescent and star, as before.

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Norway.—The two new items been received from Whitfield Kir Co. The 20o red and 25o chestnut, in the lion design.

Russia. — Copies of the 80kop ora perforated and in the bearded pe type are to hand from Whitfield Ki Co. Two other values of the new have also been received from the correspondents. An 18kop olive 70kop olive-green.

Sierra Leone.—The 7p, Die II, S watermark has been placed on sale. copies have reached us from Mr Roberts.

South West Africa.—We learn the *South African Philatelist* that of the 4p triangular stamps have perforated Officially, this having done locally to be more easily handl

Switzerland.—Our Zihlschlacht respondent, Mr. A. D. Jenny, con the changes anticipated last week. tells us that the new 7½c value w in green on buff, while at the same there is to be 2½c olive-green on b 15c red-brown on buff (type of c 30c Tell), and the 10c, now green, w in blue-green on buff.

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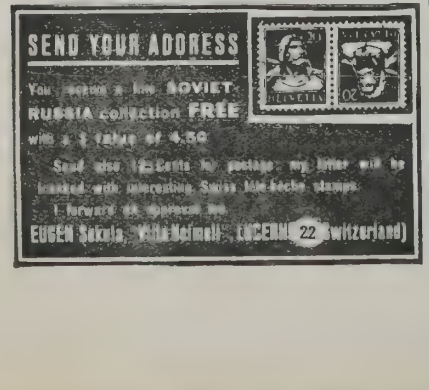

SAN MARINO AND ITS NEW STAMPS

By M. A. JAMIESON.

In accordance with the decision arrived at during the Postal Convention in May, 1877, the Republic of San Marino issued distinctive postage stamps of her own in August of that year. During the intervening fifty years, the stamps of this small State have been engraved and printed in Italy. It is therefore interesting to learn that just half a century after the inauguration of special postage stamps for San Marino, the execution of two new issues has been entrusted to a British firm, Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co., of London and New Malden.

The first of these two sets of stamps is to commemorate the unveiling of the cenotaph at San Marino, erected to the memory of the Sammarinese War Volonteers. The designs, by Professor Enrico Federici, show some buildings rising on the left of stone terraces, in the centre of which is the monument to the Sammarinese Volonteers.

It might be here mentioned that as soon as Italy entered the Great War, the majority of the San Marino population offered their services and served in the ranks of the Italian army. In addition, the people of San Marino equipped and supported two Red Cross hospitals, which rendered valuable services throughout the War, and General Diaz, Commander-in-Chief of the Italian troops, saw fit to record this fact in Italian Army orders after the severe battles on the Piave front, where the San Marino hospitals were actively engaged.

The series, which will be a limited one, comprises three values, 50 centesimi mauve, 1 lire 25 centesimi blue, 10 lire grey.

The stamps, which are being produced by the recess process, are 44 by 28 millimetres in size and will be printed on special unwatermarked paper, with perforation of standard size, in sheets of fifty.

These stamps will be on sale in San Marino on the 25th September, when the cenotaph will be unveiled in the presence of members of the Government and many distinguished visitors, including some high Italian officials.

The other stamps now being prepared by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co., are to commemorate the seventh centenary of the death of St. Francis d'Assisi, whose connection with the Republic had a very marked influence on the freedom of the inhabitants of this small State during the troublesome times of the Middle Ages.

The Republic of San Marino was founded in the fourth century by a religious stonemason called Marinus, who had crossed the Adriatic from Dalmatia, and he hoped to escape the persecutions of the Christians under the Roman Emperors Dioclotian and Maximian by seeking refuge upon the Mount Titano, and in the remote solitude of its summit he founded a Christian Hermitage.

The words of this humble preacher attracted many pilgrims and his good works were rewarded when the owner of the land surrounding the mountain made a free gift to him of the territory, which has ever since remained the independent State of San Marino.

A cross was erected bearing the word "Libertas," which inscription has remained through all the intervening years as the motto of the Republic of which Marinus was the founder.

Eight hundred years later it was due to a large extent to the ideals of St. Francis d'Assisi that various ecclesiastical orders settled on Mount Titano, which he himself had visited in the twelfth century, and his teachings were probably responsible for the continued independence of the inhabitants, at a time when the rest of Italy was under domestic or foreign servility.

This series of stamps comprises four values: 50 centesimi red, 1.25 lire blue, 2.50 lire brown, and 5.00 lire violet.

The 50 centesimi and the 1.50 lire show the Church of Capucini in San Marino, and the 2.50 lire and the 5.00 lire represent the death of St. Francis d'Assisi, with two monks standing on the left.

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Scope of Philately

Before passing to the subject of specific stamps, which may be used as illustrative material and how they may be used, it may not come amiss to consider the scope of philately and its various ramifications.

Nearly one thousand stamp-issuing independent countries, colonies, protectorates, states, provinces, and cities and several big commercial companies (British South Africa Company, Pacific Steam Navigation Company, and the Mozambique Company) are listed in the index of the standard American stamp catalogue. Many of these would prove total strangers to the "man in the street" and probably not many historians and geographers could "spot" all of them. Perhaps a majority of the following would be unknown to most people: Aitutaki, Antigua, Azerbaijan, Bamra, Barwani, Benin, Berati, Bergedorf, Bhopal, Bhore, Bundi, Bussahir, Cabo Gracios a Dios, Campeche, Carniola, Cauca, Cayman Islands, Chachapoyas, Chamba, Charkhari, Chita, Coamo, Cracow, Cundinamarca, Curacao, Cuzco, Deccan, Dedeagh, Diego Suarez, Durazzo, Duttia, Ekaterinodar, Elobey, Emory, Erseka, Faridkot, Fernando Po, Gabon, Gambia, Grand Comoro Islands, Griqualand, Guadeloupe, Gwalior, Heligoland, Hoi Hao, Honda, Jaffa, Jaipur, Jammu, Janina, Jhalawar, Kashmir, Kedah, Kelantan, Kenya, Kionga, Lagos, Lourenzo Marques, Macao, Majunga, Maldive Islands, Manizales, Modena, Moheli, Moldavia, Montserrat, Moquegua, Mytilene, Nabha, Nanking, Nauru, Negri Sembilan, Nepal, Nevis, Nicaria, Nisiros, Niue, Nossi Be, Nowanuggur, Nyassa, Obock, Oil Rivers Protectorate, Oldenburg, Orcha, Packhoi, Pahang, Paita, Papua, Patiala, Perak, Pisco, Piura, Ponta Delgada, Pristina, Quelimane, Romagna, Rouad, St. Pierre and Miquelon, Santander, Sarawak, Scarpanto, Scinde, Stellaland, Sungei Ujong, Surinam, Swazieland, Szegedin, Tanganyika, Tchong King, Temesvar, Tete, Thrace, Thurn and Taxis, Timor, Tolima, Travancore, Trengganu, Tumaco, Ubangi, Uganda, Wallachia, Wallis and Futuna Islands, and Wenden.

It was mentioned that the teacher would be interested in all probability only in the designs of the various stamps in using them for illustrative material. However, the professional philatelist is interested not only in such obvious differences between stamps as those of design, size, denomination, and color, but also in differences in paper, watermark, gum, and perforation (size, kind, or lack of any). Many stamps have embossings, overprints, perforated letters or designs, and advertisements on the back and these are always of interest. Some stamps were printed *tete-beche* (that is, one stamp of a vertical pair upside down in relation to the other) and such stamps are highly prized. The cancellations or postmarks (varieties of ink, or of punches or perforations, designs, dates, and places) shown on stamps are also of interest to many. Some collectors also have a fancy for stamps used in blocks and strips, for stamps on the original envelopes, and for odd combinations of stamps used on one envelope, while all collectors are keen for stamps unlike the normal kind ("errors"), for provisional or temporary stamps, and for fractions of stamps used on the original envelope to denote payment of postage amounting to only a fraction of the face value of the stamp. Nearly all such "errors" and "provisionals" are rare, while bi-sected or tri-sected stamps used on the original envelope are exceeding rare.

Many collectors are interested in the way the stamps were printed—whether they were engraved or lithographed, and if the former, whether they were printed from a rotary or flat press—and in the size and arrangement of the sheets. In the early days of postage stamps in some countries every stamp on a plate was separately engraved, which meant that all differed in minor details. It thus is possible to reconstruct the plate if one be given a sufficient quantity of the stamps to work with. "Plating" has become one of the most fascinating bypaths of philately. In reconstructing a plate, plate numbers, control letters, guide lines and arrows, all of which appear in some sheet margins, are frequently of value. Some of the early stamps issued in Great Britain were quite easy to plate (if no attention is paid to the plate number appearing on each stamp) inasmuch as each of the 240 stamps on a sheet had a different permutation of letters in the lower corners, ranging, according to the special scheme, from A-A to T-L. Some of the issues had letters in all four corners, those in the upper corners being the same as those in the lower corners, but reversed. Many illustrated monographs have been published explaining in detail just how to plate certain stamps.

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The philatelic historian, who pursues his interest sometimes as a vocation, but more often as an avocation, bases his work on such original sources as official records, documents, letters, bulletins, proclamations, contracts, memoranda, and personal conversations, and on such secondary sources as books, newspaper notices, and periodical articles. He is guided in his synthesis by the same rules of evidence that the orthodox historian uses, even though he may never have heard of historiography, or the works thereon of Bernheim, Langlois and Seignobos, and others. To be sure his problems of missing links and interpretation and evaluation of evidence, are not as difficult or as important as those of the orthodox historian, but he has such problems nevertheless.

The philatelic historian has not suffered from a lack of subjects or problems. Every country and colony in the world which has issued stamps has at least one sizable monograph devoted to its postal emissions. The most important countries have dozens of them. Oftentimes monographs are devoted to a single issue of stamps and sometimes even to a single stamp! The more authoritative monographs, such as those published by the Royal Philatelic Society of London, are often very elaborate productions, lavishly illustrated, and cost as much as fifteen or twenty dollars each.

The extent of philatelic journalism also offers evidence of the magnitude of the interest in philately and philatelic history. Practically every important country and colony in the world has its stamp magazines. Literally thousands upon thousands of periodicals devoted wholly or in part to postage stamps have been published in the United States alone —many of which, incidentally, never got beyond the initial "Volume one, Number one," while many others have been mere juvenile efforts or stamp-dealer house organs. Numerous stamp journals and news reviews in Europe are well established and of superior quality, whereas in the United State there are but few stamp periodicals of long life and recognized merit. Only two outstanding weeklies are in the field, while the good monthlies and quarterlies can be counted on one's fingers. Practically all philatelic papers the world over, are published on a weekly or monthly basis, only a handful appearing fortnightly, semi-monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly. Only one daily stamp paper has ever been attempted. It was published in St. Louis and suspended publication after about three hundred issues had appeared.

Besides monographs and stamp periodicals, philatelic literature boasts innumerable price lists and advertising circulars, check lists, catalogues, albums, glossaries, "beginners' guides," and descriptions of postal systems, and also a number of books of cartoons, short stories, poems, dramas, and reminiscences, all with the postage stamp as the central theme. Philately is recognized by the encyclopaedias, the *Britannica* (11th ed.) devoting nearly two columns to the subject. The tenth edition contained a still longer article on philately and was illustrated besides.

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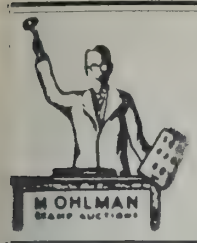

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2.	24c 1862	?	"	R. B. Martin
3.	3c 1867	Lee, Mass.	"	W. S. Eager
4.	3c 1861	?	"	D. H. Stafford
5.	3c 1867	New York City	"	I. H. Preston
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9.	3c 1861	?	"	S. C. Rogers
10.	3c 1861	Lee, Mass.	"	W. S. Eager

The above are some of the hearts that tend to make collecting of cancellations popular. These frequently come on covers dated around St. Valentine's Day—Feb. 14th. The top row shows all hearts, while the second row is made up of cancellations which came to me in neat, clean cut cancellations. I like to see a clearly struck cancel, even if it is not to be classed among the unusual and rare cancellations. Many cancellations come in that are not clear, and these I have to pass by, for I cannot well draw anything that I cannot see, and be sure of in my own mind. When a small part of a cancellation is not on the stamp, and this cancel happens to be symmetrical, I justifiably draw in the small missing portion; but when over a half of it is gone, there is not enough to make a drawing of, and I have to recognize it is something unusual; but not to be drawn till another comes in of this same design to complete the cancellation properly.

New York City used a great many four pointed stars, or star forms, in their killers in the period where this 3c 1861 stamp did postal duty. I once saved up a lot of these covers, and think that I had above 50 differing varieties of this one design.

The fourth one shown here is doubtless from Boston, and I think there was one of similar type, that was some smaller, from this same town. No. 5 is quite out of the general run of N. Y. City cancellations.

2c Black Jackson.—To continue: It is noticeable that a city, New York for example, did not use the same killer on its mail carried by a 2c stamp, that it did on mail carried by the 3c stamp. On BJ's you will find many designs hit in red that never have appeared in items sent me, or in the many thousands of covers that I have seen bearing the 3c denomination. There is the red buzz saw, the thin red stars of entirely different shape from those used on the black killers which hit the 3c stamps, then there is a fan shape killer in blue, which is not uncommon on BJ's, yet rarely, if ever, found on the 3c stamp. This is so on many of the larger cities, which leads me to believe that about all of the unsealed, and circular matter of all kinds

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MANILA	MANILA	MANILA
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The Precancels of Manila, P. I.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I am able to announce that the status of these interesting varieties has been definitely established. Both Dr. F. W. Meyer of the Philippine Baptist Mission of Capiz, and Mr. Walter Bruggman of Manila, have written me at length concerning them.

It had been reasonable to assume that the overprintings illustrated were more of the nature of controls than precancels, when an examination of all copies that have passed through the mails show an additional postal marking applied after the stamps were affixed to parcels. The real value in the use of precancels lies in the fact that they pass through the postoffice without recancelling, thus saving the time of the postoffice employees. Therefore it is hard to understand why the stamps are recancelled when they pass through the Manila postoffice. Perhaps Dr. Meyer strikes the reason when he states "About that extra cancellation? Our mail clerks out here will do anything; if they do not see the regular three concentric circle cancellation on a stamp, unused or precancelled as the case may be, on goes that horrible overprint. Such at least is proved by the mail which I have received."

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No doubt this set will be catalo and priced in the 1929 catalogues, the facts as mentioned have been pr to the public. The December issu "Aero Field," No. 7, page 155, states this set has now been recognized as cial, in all air mail circles. The nu issued of the set was 100,000, but more than 20,000 have been released circulation up to now. The air service was begun in June, 1926. B the issue of these stamps, in Oct 1926, all letters leaving Athens Brindisi and Constantinople bore a cial *cachet*, "Surtaxe Aerienne Perc Numerarie," as the extra mail fee paid over the counter at the P. O cash. Up to May, 1927, all letters marked with a special *cachet*, Avion," but since straight and regist letters bear a different postmark to used on the ordinary mail.

Mails are carried on all stretches, Brindisi to Constantinople, and *versa*, except on the stretch, Const nople to Athens, as the mail from key to Central Europe, etc., takes route over Belgrade and Vienna.

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He who reads that sentence aloud has spoken words taken over from 24 languages," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

The language sources of that unusual sentence are: Ugly, Danish; thug, Hindu; loafed, German; cafe, brunette; menu, French; balcony, Italian; damask, Syrian; covered, table, code, notation, Latin; Wednesday, drinking, hot, half, Scandinavian; eating, with, yellow, wool, Sanskrit; goulash, Hungarian; chocolate, Mexican; caste, Portuguese; lemon, shwl, Persian; kimono, Japanese; sloped, back, Anglo-Saxon; gown, Celtic crimson, deciphered, Arabic; angora, Turkish; while, Greek; canny, Scotch or Icandic; silk, Chinese; cargo, Spanish; smuggler, Dutch; paper, Egyptian.

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84	3c carmine rose	.10	.03
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91	4c carmine rose	.15	..
94	**1902,** 3c violet & orange	.12	.04
95	4c violet on red	.15	..
96	5c violet	.15	.12
97	8c violet on blue	.30	..
98	10c violet & blue	.40	.08
100	30c black & carmine	1.50	..
101	50c green & rose	1.25	..
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110	3c dull violet	.12	..
113	8c violet on blue	.65	..
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115	25c violet & green	.75	..
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129	8c orange & black	.30	..
136a	4c lake	..	.15
138	10c violet on yellow	.25	.05
140	30c violet & orange	..	.18
141	50c black on green	.50	.25
148	**1911,** 45c black on green	.50	.35
153	**1912-15,** 5c orange	.10	.02
154	8c ultramarine	.15	.02
158	30c violet & orange	.50	.15
159	50c black on green	.65	.15
162	45c black on green	.50	..
165	$2 green & red on yel.	2.50	..
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34	**1906-10,** $1 green & lgt. grn.	1.10	..
35	$2 green & carmine rose	2.20	..
36	$5 green & ultramarine	5.50	..
42	**1918,** 1c brown	.03	.02
43	2c green	.03	.02
44	3c gray	.04	..
45	4c scarlet	..	.03
49	10c ultramarine	.15	.03
52	**1920,** 3c deep gray	.06	..
55	6c orange	.08	..
56	10c ultramarine	.25	.08
	JOHORE		
37	**1896-1903,** 1c green	.08	..
38	2c green & blue	.12	..
39	3c green & violet	.12	..
51	4c yellow & red	.30	..
52	3c on 4c yellow & red	.15	..
53	10c on 4c green & rose	.30	..
65	**1904-8,** 10c violet & black	.65	..
66	25c violet & green	.75	..
67	50c violet & red	1.00	..
86	**1918-19,** 2c violet & orange	.15	..
87	2c violet & green	.06	..
89	4c violet & red	.08	..
95	25c violet & green	.30	..
106	**1921-24,** 4c violet & red	.04	..
107	5c violet & olive	.05	..
110	25c violet & green	.20	..
111	50c violet & red	.40	..
	KEDAH		
1	**1912-21,** 1c green & black	.05	..
2	3c carmine & black	.08	..
3	4c slate & carmine	.08	..
17	1c brown	.04	..
18	2c green	.06	..
20	4c scarlet	.06	..
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9	**1911-25,** $1 green & emerald	1.50	..
10	$2 green & rose	1.75	..
29	50c black & orange	.40	..
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3	**1891-92,** 2c rose	.30	..
6	2c lilac & brown	1.25	..
7	3c lilac & rose	.30	..
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13	**1891-99,** 5c blue	.75	..
14a	4c lilac & rose	.40	..
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	PERAK		
42	**1891-1900,** 1c green	.06	..
46	3c on 5c rose	.20	..
63	1c on 4c lilac & rose	.25	.20
66	3c on 50c green & blk.	.30	..
160	5c lilac & olive	.35	..
	SELANGOR		
24	**1891-95,** 1c green	.05	..
25	2c rose	.20	.12
27	2c orange	.10	..
28	3c on 5c rose	.15	..
	SUNGEI UJONG		
31	**1891-95,** 2c rose	..	.40
33	1c on 5c green	.20	..
34	2c orange	.20	..
36	3c lilac & rose	.15	..
	TRENGGANU		
101	**1917,** 3c+2c rose red	.08	..
102	4c+2c brown orange	.15	..
103	8c+2c ultramarine	.20	..

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By P. J. DROSSOS, Athens, Greece.

Both of these values, Nos. 1034 and 1035, were very little used, naturally, during the years 1913 on, as the drachma was at par and the face values of these stamps was $2 and $5 respectively. Further, the new provinces where these stamps were used had, with the exception of Salonica, scarcely any use for such high values. The quantity issued of each stamp was 50,000.

During the year 1916, Russia began bringing pressure to bear on Greece to grant the Peninsula of Mount Athos in Macedonia, which is practically inhabited only by monks, an autonomous government. Everything was got ready as regard decrees, maps, etc., including stamps.

The 1913 War set and some P. D. values were surcharged with the Greek wording, "IERA KINOTIS AGIOU OROUS," which means, "Holy Community of Agion Oros" (in Greek, Mount Athos is called "The Holy Mountain"). About 50,000 sets of the 2 (1021a), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 lepta; and perhaps not more than 5,000 of the drachma values were surcharged. There being no 1 lepta in stock any more, 25,000 of the 25 drs. was surcharged additionally, "Valid for 1 lepton." Thus the stock of the 25 drs. was completely used up and with the exception of a few sheets (as mentioned lower down), the 10 drs. was also completely used up.

What remained of this issue was used by being surcharged for the 1923 Revolution Issue. The P. D. values which were surcharged are: 651, 662-4, 666-673, or twelve values. However, the issue was never put in use, as with the downfall of the Russian Empire, Greece was freed from her obligations, luckily, and these stamps became useless and were either destroyed or are in the Government archives. Personally, I have seen a few of the Postage Due sets. Once, therefore, as shown above, the original issue was only 50,000, and 30,000 of the 25 drs. were used up for the above issue and it is clear why these two stamps are so rare.

The few (perhaps 5 or 6 sheets of 50) of the 10 drs. No. 1034 were also surcharged in 1923 with the imprint "Espanastasis," but owing to the small quantity, the stamps were not put on sale but returned by the P. O. It will be remembered that the 5 dr. of Crete of the 1920 issue, No. 63, of which there were a few sheets in stock, were also surcharged "Espanastasis Valid for 50 lepta" at the time and not used for the same reason.

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POT POURRI:—

WE have received from E. J. Meehan, a clipping from the New York *Evening Post* of Jan. 20, which illustrates the five new French stamps under the caption "French Post Office Turns to Art." The illustrations are large and very attractive.

THE Fresno *Bee* of Jan. 15, states that M. R. Lampson of that city addressed recently the Commercial Travelers Luncheon Club, taking for his subject "Philately."

IN the New York *Times* of Sunday, Jan. 2, was a lengthy article dealing with excessive specialism in stamp collecting. The writer took considerable space in describing the activities of the New York auction dealers. Clipping from L. V. Beardsley.

WE are indebted to Herbert Johnson, Haddonfield, N. J., for an "Overland Mail" clipping from the Philadelphia *Forward*.

MILTON T. MAUCK has favored us with a copy of his "Air Mail and First Day Cover List, No. 9." It is a superb production and we recommend it to our readers with great satisfaction. It has 48 pps. and cover, and is printed in red and blue, and very freely illustrated—indeed the illustrations are a challenge to the artistic. You will be lucky to get a copy as advertised elsewhere.

GREAT interest is being shown in the Butler (Pa.) Philatelic Society. Election of officers was held Jan. 18, and the following officers were elected: Pres., V. K. Oestvling; Vice-Pres., R. B. F. Regal; Sec., T. Robert Vogeley; Treas., Ed. L. Smith. Would like to hear from other clubs.—T. ROBERT VOGELEY, Sec., 628 Walker Ave., Butler, Pa.

J. F. DUHAMEL of Washington, D. C., is spreading the good news of Philately by an occasional lecture before gatherings of various kinds, and especially junior clubs. More of this kind of work should be done.

THE Board of Directors of the Long Beach (Cal.) Stamp Club, at their first meeting, elected the following officers to serve the Club for the year 1928: J. Lynn Avery, Pres.; Felix M. Lindgren, Vice-Pres. and Auct.; Carlton L. Benson, Sec.; Roy G. Webb, Treas.; and Arthur C. Scott, Lib.

THE annual banquet of the Washington Philatelic Society will be held in the Lee House, Wednesday, Feb. 29, the subscription being two dollars per plate for each member or guest. Advance reservations may be secured from the chairman of the banquet committee, James F. Duhamel (900 F St., N. W.), or any Wednesday night at the society headquarters.

THE New York Precancel Club celebrated on Friday evening, February 3, its first anniversary at its meeting place, 6th floor, 35 West 33rd St., New York. President Willcox announced the launching at that time of the new Exchange Department of the Club under the management of R. J. Beck. The Hoovers held a 900-item auction and refreshments in honor of the special occasion were served. Every precancel collector in or about New York City is invited to come and see how a live Precancel Club is run.—N. R. HOOVER.

"YOUR paper is two or three weeks old when I get it here in Fairbanks, Ont., but it looks good whenever the mail gets in. I lost one copy when the steamer Northwestern hit the rocks, on Dec. 12. 2,000 sacks of mail went down with her, carrying lots of our Christmas presents to Davy Jones locker. I will be your most northern subscriber, I know, as we are 1,500 miles further north than Boston."—F. C. SCHILLER, Honor Club Member and Pres. of the Arctic Philatelic Society.

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"Hejaz is not the latest wriggle in Oriental music. It's a country — a large and dusty Arabian land, bordered on the west by the Red Sea. Our eastern regions lie in the desert, whose hot and sterile sands merciful Allah has sprinkled with fertile green oases.

"Woe to man, that he has not the stomach of a camel! Along the parched trails of the interior, thousands of our nomadic people move from one watering spot to another, with their tents and cattle and beasts of burden, their wives and their children.

"Water, in fact, is the greatest need here. Wherever our people have found it in abundance they have settled and become agricultural, raising dates, barley, wheat, fruits, camels, sheep, donkeys and horses — not so much for export or commerce as for their own use.

"One thing we never raise, however, is the absurd awning-clad lover with which your American movies persistently misrepresent Arabia. Lover-sheiks do not exist in this land, and the Arabian date is confined to the palm tree. Trust them not, those movie makers: those sinful dogs of infidels, those low-born oysters, wicked nincompoops and blasphemers of the ancient holy land of pilgrimage.

"For Hejaz, as perhaps you know, is the Holy Land of Islam, just as Palestine is the Holy Land of Christianity. Here lie the holy cities of Mecca and Medina, birth and burial places of Mohammed, greatest prophet of Allah. Faithful Mohammedans (more than two hundred million strong!) are pledged to make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once during their lifetime, to visit the great Mosque of Mohammed, there to kiss the sacred black stone embedded in the walls of the Kaaba shrine.

"Think of that! Ever since the prophet died, pilgrims have been coming here. We have the original tourist trade—in business since June 7th, 632. As many as two hundred thousand of the faithful have made this pilgrimage in a single year, bless my moneybags!

"From these perpetual visitations our country derived its name, 'El Hejaz,' which means in English 'the Land of Pilgrimage.' Blessed be Allah, who honored our desert with His greatest prophet, and filled our air with the clink and tinkle of coins in pilgrim pockets . . .

"Along our western border lies the country of Nejd, whose King is now King of Hejaz, and whose rule makes the two lands one. He reigns with supreme power, under the watchful eye of Great Britain. His name is Abdul Aziz ibn Abdur-Rahman al Faisal al Saud — his mother said a mouthful."

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By ALLAN M. THATCHER.

Little has been written of the connection between Lindbergh and stamp collecting, yet it is a very close connection indeed. The collector of air mail stamps, plate numbers, precancels, first-day covers, first and special flights, and air mail covers in general, all have been at to add to their collection because of the issuance of the Lindbergh air mail stamp. But he who makes a collection of Lindbergh stamps and covers comprising some or all of these branches the one who receives the greatest pleasure. His collection holds a fascinating interest for himself and everyone else for who is not interested in the "Flying Colonel?"

The lure of the chase is there with its charm and the glorious triumph when that elusive cover is finally "landed," like a great sea monster with whom the fisherman has battled for hours and conquered at last, worn out, but victorious. Value is not lacking, either. Only five or ten of some covers exist, and lucky are they who can secure these rarities. No Lindbergh covers are over two years old, and so they are not impossible to secure, but the time to get them is *now*, for before long they will be unobtainable at any price. Even now many are very scarce, yet this should not discourage us, but rather serve to make us strive the harder to secure the missing ones.

As most of us already know Lindbergh carried the mail between St. Louis and Chicago, when Contract Route number two was inaugurated on April 1926. (Covers from St. Louis to Springfield were carried by Pilot Love, a friend of Lindbergh.) Naturally these possess an exceptional interest for the collector of Lindbergh covers. Some of these were autographed, and fortunate are those who have one in their collection.

The next cover in our album will be dated over a year later, during which time Lindbergh will have electrified the world by his trans-Atlantic flight, and aroused the admiration of all the people of the earth, not only because of his superb flight, but also on account of his simple and modest manners in the presence of European royalty. The date is June 11, 1927, the day the hero returned to Washington. The covers are two, one from the U. S. S. Memphis, the ship

nat brought Lindbergh home, and one ent by air to New York City, bearing ne official cachet authorized for use on Lindbergh Day" in Washington.

On this same day Lindbergh was pre-ented with the first copy of the new amp issued in his honor, and depicting ne other half of "We." On June 18th, ne stamp was first placed on sale in our cities, viz., Washington, Detroit, St. ouis, and Little Falls, Minn. These rst-day covers will naturally occupy a ominent place in our album. A few her June 18th covers exist because amps were bought and sent from other ties. These are very rare in most ses, as few were prepared.

Other post offices soon received their upplies of the new stamp and first-day overs from various cities deserve a place our collection. These, too, are scarce nd very hard to find.

On July 20th Lindbergh started his ur of the country under the auspices f the Guggenheim Fund. He left New ork City, not to return until three onths and three days later, after hav-g visited 85 cities in 48 states, and fly-g over 22,000 miles without mishap. It our ambition, as collectors of Lind-rgh covers, to secure a cover from ch of these 85 cities, cancelled with e date of his arrival. It is a tremen-us task and one that will require our most efforts, but the thrill of getting e we lack will more than compensate for our labors.

Many of these cities used official or mi-official cancels, and this greatly en-nces the attraction and beauty of these vers, especially since they exist, in me cases, in several different colors. s far as I know there is no complete llection of these in existence. I, my-lf, have all but nineteen, and would be terested in hearing from others who ve large collections.

Lindbergh's trip to Mexico, Central merica, and other southern countries is ing eagerly followed by everyone, es-cially by the Lindbergh cover collect-s. It is almost impossible to obtain covers from these countries with the date of his arrival, but those who do secure a few have something of great value and interest. Several of these countries have just issued special Lindbergh stamps which will make a fine addition to our collection.

And so you see the tremendous possibilities of a Lindbergh collection. It is intensely interesting, and the covers possess a wonderful historic value, to say nothing of their money value. But I am not collecting them on account of their money value, I am collecting them because of my admiration for Lindbergh and my love of stamps. *Viva* Lindbergh!

UIHLEIN'S MUSEUM GIFT

(The Milwaukee "Journal" of Tuesday, Jan. 24, contained the announcement of the gift of a very valuable stamp collection to the Public Museum of that city. We are indebted to C. S. Leinbach for the following clipping, which will be of more than ordinary interest. This gift by Mr. Uihlein is a most public-spirited one, and the philatelists of Milwaukee may well be proud of this addition to the attractions of the Museum.—W. O. W.)

William J. Uihlein, 717 Shepard Av., one of the most zealous and widely known stamp collectors in the country, placed his entire collection at the disposal of the public museum Monday.

The only other collection so complete or valuable is that at Washington, D. C., in the National museum, Dr. S. A. Barrett, director of the public museum, said Tuesday. He made no estimate of the financial value.

Some idea of the collection's size can be gained from the exhibition case which will be 48 feet long and will hold approximately 3,600 stamps. Dr. Barrett stated that the case would not be ready for at least four months.

Mr. Uihlein has been a life long collector of stamps. His collection contains some of the earliest stamps in existence.

The Uihlein collection's value has been estimated at between $150,000 and $200,000. One rare page of the collection is valued at $2,710.

Argentine Republic

There have been so many changes in the 20th stamps of this popular South American country few have been in use very long. Most collectors miss some of these items and we advise filling in before the scarcity of many of them is fully realized. Very few cost any money as yet. This sign (*) means unused, others used.

1858, 5c red, #1*	.10
1892, 16c gray	.05
1896, 30c orange	.08
1899, 16c orange*, rare	2.50
30c rose, #131	.15
50c blue	.06
1901, 12c olive, #138	.10
1902, 5c deep blue, #141*	.35
1903, 4c yellow	.06
1908, 12c buff, #152*	.25
#153 to 158	.45
24c brown, #155	.15
1910, Jub. 3c green, #163	.05
4c blue & green	.08
10, 12, 20c	.20
30c lilac & black	.15
50c red & black	.35
1911, Jub. 5c, #176	.08
#179 to 184	.16
4c violet, #183	.08
20c blue, #185	.08
50c black, #188	.05
1912, #189 to 197	.20
30c claret, #199	.06
50c black, #200	.20
#202-204 punch canc.	.20
1915, #208, 209, each	.08
1916, Jub. #215 to 222	.35
20c blue, #223	.15
24c brown, #224	.30
24c brown, #224*	.50
30c claret, #225	.20
50c black, #226	.28
1917, #231 to 243	.50
24c brown, #240*	.35
1p blue & red, #244*	.75
10p violet & blue, #246*	5.75
20p blue & claret, #247*	11.50
20p blue & claret, #247	6.00
1918, Jub. 5c, #247, used or *	.12
1918-19, #248 to 259	.40
24c brown, #257	.12
50c black, #259	.15
1920, #269 to 275	.30
50c black, #275	.18
Jub. #280, 281, each*	.08
12c green & blue, #282	.20
5c blue, #283*	.15
#284, 285*	.20
#283 to 285	.17
1921, Jub., #286 to 289*	.60
#286 to 289	.50
12c, #289, used or*	.20
5c rose, #290*	.90
2c brown, #294	.06
10c green, #298	.08
20c blue, #300	.25
1922, #304 to 312, except 307a	.20
4c violet, #307a	.75
2c brown, #318	.40
5c red, #319*	.50
5c red, #319	.12
20c blue, #322	.70
1923, #323 to 331	.15
1p red & blue, #335	.10
1924, 1p red & blue, #353	.10
1926, 5c rose, #357	.18
Jub., #358 to 361	.25
1913, #626, 627	.25
20c blue, #633	.10
#664 to 671	.30
12c blue, #675, rare	.75
20c blue, #690	.10
#817 to 821	.35
#823, 824	.10
#831 to 838	.50
2c brown, #900	.25
1c ochre, #901	.28
5c red, #904, rare	1.50

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15c 11x13, used.....	2.50
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1869	Net
2c unused	1.25
3c unused	.70
6c unused	5.00
6c used	1.75
10c unused	4.00
10c used	1.50
12c used	1.75
15c Type I, used....	4.00
15c Type II, used..	1.90
24c used	5.00
30c used	2.50
90c used	22.50
1871, no grill	
2c unused	1.20
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7c used	1.25
10c unused	6.00
12c unused	7.00
12c used	.65
15c used	.75
24c used	2.50
30c used	1.75
90c unused	15.00
90c used	2.50

1873	Net
3c mint	.50
6c unused	2.00
7c unused	5.00
7c used	1.25
12c used	.90
15c unused	12.50
15c used	1.00
90c used	3.00
1875	
2c unused	2.00
5c unused	3.00
1879	
1c unused	1.00
2c unused	.35
3c unused	.40
6c used	.25
10c unused	2.00
15c used	.40
90c unused	6.00
90c used	2.50
1882	
5c unused	1.00
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The special stamps issued by Panama in honor of Lindbergh's visit were received just too late for attention in this column last week. The stamps were sent under date of January 9, 1928, by Mr. A. W. French, who says that they were prepared in the newspaper office of the *Star & Herald* in Panama, from the designs of a Panama artist. Stamps to the number of 300,000 of the 2c red, and 150,000 of the 5c blue were printed at the Panama Canal Press, Mt. Hope, under supervision of the Canal Zone and Republic of Panama postal officers on bank note paper; and they were not gummed owing to the lack of facilities for the purpose. The plates were zinc etched in the plant of the *Star & Herald*, as mentioned. While the artist's designs must have made a good showing on paper, yet they did not loan themselves well to reduction to the area of a stamp, especially in the case of the 2c. The 5c shows the map of Panama with airplane with the inscription underneath, "Homenaje a Lindbergh". (Homage to Lindbergh); and the 2c is somewhat crowded with detail with the plane and scenery in the center of the upright rectangle and the Lindbergh inscription below is not easily discernible. However, the stamp is surcharged in two lines in black, "Homenaje a Lindbergh," for easy identification. The stamps were made in a hurry and this fact coupled with their process of manufacture must be taken into consideration in any critical estimate of the issue, which is printed on safety paper, that is, lined and tinted paper.

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Under date of January 19th, the newspaper announcement is made from Washington that the Representative of the twelfth Indiana district, David Hogg, introduced a bill in the House of Representative under the provisions of which the postmaster general would be authorized to issue a special two-cent stamp in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the exploit of George Rogers Clark in winning the Northwest Territory. The clipping was sent in by Mr. E. W. Datermann of Vincennes, Indiana, who says that the celebration to be held in his old city in commemoration of Clark's victory at Vincennes in February, 1779, will be national in scope. Too, Mr. Datermann quotes from an editorial in the Washington, D. C., *Post:* "George Rogers Clark, the 25-year-old Lindbergh of the revolutionary war whose victory over the British at Vincennes, Ind., in February, 1779, forever ended England's dominion over the west, is to be fittingly remembered on the 150th anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville, at Vincennes, on the banks of the Wabash."

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The newspapers have been carrying notices of the Cuban special Lindbergh stamps, consisting of five thousand (as some of the reports read) of the five cent air mail printed in red with the surcharge in black, "Lindbergh, January, 1928," as Anglicized. The effect of this advertising has caused inquiries to be received from some who, while not stamp collectors, are interested in air mail stamps. In this connection it is noticed that in Chicago a society has been organized with a membership of some thirty men; and among them are those whose affiliation with philately is only secured by the air mail issues.

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A letter to the editor of the New York *Times* from Mr. Malcolm H. Ganser, Norristown, Pa., is published in that paper, in which Mr. Ganser seeks to enlist support of the proposal to issue a stamp to commemorate the Valley Forge Encampment. This celebration has begun and, the plan suggested by the writer provides for an issue of a two cent stamp to be placed on sale between now and June 18, 1928, the 150th anniversary of the evacuation of the camp by Washington. Mr. Ganser says: "It might as well be said, however, that the department is never particularly anxious to make these special issues, but if sufficient public interest is manifested, and the outstanding character of the event is impressed on the Postmaster General, he can be induced to create the issue." Consequently, Mr. Ganser advises that those in favor of the issue notify the department.

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Mr. K. C. Park of the Lansing *State Journal*, Lansing, Michigan, has sent us literature issued by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Washington, that stresses the need for postal legislation that would revise the present rates. The present postal rates according to the committee in charge of the movement are inequitable in some respects. As Mr. Park says, "the 'fractionals' may not always be with us" as it is evident that much attention will be given to the question of revision; and it is possible that the "fractionals" will be doomed by some turn of the wheel.

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In the Chicago "Daily News," John Gunther, of its foreign service staff has an interesting story of the secretly printed stamps of Macedonia, with illustrations of five of the labels, one of which shows a map of this country that does not exist in a political sense. There is a revolutionary post office, but the stickers on the envelopes, which are smuggled in by hand, bear no denomination; and it is said that the finishing touch given by a stamp on a letter appeals to the loyal Macedonians.

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In a letter that came from Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, Greece, he says that the occasion that was commemorated by the three new Egyptian stamps was the Statistical Congress that opened at Cairo on December 29, 1927. As is known, the three values, 5m brown, 10 red and 15 milliemes blue are stamps of striking appearance that represent, according to Mr. Drossos, an old statue of King Amenhotep III (1411-1375 B.C.), who was the first king of Egypt to take a census of the country. The total number of sets issued is 202,000, plus 100,000 stamps of the 5m, and the postal validity of the issue will cease on April 1, 1928, indicating that their life will be the proverbial short and merry one. Egypt is almost too forward in a philatelic sense and though a cradle of antiquity certainly has new ideas.

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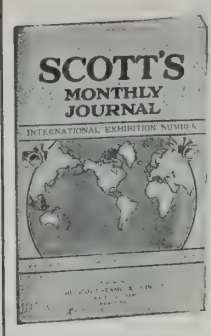
The recent robberies in New York and those that have been reported from other cities have forcibly brought to mind the growth of offenses against dealers. Comments based on the necessity of eternal vigilance on the part of dealers and other stamp handlers in a public sense were made in these columns from time to time, and it is now incumbent on all of us to realize that the happy-go-lucky method of stamp treatment is passing. We have the privilege of quoting an active police worker who has some idea of philately and who was asked about the robberies. Here is the essence of his remarks. The stamp thief works alone, no doubt, although he may have the co-operation of those who may survey the lay of the land for proposed forays. Still, if it is sensed that easy money results from the lone worker's thefts, he may become the nucleus of a gang that as they realize the possibilities of stamps will become the more finished in their operations. Yet, the leading spirit in the band has some idea of stamp usage. The difficulty that is serious in disposing of stamp loot has been depended on to make robbery risky, but it is likely that organized effort in selling the hot stuff may have overcome the obstacle to some degree. As preventive measures against further depredations, it would seem that "fences," if there are such, be smoked out. Stamps should guarded in the way that anything eas convertible into money should, because their portability; they may repres much value in small volume. Punit measures for the guilty, if caught, a requirement of course; and as it is long lane that has no turning, it is o a question of time, if the thefts persisted in, before a crook or two is the toils. Our informant says that speaks in a broad sense and does attempt to cover the isolated instance.



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THE LINDBERGH PANAMAS

We are indebted to the Canal Zone Stamp Co., Emil Mizrahi and Jos. A. Stemetz, for courtesies in connection with the new commemoratives just issued by Panama. The stamps were first placed on sale on Jan. 9. The 2c is in carmine and the 5c is in blue, in the two designs illustrated elsewhere in the WEEKLY. The covers submitted by the Canal Zone Stamp Co. and Emil Mizrahi bear carmine cancellation, but the Steinhart cover shows the cancellation in green purple. In addition to the regular circular marking is the following in diagonal: "National Postage in Honor of Lindbergh."

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BOSTON, MASS., FIRST-DAY FLOWN TO CHICAGO—Same as above ..... .35
AIRMAIL FIELD, NEW YORK, 1ST-DAY FLOWN TO CHICAGO—Same as above .45
NEW YORK, N. Y., F-D NIGHT-FLYING TO CHICAGO—Same as above & single L-B .45
PHILADELPHIA, PA., FIRST-DAY COVER—Everyone should own at least one .. .25

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BURGOYNE CAMPAIGN Aug. 3-27, We mailed these covers from the BATTLEFIELDS which the stamp commemorates, as well as "First-day Cities".

BENNINGTON, VT., FIRST-DAY COVER—The old battlefield is not far away .... .20
ORISKANY, N. Y., FIRST-DAY COVER—Also near the famous battlefield ..... .20
ROME, N. Y., FIRST-DAY COVER—This is the site of old FT. STANWIX ..... .20
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., FIRST-DAY COVER—The battle was a few miles away .20
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ALBANY, N. Y., FIRST-DAY COVER—A "First-day city" with a reason ..... .20
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The "Best Things" of 1927.—My faithful readers will recall that I predicted certain rises at the beginning of last year, and I am glad to say that every one of my market tips proved lucky for those who took advantage of them. To touch briefly—it may be remembered that last May, I advocated buying the 4d Script of St. Vincent, in the new scarlet color. Almost before my advice was in the press, the color was abruptly changed, and everyone knows the sensational soaring of this stamp—a pair in Mr. Morganthau's recent sale fetched $22.50. For 1928 I am going to advocate certain stamps which, in my opinion, are bound to soar.

Malta.—It may not be generally known that the design of the 10s current issue has given some offense and is due for an immediate change. I understand on reliable information that the authorities of the Irish Free State have protested the design as, despite the inscription, the stamp is generally taken in Ireland to represent St. Patrick. I would advise my readers to "fill the gap" without delay.

Hong Kong.—Despite the sharp rise in the 18c Script, I counsel immediate purchase, up to double catalog or more. A whisper has reached me that an eminent specialist in Darien, Conn., discovered certain errors in a sheet of this stamp, and at once issued orders to buy up the issue so far as possible. It will be recalled that a small block in the last Voorhees' sale made the astonishing price of $11.30—and the end is not yet. Look to it, brethren!

Bahamas.—I am able to state on authoritative information that the 4s Script in green and carmine, issued in December, is very shortly to change both paper and colors. A half-dozen of this stamp will prove an excellent investment; indeed, I confidently predict that it will run the 10s Waterlow Nauru a close second in rarity. While I mention Nauru, I must caution my readers against buying the dark De La Rue print for the Waterlow, as I was recently offered two such copies in Nassau Street, with full guarantees, etc., and more of them appear to be coming out.

For my Best Thing of the Month, I am going to present to you the 500 Rupee Mauritius just issued. I have it most reliably that within a month this stamp will be withdrawn, and urge my readers to lay by a sheet of it without delay.

THE PLUMRIDGE AUCTIONS

Elsewhere in this issue is an advertisement of the forthcoming auction sales of Plumridge & Co., London. The famous collection of E. H. Collins, formerly treasurer of the Royal Philatelic Society, is to be sold, and it is considered one of the finest ever put upon the market. We are glad to have the firm back with us after an absence of several months.

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13	3.00	50-6	.40
14	3.00	57	.65
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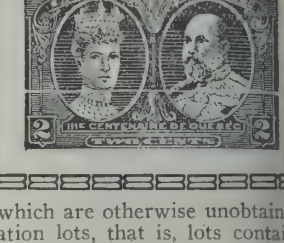

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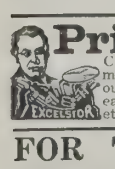

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Nyassa

By HENRY MAYFIELD, JR.

A very pretty set is the Postage Due Set of Nyassa. Although the set was speculative, it looks very attractive in the album. It is claimed that some were sent to Nyassa, but for the most part they were sent direct to dealers.

The stamps are triangular in shape up, an upright oval in the center. Across the bottoms are the words, "Companhia do Nyassa." On the right side is the inscription "A Receber," and on the left "Porteado."

In the oval on the first two values is a picture of a giraffe and palm trees taken from the regular 1921 issue. On the 2 and 3c is the picture of a zebra. The boat of Vasco da Gama is shown on the 5c, 6c, and 10c, while da Gama's portrait is shown on the 20c and 50c. All the last center designs were also taken from the regular 1921 issue.

Common Stamps

Don't despise the common stamps. Many of the specimens now judged to be of great value were once regarded as common. It is never possible to foretell exactly which stamps are likely to be valuable. It is only possible to guess that this stamp will have but a short life, and that one will not be much used. Our primary interest is in stamps, not exclusively in *rare* stamps. The market values may vary from a farthing to a fortune apiece, but a stamp's a stamp for a' that.

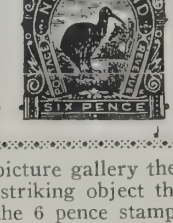
It need not matter to the young collector whether his stamps are likely to yield a big return by way of investment. Rather is it better for him to get the fullest pleasure out of present possession, by learning all he can about them, by arranging them nicely, and by striving always after more stamps and more knowledge.

Knowledge of stamps begins with the common varieties. It is easier far to get a useful acquaintance with the rarer stamps by thoroughly studying the common ones in our own collections. If you have more than a nodding acquaintance with the Tom, Dick, and Harry stamps, which, having been used in large numbers, are within everybody's reach, you will readily "spot" some out-of-the-ordinary variety when you see one, and will know how to look it up in your catalogues.

The eye-practice that is necessary for the appreciation of shades and colour varieties comes from the study of the common stamps, and it is only by much familiarity with such stamps that colors become memorised. Such stamps are equally good material for training the eye to observe differences of detail.

All who would extract the best fun and interest from stamps will lay the foundations of their collections with the common stamps. None but the gilt-edged fop would look with contempt upon the 15 centimes French and the 10 pfennige German *et hoc genus omne* in the schoolboy collection. For on these common but solid foundation stones have been erected some of the most important works in philately.—*Guide to Stamp Collecting.*

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES



THE APTERYX
New Zealand A26
1898-1908, 6d

In New Zealand's picture gallery there is probably no more striking object than the one depicted on the 6 pence stamp—the famous apteryx, the wingless and tailless bird. It was first described in 1813, but it was not until 1851 that a living specimen was brought to England, where it excited much curiosity or it is the diminutive survivor of an ancient family of which the giant moa, standing eleven feet high, was the largest.

The native Maoris call the bird the *kiwi*, or more generally *kiwi-kiwi* in imitation of its call. It is nocturnal in its habits and this penetrating cry is heard in the evening or early morning, while throughout the day the bird is rolled up in a ball, asleep. In size the kiwi is not far from our domestic fowls, but unlike them, the hen bird is larger than the cock. This curious fact is partly accounted for by the extraordinary size of the egg, whose section measures about five inches by three inches and which is almost one-quarter the bulk of the hen's body. Generally but one egg is laid annually, in a depression in the ground, and the hatching is done entirely by the cock. When the young one breaks the shell it is well grown, well feathered and able to look out for itself. But the main peculiarity of the kiwi is in its form. A round body with no visible wings or tail, massive legs and feet, and a very long curved bill. To be sure their anatomy show rudimentary wings and tail, but these appendages have practically disappeared through ages of disuse. This loss of flight-power is compensated for by the massive legs and great strength of the feet which enables them to run very swiftly.

"Country" Etymology

France. Empire of the Franks, the free.

Germany. (Deutchland). The old high German dintic, thindisks, "related to the tribe to the people" (diot and thinda). At one time our ancesters called themselves thus in contradiction to the inhabitants of the Roman Empire whom they called Welsh (Wales, Galen and Gauls) as foreign to themselves. Hence Germany (Deutchland) the "land of the Germans"—(Deutche). —*Ill. Briefmarken Jour.—Am. Jour. Phil.*

Interisland

This inscription appears upon most of the type-set 1c, 2c and 5c stamps for the

Hawaiian Islands which were used for internal postage from 1859 until 1866.

Building a Collection

By GEO. TODD.

How to Buy—No. 2

Older juniors can try auction sales. By asking for the catalogues of various auction sales which you see advertised, it is possible to compare them and buy stamps which are otherwise unobtainable. Combination lots, that is, lots containing several countries, can be obtained at good discounts from catalogue. Rare stamps bring much higher prices, often over the catalogue value.

If you live in a seaport town, you have plenty of opportunity for obtaining stamps free. Foreign consuls, steamship agencies, import and export firms, banks and oriental rug merchants receive foreign mail, and most of them will allow you to have the stamps. By obtaining stamps by this method, you manage to keep up with the current issues and provisionals and commemorative sets at little cost to you at all. Newspapers sometimes receive letters from foreign correspondents, and if you don't know what to ask, write a letter to the managing editor, and he'll probably be glad to give you the stamps.

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Trinidad and Tobago

By HENRY MAYFIELD, JR.

The simplest stamp issued by a British Colony in the twentieth century is the Red Cross Stamp from Trinidad and Tobago. (Scott's No. 51, $7.50.) This stamp was allowed to pay postage for one day only, on September 18, 19[illegible].

The stamp is unwatermarked and perforated 12. It is printed in red and allowed to be used as a half penny stamp.

Buying a Stamp

Scene: A stamp shop on a Japan Day.

Enter.—A Customer.

CUSTOMER.—Good-day. You have stamps?

DEALER.—Yes and no.

C.—What d'you mean: yes and no? Yes or no? Why prevaricate?

D.—We keep those we can't sell.

C.—Quite! You don't give them away. I fancied it. I wish to purchase one.

D.—One? Which?

C.—Oh, a blue one to go with my boudoir scheme.

D.—We have several.

C.—How much?

D.—All prices, from a fraction of a penny up to £2,000.

C.—Dear me. Avaricious?

D.—No. Maur-itius

C.—Someone must have sent a Dreadnought as a valentine.

D.—On the contrary, it frank on the letter.

C.—Frank! Positively candid—a love letter! *My* wife writes reams and reams but that writer must have suffered from scribbling-itch, and badly too.

D.—Not unduly prolix! it only cost him or her twopence.

C.—And you ask but £2,000: sale is doubtless—kindly indicate the direction of the bargain-basement.

D.—We have others.

C.—What about that one there?

D.—You mean the Kashmir?

C.—No, No, laddie, the Shah with the Nankeen motif.

D—I don't get you.

C.—I'm here to see that you don

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	1898, 1c	.09
	1898, 2c	.09
	1898, 4c	.38
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Patina.—This is a city of Turkey and its name with certain Turkish character is found on Turkish stamps that are overprinted to commemorate a visit of the Sultan to Rumelia in 1910.

Pro Fondazione Studio Lire 5.—The inscription on a set of "charity stamps" issued in Fiume in 1919. It may be freely translated as "5 lire for the Benefit of the Educational Fund." This fund was for the assistance of students in Fiume who were studying in Italy. The stamps were good for postage at their face value, but all were sold at 51 advance over face.

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The first game was trying to guess what country some stamps pasted on cards came from. There were parts of stamps missing. Whoever furnished those sure had a bunch of bad ones. Then we were each handed a list of questions composed by Elmer Pierce. His motto is "Better Prizes and Harder Questions." The funny part of it is they were all simple enough questions (all on U. S.) like, is U. S. Postage or United States Postage on the 5c Ericcson. There was some awful wild guessing. Some lad who answered more right than anyone else got a U. S. 5c red error in a block. Elmer P. was going to give $10.00 to anyone who answered every one correctly. Even Doc., you know Doc., said what the heck kind of questions are these and with a supercilious air, laid them down and said, "We'll let the youngsters try these. Well, it was great.

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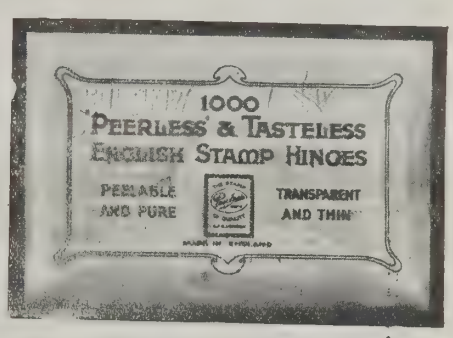

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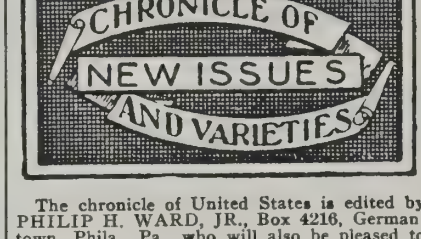

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Valley Forge Stamp

While the Department has received upward of fifty suggestions for new stamps during the last six months, nevertheless, so far the greatest demand seems to be for the Valley Forge variety. Collectors, as well as interested societies throughout the country, have brought to the attention of the Department the advisability of commemorating this event. It will be recalled that when Washington with his army went into encampment at Valley Forge, that we had reached a point of discouragement when there was every likelihood of the Revolution terminating. While located at this point, about twenty miles from Philadelphia, Von Stuben arrived in America, and began the training of the Continental Army in accordance with European practices. It was here that word was received that Franklin had induced the French Government to enter the conflict, in behalf of the Colonies. When the spring opened, a new army was ready to meet the enemy, and from that point on, victory followed victory, with few exceptions.

On June 19th, the corner-stone of a Memorial Cathedral, with a seating capacity for five thousand persons, will be laid. This will be non-sectarian, and all will be asked to participate in the event.

It is curious to note that a state of the size and importance of Pennsylvania has never had one of its sons represented on the stamps of the nation.

True, Franklin spent most of his life in Pennsylvania, but he was born in Massachusetts. No scene of Pennsylvania importance has appeared on any stamp with the exception of the Sesqui-Centennial variety, which was really of national importance, rather than a State event. I sincerely trust that the Postmaster General will finally decide to issue such a stamp. It would be most appropriate to have the famous scene of Washington kneeling in prayer, and show some of the well-known soldier huts in the background. It would be different from any variety ever issued, and while commemorating a revolutionary event, would bring forward the finer aspects of the occasion, rather than the actual fighting.

Air Mail Stamps

Stamp Collecting, the English publication, mentions that they are informed that a new stamp replacing the Lindbergh variety has been issued. They are entirely in error, for no such stamp has appeared, nor does the Department contemplate making any changes at this time.

Canal Zone

The Panama Government placed on sale on January 9th, a 2-cent red and 5-cent blue stamp, commemorating the visit of Colonel Lindbergh. On this occasion, the Canal Zone Government per-

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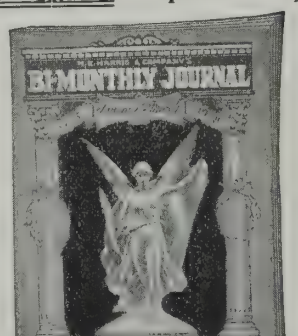

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mitted the sale of these two varieties the post offices located at Balboa Heig and Cristobal. As these stamps are valid for postage in the Zone, the offices mentioned made arrangement forward any mail bearing these sta to the cities of Panama and Colon, spectively, for cancellation. The can lation used on the first day is in red, bears an inscription in Spanish rela to Lindbergh.

The two varieties are poorly li graphed, and in the case of the 2- it was necessary to surcharge it, in o to convey to the public the reason the issuing of the variety. This is charged—"Homenaje a Lindbergh," w translated means—Homage to Lindbe Both stamps are printed on the sa paper used in printing bank checks, 2-cent being on the paper known as change Safety Paper" in salmon, w the 5-cent is printed on green "Ca Safety Paper." They show the u ruled lines in color, together with trade mark of the manufacturer—h blocks will be available showing the plete trade-mark.

Mr. R. S. Carter, as well as master Gerald D. Bliss, kindly sends day covers, together with the info tion given.

Costa Rica.—Mr. Frederick D. kee has shown us the 12c carmine stamp, the 1923 issue, No. 123, with surcharge of an airplane and "Lindb enero 1928" in two lines. Also the "10" has been overprinted over the ures of the original value. Mr. Ma advises that his correspondent states only 20 000 were issued, and that were sold out in a few minutes afte sale opened. Lindbergh Day covers only the regular San José postmar purple ink, dated Jan. 7, 1928.

Nyasaland Protectorate. — Mr. Roberts reports the appearance of 4sh carmine and black, script waterm

Panama.—We are indebted to Harry Leonard for copies of new i issued in commemoration of the vis Col. Lindbergh. A 2c red on rose, turing an airplane in the centre wi two-line overprint in black "Homen Lindbergh" and a No. 5 stamp, blu green, with a map of the country fo central part with a view of the Spir St. Louis above. At the top is the of the country in two lines, while a base is "Centesimos de Balboa" al two lines. Figures of value are in lower corner and above the inscri at the base is "Homenaje a Lindbe The cover bears the date of "E 1928" with the added "Llegada L bergh, Panama."

Portugal.—Mr. R. Roberts sub for chronicle copies of the follo values of the Comoes set with the charge of a red cross and "Porte F 1928": 15c green, 16c plum, 25c m 40c ultramarine; 1E 20c red-brown 2E sage-green.

St. Kitts.—I have just received that last year's printing of the 2½d script, which is on chalky paper, is obsolete, the new printing of this being on ordinary paper. The c paper variety should turn out qu good stamp, as only a very limited tity was printed. Incidentally, the printing is in an entirely different s from the first script 2½d; the was pale bright blue, whilst the fo is ultramarine. Blocks of four o chalky paper 2½d are well worth se on, if still obtainable cheaply.—CAL.

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ULGARIA.—Two Air Posts stamps ve been issued, 1 on 6 levas and 4 e.s, by overprinting No. 191 and 192 nour catalogue with an aeroplane de- n. There is a suspicion of specula- ri attached to the issue of these stamps, bn as a certain proportion of the issue w sold over the counters of the Bul- garian Post Offices they must take their bles in our catalogue. We understand th only a few aerial mail flights were mle, when the service was suspended ng to lack of support.

INLAND.—Two new stamps have been sued to celebrate the ten years inde- bendence of Finland, 1½ marks violet, an 2 marks blue; both are of the same lesgn showing a crowned Lion holding a word in one of his claws. The stamps ar dated "19.VI.XII.17" on the left side ar "19.VI.XII.27" on the right.

RANCE.—We have seen illustrations sh the proposed pictorial designs for the ne high value stamps, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 20 fr cs. The stamps should prove very attractive, as they represent historical an picturesque features of France, in- luding Rheims Cathedral and the Arc le Triomphe. We are informed that the stamps will not be ready before next October!

RENCH COLONIES.—A new 3 francs tamp has been introduced in twenty- eight Colonies, also a Fr.1.05 for Guiana and 65c for Guadeloupe, Congo, Mar- nique, Gaboon and Oceania.

IECHTENSTEIN.—This small Principal- ity has during the past summer suffered ver much indeed from the heavy inun- dations of the river Rhine, which crosses the country. A great deal of assistance has been rendered by the Federation, the nations and the population, but the dam- age caused has been so great that it has ee decided to issue a special set of tamps to be sold at a premium, this re ium going towards the relief fund. Fo denominations will be issued, prob- bly early next month, 5 + 5 rappen, 0 10 rappen, 20 + 10 rappen and 30 + ppen.

LXEMBOURG.—Two new provisional tamps were issued on December 15th, 5 n 40 centimes orange, and 60 on 75 entimes blue, on type 10 in our 1928 atalogue.

PRU.—An aerial postal service is hortly to be established in this country, and special set of stamps is to be is- ued but we have no further details as to what the denominations are to be.

S. KITTS & NEVIS.—We have received a fresh supply of the 6d and 2/- stamps which are of a new printing, the 2/- de- nomination shows no variation either in colour or watermark, but the 6d is of a slightly brighter colour, whilst the water- mark is the reverse way, facing to the left instead of to the right.

S. VINCENT.—We have received the current 2½d stamp with script water- mark, printed in a much paler blue than previously; copies of this new shade may be had at 4d each.

SAN MARINO.—With reference to the stamps to be issued to commemorate the seventh centenary of the death of St. Francis d'Assisi and to which we re- ferred in our October Bulletin, we are now advised that the stamps are to be put on sale on January 2nd, and that the denominations will be 50c, Lire 1.25, Lire 2.50, and Lire 5.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

LOOKING ROUND

By "MARQUETTE".

It is a painful thing, when looking through collections, to see how philat- elists, many of whom ought to know better, are led into foolishness by their craze for buying cheaply. It would seem that for many collectors it is only neces- sary that they should see the words "one- third" or "one-quarter" of catalogue, and all caution as to the status of the seller, all thought as to whether value is being obtained, goes by the board. Conse- quently one sees a quantity of smaller collections and a fair proportion of dis- plays of some importance which are per- haps satisfactory as far as the cheaper items are concerned, but in which all the "stars" are cleaned, repaired, or other- wise tampered with.

Though such collectors never think of paying "full catalogue" for a stamp, full catalogue bulks very largely in their thoughts when they come to sell, as they never seem to realize that, whatever criticisms may be directed at individual catalogue quotations, *market value is a reality,* and it is extremely unlikely that any collector, buying without special knowledge, will be able to obtain scarce stamps at less than their market value.

The only safe way of buying stamps of any degree of rarity is to buy from a dealer of repute, and to pay a fair price. There is nothing that the inex- perienced collector should avoid more carefully than so-called "bargains" in the better stamps. The pity of it is that so many collectors who *think* they have knowledge, are really quite inexperienced, and fall readily into the "cheap price" trap.

The £1 *Gibraltar* is still attracting at- tention as I write. There seem to be quite a number of people willing to pay double face for it as a "spec.," but I do not think there are many sellers. My own opinion is that the ordinary collector should complete his set of the current issue as quickly as possible, inclusive of the £1, if obtainable, but I do not imagine any uninformed speculation is likely to be profitable in this direction. (*Later.* The £1 stamp is now obsolete and price is rising.)

Of the 15s Script *St. Helena* there do not appear to be enough to go round. I have heard of five or six times face being asked for this stamp, and such a quota- tion may eventually be justified.

In *Irish Free State* recent interest has centred on the 2s 6d, 5s, and 10s "Saor- stat" in pairs with the wide and narrow date *se tenant.* Until recently the 10s was regarded as a great rarity, but there has apparently been another printing (though probably not a large one), so prices have fallen. If obtainable at a reasonable figure, a set of the three stamps in pairs should prove as sound an investment as any previous Irish high values, particularly if stamps in the new permanent designs appear soon.

With *Afghanistan* joining the ranks of the countries which have European in- scriptions on their stamps, some of the quite undeserved prejudice against the issue of this State may be dissipated. Every collection should include a few of the early "tigers" if only for their bi- zarre effect, and real study may be done in regard to the issues from 1907 on- wards at quite a moderate cost. Recent stamps can be collected in complete sheets, which rarely consist of more than eight stamps, and different settings and types may be noted.

Luxemburg is a country I can recom- mend for those who want to form a sin- gle-stamp collection on moderate lines. As a European country its issues have an assured future, and the stamps them- selves are for the most part attractive in colour and design, and so make a good display.

Monaco is also likely to come into favour again as a result of the approach- ing International Exhibition, and an at- tractive trio of "little 'uns" may be com- pleted by adding *San Marino* to your list.—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

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By W. W. MACLAREN, in the *Stamp Hunter*.

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Stock in the Exhibition Company is selling fast. From latest reports, over 400 shares have been subscribed, and new subscribers coming in daily.

Of the 20 dealers' booths—and there can be no more for lack of space—seventeen have now been spoken for. By resolutions adopted by the Directors of the Exhibition Co., booths will only be rented to people of good philatelic standing. No booth will be rented to anyone who has been expelled from any reputable philatelic organization.

Reservations for exhibits are pouring in, over 125 frames being already spoken for. The Exhibit Committee will doubtless be in a position to choose, assuring a very high grade of exhibits.

The Hotel Cleveland has advised our Directors that they have cancelled the charge for rent ($550.00) in view of the extensive publicity we are giving the Hotel.

Many prominent philatelists, in all parts of the country, have indicated not only their willingness to exhibit, but say they will attend the Exhibition.—*Stamp Hunter*.

LITIGATION RUN MAD

"Make friends with thine adversary whilst thou art in the way with him." Never was the truth of this saying proved more clearly than in the case of the Lek stamp collection and the absurd lawsuit over it which closed last week in the House of Lords.

The desire to possess postage stamps and stick them in a book is one of the most mysterious phenomena of our human nature. They are not beautiful. They do not adorn. They do not sustain life. They contribute not one jot or tittle to the comfort, wealth, charm, or beauty of existence. But they are collected, and because they are collected they are valuable.

Mr. Lek, wealthy diamond merchant of Antwerp, was a collector, and had two or three friends in the London diamond market who were collectors too, and pointed out to him the prudence of insuring his treasures in case they should be stolen or destroyed. In an unhappy moment Mr. Lek agreed, and effected at Lloyd's a policy which ultimately reached the imposing figure of £44,000.

While Mr. Lek is stopping in Berlin the collection is stolen, and though the album is recovered, many of the greatest treasures are missing, and Mr. Lek claims on his underwriters for a total loss—£44,000—less the value of the stamps recovered. The underwriters' assessors, who are apparently satisfied with the *bona fides* of the loss and the claim, ask for a list of the stamps lost, and the replies given to their questions raise grave doubts in their minds as to the true value of the collection and the stamps that Mr. Lek really has lost.

LONG COURT ACTION

The doubts deepen, but, without prejudice, they suggest to Mr. Lek that he should accept from underwriters £18,000 in settlement of his claim. The offer is refused, and the underwriters are advised that they must either settle as for a total loss or fight. They determine to fight, and do what is usually a rash thing in a litigant—they plead fraud, and repudiate liability under the fraudulent claims clause.

A man worth half-a-million sterling charged with making a fraudulent claim for a few packets of silly postage stamps! But the charge being made the case must go on, and, first, for 30 days it is tried before Mr. Justice Branson, who gives judgment for underwriters. Next, it goes to appeal, where two judges decide for Mr. Lek and one against him. Then to the House of Lords, where two decide against him and one for him.

EVEN VICTOR IS LOSER

So in this expensive three-round contest Mr. Lek takes the count in the last round. The case has occupied some of the brightest legal minds of England for months. The combined costs are believed to amount to over £60,000.

Mr. Lek, who might have had £18,000 and peace with honor, has lost (in addition to a certain intangible asset stamp collection that he liked to with and probably about £40,000 to lawyers.

The underwriters, after receiving taxed costs and making many ene may be out of pocket by anything £20,000. *Væ victis et væ victoribu* is not only in war between nations victory is a losing business.—(*London Economist*, Dec. 3, 1927.)

BATTLESHIP CANCELLATI

By WILLIAM HORNBECK.

In the past few years the collecti United States stamps has become and more popular, and as time go each U. S. collector usually branch the regular issues and starts to spec in some sideline pertaining to the st of our country. Some go after st some blocks of four, some air-mails others plate numbers and so on.

It was quite a problem to me to something to specialize in—some that would be different and still t teresting. Then one day I recei letter from a friend who was wit Navy. His envelope caught my e once with a most unusual magenta cellation. It had the ordinary 2 stamp, but was nicely cancelled wit U. S. S. NOA handstamp and the of Shanghai, China, between two

This little missive was the orig of my plan to start a collection of t ship postmarks, and at that ti thought it an original idea, but since found out that there are man lectors going after these.

I find that these marks are very esting to hunt for although the ships are fairly common, as much is sent daily from them. At present are 69 branch post-offices listed as aboard U. S. naval vessels. Ho the most fun comes in finding a from a ship that is out of commi and is no longer in use. My coll now numbers 188 postmarks, and I mounted them quite successfully i Poole loose leaf albums. Whenev sible I place the data pertaining ship's life together with the ship' ture alongside of the postmark.

The first special cancellations naval vessels date from 1908 in year the Secretary of the Navy wa thorized to appoint 64 clerks and sistants for service aboard vessels.

The number of vessels having own post-offices has varied from ti time, and as interest in these specia cellations is of quite recent date extremely hard to find cancellations some of the older vessels which been out of commission for some

Very few cancellations dated pr 1914 are known, but as interest i side line grows there is a possibil finds being made.—*Philatelic Opini*

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was handled in a different part of the large city post offices, from the regular booths where the first class mail was prepared for sending out of the city. The killers are very different in the two rates of postage as found on covers.

Cracked Plates. — Few examples of what may be cracked plates occur on the 2c Black Jackson. I have records of but three varieties in all, and of only one am I truly convinced that it is a true crack in the plate. As there were seven plates for this stamp, the ruining of one plate would not be a terrible loss, and a different plate might be easily substituted in the printing, as we see few stamps showing the "worn plate" variety.

The one I consider a *true* cracked plate is easily seen. The stamp is printed in gray-black, not jet black. It is as badly worn as any of the worn plates of this stamp. The background adjacent to the word "Two," and the large "U" under the word, is very faint, in fact almost white. The crack extends right through the stamp, and if one is fortunate he should find the two adjoining stamps in time. I have never seen either however, and assume that this plate was laid aside soon after this copy I have was printed. The crack starts from the right side margin at the last little leaflet of the top acanthus leaf, and extends irregularly downward in a southwesterly direction, coming through the botton margin directly under the letter "U." In its course, it travels through the left eye, across the bridge of the nose, down through the O of TWO, and then through the wee double leaf in bottom margin near the frame holding the large U. This crack is jagged and in two parts for a small portion of the distance, for it also goes through the eyebrow above the left eye, and is a very distinct crack for almost its entire length.

On a grilled stamp (9 x 13), is a jagged line running from the margin down into the acanthus leaf at top left. This is a heavy crack, or plate flaw. It can be seen also, without a glass, and has a rather smudgy appearance. The stamp is probably a top row stamp. About 3mm of this crack shows on my copy, stopping just above the label and over the "S" of U. S. POSTAGE. It is in all likelihood a true cracked plate.

The third one is doubtless a scratch, rather than a crack, as it is smooth, and has a continuous direction, running in a sweeping line from left margin at a point opposite the dot in hair, down through the hair, and out at the bottom through the O of TWO, and then through the little double leaf at right of the O. This scratch or crack is not continuous, as it breaks after getting above the O of TWO.

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551—½c Hale, April 4, 1925. Issued on this date also at New Haven, Conn.
552—1c Franklin, January 17, 1923. Issued on this date also at Philadelphia.
553—1½c Harding, March 19, 1925.
554—2c Washington, January 15, 1923.
555—3c Lincoln, February 12, 1923. Issued on this date also at Lincoln's birthplace, Hodgenville, Ky.
556—4c Martha Washington, January 15, 1923.
557—5c Roosevelt, October 27, 1922, Roosevelt's birthday. Issued on this date also at Oyster Bay and New York, New York.
558—6c Garfield, November 20, 1922.
559—7c McKinley, May 1, 1923. Issued on this date also at Niles, Ohio, birthplace of President McKinley.
560—8c Grant, May 1, 1923.
561—9c Jefferson, January 15, 1923.
562—10c Monroe, January 15, 1923.
563—11c Hayes, October 4, 1922. Issued on this date also at Fremont, Ohio.
564—12c Cleveland, March 20, 1923. Issued on this date also at Caldwell, N. J., birthplace of President Cleveland, and at Boston in connection with a philatelic exhibition.
565—14c Indian, May 1, 1923. Issued on this date also at Muskogee, Oklahoma.
566—15c Statue of Liberty, November 11, 1922.
567—20c Golden Gate, May 1, 1923. Issued on this date also at San Francisco.
568—25c Niagara Falls, November 11, 1922.
569—30c Bison, March 20, 1923.
570—50c Arlington Amphitheatre, November 11, 1922.
571—$1.00 Lincoln Memorial, February 12, 1923. Issued on this date also at Springfield, Illinois, "Where Lincoln Lived."
572—$2.00 U. S. Capitol, March 20, 1923.
573—$5.00 American, March 20, 1923.
575—1c Imperf. Date wanted.
576—1½c Imperf. April 4, 1925.
577—2c Imperf. Date wanted.
578—1c Perf. 11 x 10. Date wanted.
579—2c Perf. 11 x 10. Date wanted.
581—1c Perf. 10. Date wanted.
582—1½c Perf. 10. March 19, 1925.
583—2c Perf. 10. Date wanted.
584—3c Perf 10. August 1, 1925.
585—4c Perf. 10. April 4, 1925.
586—5c Perf. 10. April 4, 1925.
587—6c Perf. 10. April 4, 1925.
588—7c Perf. 10. May 29, 1926.
589—8c Perf. 10. May 29, 1926.
590—9c Perf. 10. May 29, 1926.
591—10c Perf. 10. June 8, 1925.
597—1c Coil. July 18, 1923.
598—1½c Coil. March 19, 1925.
599—2c Coil. January 17, 1923.
600—3c Coil. May 10, 1924.
601—4c Coil. Date wanted.
602—5c Coil. March 5, 1924.
603—10c Coil. December 1, 1924.
604—1c Coil. July 19, 1924.
605—1½c Coil. May 9, 1925.
606—2c Coil. December 31, 1923.
608—8c Air mail. August 15, 1923.
609—16c Air mail. August 17, 1923.
610—24c Air mail. August 21, 1923.
611—2c Harding perf 11. September 1, 1923. Issued also on this date at Marion, Ohio.
612—2c Harding imperf. November 15, 1923.
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614-16—1c, 2c, 5c Huguenot Walloon. May 1, 1924. Issued on this date also at Albany, Allentown, Charleston, Jacksonville, Lancaster, Mayport, New Rochelle, New York, Philadelphia, and Reading.
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626—20c Air mail, January 25, 1927. Issued on this date also at New York.
627—2c Sesquicentennial, May 10, 1926. Issued on this date also at Boston and Philadelphia.
628—5c Ericsson, May 29, 1926. Issued on this date also at Chicago, Minneapolis, and New York.
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1463—25c Special Handling, April 1925.
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U. S. 24c CONTINENTAL 1873

By ELLIOTT PERRY.

MEKEEL'S WEEKLY for December 26, 1927, contains an article on the 24c purple, U. S. issue of 1873—Continental print—by Theodore L. Behr, copied from the San Francisco Stamp Society "Monthly Bulletin," which I have read with much interest. I have taken several shots at the interesting problem presented by this stamp myself, and nearly fourteen years ago an article containing my conclusions appeared in No. 212 of the *Philadelphia Stamp News* (No. 6 of Vol. 5, April 18, 1914).

The gist of that article was;—First, that the number of 24c Continental prints *actually issued* may have been any quantity from none to about 150,000. Second, that there was no definite proof that any of the 24c Continentals printed for general use were issued for sale. Third, that the only 24c Continental print which philatelists can be quite certain was issued is the special print of 1875 on hard paper, Scott No. 175.

Various later attempts on my part to obtain a more satisfactory solution of the problem have met with little success, and I regret that Mr. Behr's conclusions do not impress me with favor. His article does not advance any reasons, which I consider would justify changing the conclusions I reached in 1914. Almost the first statement he makes will not stand investigation. He states:—

"Incidentally, all the stamps printed, but not delivered to the government at the time of the change in the stamp printing firms were turned over to the Continental Bank Note Company. Among these were a considerable quantity of the 24c stamps. However, in 1879, when the American Bank Note Company took over the undelivered stock of the Continental Bank Note Company, there were found a quantity of 24c stamps exceeding the number delivered by the National Bank Note Company to the Continental Bank Note Company. This is the fact upon which experts rely in order to prove the existence of this rare stamp."

I would like to know the basis for these statements, particularly that the National Bank Note Company turned over any stamps to the Continental Bank Note Company, and that the American Bank Note Company found any 24c stamps in the undelivered stock of the Continental Bank Note Company. I have never found any evidence to show any of the 24c stamps passed from one contractor to another. The evidence is quite clear that the National "remainders" in 1873 were turned over to the government stamp agent at the expiration of the National contract and the remainders of 1875 were from a regular delivery made to the stamp agent before July 1, 1875. After June 30, 1875, the stamp agent retained what was left from both of these two lots of remainders and they were all destroyed in 1885. There is no reason to believe any of them were ever in the possession of the American Bank Note Company.

Unless he has information different from that in Mr. Luff's book, which we are given to understand came from official records, Mr. Behr's statements cannot be reconciled with the facts. According to Luff, the balance of undelivered 24c stamps on hand when the change of contractors was made in the spring of 1873 was 581,450. The balance on hand June 30, 1875, is not known, but early in 1885 when certain remainders were destroyed, the number of 24c stamps destroyed was 364,950. As there is no record of any 24c stamps having been issued after June 30, 1875, this last figure (364,950) probably represents all the 24c stamps on hand June 30, 1875, plus any which may have been returned to the department from that date until all the remainders were destroyed in 1885.

Therefore the number of 24c stamps on hand June 30, 1875, may have been less than 364,950, but there is no reason to believe it was greater than that number. The reader will note that instead of this quantity being greater than the number of undelivered remainders on hand in the spring of 1873, as Mr. Behr may have intended to state, it is 216,500 smaller. I do not understand how any expert or anyone else could rely upon this fact "to prove the existence of this rare stamp." If the difference between the two quantities of remainders proves anything it proves just the opposite to what Mr. Behr claims.

Now let us examine the records given in Mr. Luff's book. We do not know they are absolutely correct, but usually they do check with each other, and whether quite correct or not they are all we have. By re-arranging the figures so that all are for calendar years, we obtain the following:—

STAMP AGENT'S RECORD

To Dec. 31.	Received.	Issued.
1866	1,969,875	1,969,875
1867	1,898,850	1,898,850
1868	277,475	277,375
1869	305,375	305,275
1870	217,375	217,425
1871	229,450	229,450
1872	299,625	299,625
1873	135,975*	300,625
1874	none	266,275
1875	365,000	150,075

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In 1873 the stamp agent issued 164,650 more 24c stamps than he received, and altho he received none in 1874, that year he issued 266,275. By adding these two amounts we obtain a total of 430,925, which could have come only from the National remainders turned over to the stamp agent in or after April, 1873. As there were 581,450 of these 24c remainders at the expiration of the National contract, by subtracting the 430,925 issued from this supply in 1873 and 1874 we obtain a balance of 150,525, which probably is not far from the quantity of remainders the stamp agent still had on hand December 31, 1874.

Between January 1 and June 30, 1875, the stamp agent issued 150,075 of the 24c stamps. The only delivery of 24c printed by the Continental Company was made between January 1 and June 30, 1875, but just when in that six month period we do not know. Neither do we know whether or not all the National remainders still on hand were of the 1870 design. Study of the records in the period 1868 to 1870 does not yield positive information on this point, but negatively seems to indicate there were few, if any, stamps of the 1869 or earlier issues among the National remainders issued by the stamp agent in 1873 and 1874, and still on hand at the end of 1874. As early as September, 1869, it was known a new issue was in preparation. About this time, and probably between September, 1869, and April, 1870, a large number of remainders of various denominations were burned. Among these old stamps destroyed were 268,450 of the 24c value. The records indicate these old remainders were not part of the stamp agent's stock, but were reserve stock held by the National Bank Note Company, which had never been delivered to the stamp agent. It seems very likely this housecleaning was done in preparation for the new issue of 1870.

If these old remainders were burned in the spring of 1870, they probably included all the old 24c stamps, while if burned in the previous fall or winter, they would have included all except a supply sufficient to last until the 1870 issue was ready. This leads me to believe there were few or no 24c stamps of the 1869 or earlier issues among the National remainders of April, 1873, or December, 1874.

Assuming all the 24c remainders on hand January 1, 1875, were the Winfield Scott purples of 1870, we may subtract the number of 24c issued in 1875 (150,075), from the approximate number of the remainders (150,525), and there remains still a small balance—450 stamps. If we now add the Continental delivery, 365,000, we have a total of 365,450, which is just 500 greater than the quantity of 24c destroyed in 1885 (364,950).

This discrepancy of 500 stamps can be reconciled by assuming the reserve supply held by the National Company, and not turned over to the stamp agent until April, 1873, increased 500 stamps between December 31, 1872, and April, 1873. As the reserve supply held by the contractors never appears in the stamp agent's record of receipts whether that reserve supply increases or decreases does not effect that part of his record.

Assuming then that the reserve supply which amounted to 581,450 stamps in April, 1873, was 580,450 stamps on January 1, 1873, and adding the National delivery in the first four months of 1873 (135,975), and the Continental delivery in 1875 (365,000), we obtain a total supply of 1,081,925 stamps. Now adding together the quantities issued by the stamp agent in 1873, 1874 and 1875, we have a total issue after 1872 of 716,975 stamps, which subtracted from 1,081,925 gives the remainder 364,950, and this is exactly equal to the number destroyed in 1885.

Of course, it is possible to juggle these figures to a certain extent. We can assume a much greater increase in the reserve supply during a period ending at the expiration of the National contract, than the 500 used above to exactly reconcile the small discrepancy, but any juggling with a supposed "increase in reserve" demands a corresponding change in the balance on hand June 30, 1875, in order to reconcile with the quantity of remainders on hand in 1885.

It is clear that the "increase in reserve" cannot exceed 150,525 stamps, for if a greater increase is assume stamp agent would have had too f stamps to make up the amount he in 1873 and 1874. If the reserve was 150,525 stamps smaller Jan 1873, than in the following Ap stamp agent would have issued remainders in 1874, and would ha none on hand January 1, 1875. this case we should also have to that from some unknown sourc 150,000 of the 24c stamps someh into the remainders after June 3 since otherwise there could no been 364,950 remainders to dest 1885.

I find no evidence that any sta sued by the stamp agent ever w turned to him. He was the pos department's representative at th Note Company's place of busi New York, and it was his duty t and receive the stamps from t tractor, and to distribute them offices. Any stamps returned b masters were sent to the departm Washington, not to the stamp a New York. I have never seen a ord that indicates any of the 24c of 1870-'75 were ever returned department. I mention the above ularly because the problem of Continental has been clouded by ments that there were 24c stam turned to the stamp agent and re by him. I find no evidence that su the case.

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In connection with articles by Messrs. Hill and Gordon, I might be able to throw some light on the relation rarity of used copies, since I have spent 15 years in the British West Indies, and been interested in stamps all the time.

For over 6 years I was a resident of Montserrat where I got a fair knowledge of the regular postal transactions. It is absolutely wrong to compare the negligible postal needs of its 10,000 inhabitants, most of them negroes, with any U. S. town of that population. Apart from the ordinary letters, a steamer would bring a few registered ones, mostly embossed covers with a 1d stamp on it, and perhaps ½ dozen parcels, containing worn clothes, etc., which negroes sent each other. About one-half of the stamps of such parcels were spoiled already, they were either too heavily cancelled, or torn, or too much wetted in case of fugitive ink-stamps, or damaged by the cockroaches which abound everywhere, even in postoffices, and are very fond of the chalk surfaced paper. I never saw anything higher than 6d and 1/- used on such parcels. Once the counter-clerk begged me to buy his 5/- from him. "Why, what good can it do to you?" I said. "Well," he replied, "I have it here month after month, and each time I am returning my checklist of stamps on hand, I am to mention it; I want to get rid of it." So I bought it, but got my regular supply from the treasurer. Such is the local demand for high values.

I wonder whether the P. O. of Montserrat needs more than £50 to £100 worth of stamps per annum, but the colony used to sell in those days from £700 to over £1,000 every year, according to new issues. You could get as many as four varieties of the same denominations at a time as 2/6 Leeward, 2/6 Montserrat No. 20, 29c, 39. I bought thousands of used stamps which the negroes never throw away, but it is safe to say that among 200 there was barely one 2d or better value.

The Leeward Is. were little used in those days, with the exception of Antigua, where the merchants preferred them to the larger size of their own stamps. If we depended on 2/- and 2/6 used by requirements, there would be few in this country; and as for the used 5/- Leeward, or any of that group of islands, there might be a few found in England, but none here. £1 is very handy to place on a license paper for a permit to sell liquor at a bazaar during a whole day; but it will be penmarked and you won't enjoy it, unless you had a good sale; and this is difficult owing to the saloon competition and absence of prohibition.

All these colonies simply have nothing to export, except tropical fruits, and they are not sent by mail. Mostly the weight limit of parcels is 11 lbs. only, and transport by steamers, coastwise and intercolonial, is preferable. Or, you send a messenger to town; if he spends a whole day, he costs you only 20 or 25c per diem; so why spend 5/- or 10/- postage?

I spent also several years in Trinidad and tried hard to get second hand used higher values, but without any results. A very fine used Trinidad 5/- or £- is well worth full face. The fact is that nobody has got them, and I receive numbers of applications for them. It would tickle me to get them anywhere at ½ cat. But, no doubt, some revenue stamp with just a bit of black circle of the cancellation happen to be sold as postally, used.

Quite recently I wrote to the Postmaster General of British Honduras to give me some information concerning used high values. He answered Dec. 16th by saying: "The $2 and $5 are used on parcels and as revenue stamps, but I do not think in sufficient quantities to affect the catalogues prices of stamp dealers." In the case of British Honduras, British Guiana and Jamaica with big "Linterlands" one can understand that people occasionally must have recourse to parcel post. But they are too few, and the stamps are likely to be too often damaged to appear in quantities on the market.

Intercolonial shipments of goods are reduced by the fact that each island puts import-tax on such goods. Hence, it is the better way to import straight from England. Barbados alone seems to be less burdened with tariffs and sends parcels with 2/- and 3/- on them to other islands; yet these used stamps are not

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I know a postmaster who told me openly: I hate stamp collectors. And he acted accordingly; he never realized that the easiest money his colony made was from stamp collectors; any negro child who asks for a 1d stamp would get 1s at once, but you send him an order with several £ cash and he makes you wait months.

Then, there is a danger that your stamps are damaged, or taken off in transit. Such losses soon eat the small margin of profit which you expect. I receive every shipment from colonies with "fear and trembling," and I sigh with great relief when I find the shipment O. K.

Of course, there is no danger that stamps will be thus used in considerable quantities; no great and rich dealer seems to speculate on used copies; it wouldn't pay him either, unless he gets more than for the unused copies. In Europe they do charge more for them. The middle dealer will be satisfied to furnish his regular subscribers and keep a few extra copies on hand. When they are gone he cannot get any fresh supply of obsolete copies because nobody speculates extensively on them. But it is a pity that used stamps are no longer so popular. If I buy a mint Montserrat stamp in England that was printed in England, what connection has that stamp with Montserrat, except the name? If I buy a used copy, I know it has been there and done some real postal service!

I may add that the number of post offices is no reliable indication of the quantity of transactions. Montserrat has but one; some uncalled for letters are taken by policemen to two rural offices of theirs, and pinned on the door posts that people may see them. They have no island post, hence you would have to go to Antigua if you wanted to mail a letter to your next door neighbour. If Virgin Is. has three offices, it is owing to the fact that it consists of several poorly inhabited islands whose people cannot all run to the S. P. O. of Tortola. But it has less postal transactions than Montserrat. Dominica, where I spent some five years, has some ten post offices, but with exception of two towns, the postmasters are the regular schoolm most of them have a date stamp supply of ½d and 1d stamps, am to a couple of shillings. Nobody of robbing postoffices there. I them about one-quarter hour to r the bi-weekly mail. I should know what made the T. Caicos so tant that their used stamps are sc The main island is just a distress of salt, with nothing growing on cept the "Turks' heads." I supp salt is more salty in some plac people send samples of salt all by parcel post?

Now, what holds good of the West Indies, probably holds gooc smaller islands in the Pacific an nies in Africa. It is not merely ter of population and post off which we may guess the use of but rather a question of what the have to exchange in goods by m parcel post.

As for the right price of all su copies, I should say that they o fetch 10 and 20% more than un still current, there is so much lat tra-postage, damage and risk co with obtaining them. But as solete copies, one can only guess. big English dealer might have more copies of a rare Montser mint but you would have to make walk from dealer to dealer, till yc used copy.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Berkshire Exchange of Cummington, Mass., has just published the 1928 edition of the American Catalog of Air Mail and First Day Covers (Price, $1.). As the title indicates, it is published in the interest of air mail and first day cover collecting, and is copyrighted by Holcomb York, who sends us an autographed copy "With my best compliments" for review. We take great pleasure in heartily commending the publishers of this book for the great mass of useful data contained therein. There are numerous illustrations which add to the value of the reading matter, and the price quotations are not the least of the prominent features of the book. It is bound in cloth and the cover is adorned with a fine picture of Com. R. E. Byrd, to whom the book is dedicated.

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N-453	*1907	Naval Jubilee, ½c to 2½c, complete, 3 varieties	.15
N-552	*1923	5c, 10c, Imperf. pairs	.40
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N-478	*1926	Child Welfare Issue, 2c to 15c, complete 4 varieties	.35
N-406	*1927	Child Welfare Issue, 2c to 15c, complete 4 varieties	.30
N-467	*1927	Red Cross, 2c to 15c, complete 5 varieties	.40
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N-431	*1912	Provisionals, complete, 5 varieties	.75
N-443	*1922	New Colors, 5c to 50c, complete, 5 varieties	.40
N-448	*1915-17	Red Cross, complete, 3 varieties	.20
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CUBAN CONFERENCE, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

In connection with the Sixth International Conference of American States, which convened at Habana, Cuba, on January 16, 1928, a special series of stamps was prepared, and issued Monday, January 2, 1928. While not superseding the regular series, these stamps will be sold in preference to it until exhausted, and the proceeds, after deducting the cost of manufacture, will be applied to the expenses of the conference.

The conference was opened Monday morning, January 16, 1928, in the National Theatre, Habana, by President Gerardo Machado introducing President Calvin Coolidge of the United States, who with Mrs. Coolidge, and the American delegation, arrived from Key West, Fla., on the U. S. S. "Texas," Sunday afternoon, the 15th.

The stamps were recess printed by the Cia. Nacional de Artes Graficas y Libreria, Habana, from plates manufactured by the Security Bank Note Co. of Philadelphia (which also engraved the dies), on star watermarked paper, and perforated 12, single line. The sheets are of 200 subjects (10 x 20), with a margin on all four sides; the plate numbers appear twice in the left margin, reading up, opposite the 10th and 20th horizontal rows, and twice in the right margin, reading down, opposite the 1st and 11th horizontal rows. These sheets of 200 stamps are then divided into Post Office sheets of 100 (10 x 10), so that stamps of the lower row of the upper pane, and those of the upper row of the lower pane, have one straight edge.

The design (common for all denominations except the vignette), in a horizontal oblong, 36 x 21mm, depicts at the left of the central vignette, a map of North and Central America and the West Indies, and at the right, a map of South America. Across the top, in three lines is "Republica de Cuba—Sexta Conferencia Internacional Americana — 1928"; in the upper corners is a colorless diamond shaped ornament, with a single star in the center. Between numerals of value (on solid color squares) in the lower corners, is "Correos—Un Centavo" in two lines. The lettering and numerals are colorless.

The inscriptions (in small colored caps) under the central vignettes (circular on the 1c and 2c, and on the others, in horizontal rectangles) and the quantities of each denomination printed (after which the plates were destroyed) are as follows:—

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10c "Palacio Presidencial" 500,000
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13c "Vega de Tabaco" 250,000
Tobacco plantation.

20c "Secretaria de Hacienda" 250,000
Treasury Building, Habana.

30c "Un Ingenio" 150,000
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1 peso "Centro Gallego" 50,000
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1c blue-green.
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5c deep blue.
8c red-brown.
10c olive-brown.
13c orange.
20c olive.
30c purple.
50c dull rose.
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On December 13-14, 1927, Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh made a successful non-stop flight of 2,031 miles, in 27 hrs., 10 minutes, from Washington, D. C., to the City of Mexico, in his monoplane "The Spirit of St. Louis." After visiting the Central American capitals, and Panama, he will fly to Habana, while the conference is still in session. It is reported that his visit will be marked by the issue of a special stamp, some present design being adapted by means of an overprint.

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367	2c Lincoln 3mm	.35
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	10pa gray, #32	.10
	20pa blue, #33	.12
1884,	20pa rose*	.30
	5pi gray	.05
1889,	3m maroon	.10
1914,	#50 to 59	.30
1915,	2m on 3m, #60	.05
1921,	#61 to 68	.25
	100m black, #69	.25
	3m orange, #63*	.10
	#73, 74, 75	.15
	4m green, #72*	.15
	10m lake, #74*	.35
	2m red, #71*	.05
1922,	#78 to 88	.85
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1923,	10m lake, #432*	.40
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PRECANCEL CATALOGS

The publishers of the Standard Precancel Catalog, The Rotnem Stamp Co., announce a most favorable sale of their 1928 Catalogs. Altho there was an increased edition of the Catalog this year, the publisher's stocks are less than one hundred copies of each of the $2.15 paper edition and the $3.15 cloth edition. The 50c Canadian section is also selling well. This augers well for the Precancel Hobby.

The publishers have also surprised their mailing list by circulating free, a special edition of a revised Bureau Print Precancel Catalog. The edition is limited to 5,000 copies, 4,000 of which have been distributed and 1,000 of which are available to collectors not on the Company's mailing list.

The new catalog re-prices these attractive and popular government issues which have had such marked attention. They are as most of the readers know, those precancels which are printed for the larger city users of precancels direct at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving at the same operation as are the stamps.

There is some basis to the challenge that Bureau Print precancels merit classification as regular United States issues, for they are specially prepared stamps for local city usage. Many an American city Post Office serves a wider field than do many stamp issuing countries.

The free distribution of this catalog is a constructive builder for this special and very stable part of the hobby. The last precancel auction, the collection of W. C. Black, announced the following prices on certain scarce Bureau Prints.

Conn. New Britain, One Cent Coil	$ 1.40
La. New Orleans Experimental 1c, 2c	3.20
Ditto, the scarce 3c, Cat. only $3.00	25.25
Ditto, the 1c, 2c Dues	5.75
Mass. Springfield Experimental 8c	6.75
Ditto the 12 cent	6.75

EAST AND WEST:—

A WHOLESALE price-list of the stamps of Sweden has just been issued by A. B. Harry Wennberg, 5 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. Dealers who are at all interested in the stamps of this country should ask for a specimen copy.

WE have received from J. A. C. Wilson of Houston, Tex., a clipping from a local paper, which describes the vast amount of mail matter piled up in the post-office there for the airmail flight of Feb. 6. The clipping mentions the wide variety of combinations of stamps used by the senders of the mail.

CLIPPINGS are at hand from H. A. Breuer, Chicago, Ill., and Robert E. Dunlap, Cicero, Ill. Both are identical and are taken from the Chicago *Daily News* of Jan. 23. A small map of Macedonia is pictured, accompanied by four labels used as postage stamps by the Revolutionary forces. They bear no values, but portray four great Macedonian leaders, all of whom have been killed.

W. W. BETTS, Clearfield, Pa., is sending out a 1928 pricelist of special sets in 20th century unused European complete. Allenstein, Austria, Bavaria, Belgium, Bosnia, Danzig, Denmark, Fiume, Germany, Lichtenstein, Luxemburg, Marienwerder, Memel, Montenegro and Saar are his specialties. Our readers interested in the above countries should send for a specimen copy. Mr. Betts has just renewed his advertising contract with the WEEKLY for 5,000 lines. He writes us that his advertisement of Jan. 23 brought superb results that kept him busy night and day.

THE Rotnem Stamp Co., Inc., have changed their office address to 545 McKnight Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., where all mail is to be addressed. The firm is also opening a branch street store at 8 North 4th St., where they will have a complete line of accessories, packets and counter books for local trade.

CANCELLATIONS 1890-1900

By W. W. MACLAREN.

I sometimes wonder if cancellation collectors appreciate the scarcity of unusual and colored cancellations on the 2c stamps of this period. For some years prior to 1890 cancellations had become more and more standardized, and the post offices using any other color than black, or a design of their own, became constantly fewer.

One of our Cleveland collectors, Mr. Jas. H. Young, has let no opportunity go by for the past eight years to acquire unusual and colored cancellations on the 2c '90, '95 and Columbian. There are no more attractive pages in his albums than these, especially the 2c '90.

I have just finished going over a lot of fourteen thousand of the above three stamps, gathered and bundled at the time they were in use. I found less than thirty that were worth picking out—at the prices I get, it was really time wasted.

One afternoon last Fall my friend "Bi" Harris dropped in. I had nothing new to show him and asked how he would like to go over a lot of six thousand 2c Columbian that had just come in, all nicely cleaned from paper, and bundled while current. He said he would enjoy it, so we went to it—result—less than twenty worth keeping, and not one real good one in the lot.

I have during the past year gone over several very large accumulations, some running thru the 1902 issue, and amounting to tens of thousands. One of the things that impressed me was the great scarcity of the standard cancellations in any other color than black. In one lot were several on 2c 1902, in bright blue, and more recently, one on a 2c '95 in blue, but stamp damaged. If scarcity alone determined value, I would say either of these should be worth many dollars, but those I found sold mighty slow at 10c apiece.

On all three stamps the commonest fancy design is a star, usually in magenta, frequently well worn, in fact, real fine impressions being the great e tion. Next comes an initial or n gram, usually in black, being that o town or postmaster.

I am not boosting these cancella because I have any to sell, I have few, but simply to wake up my fr to their real scarcity and value, they can be had. I consider an un cancellation on any one of these st to be scarce in ratio with the follo letter rate stamps: 2c '87—3 to 1, 2c 5 to 1, 3c green, 10 to 1, 3c '61—15 to *Stamp Hunter.*

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By HERMANN FOCKE.

uba—The beautiful set of ten val-
e of commemorative postage stamps is-
ul in honor of the Assembly in Havana
of he Pan-American Congress—or as the
stmps show: the International American
Cgress—have come and gone, and very
fe, if any, have been used for regular
pcal service, although my firm had the
gd fortune of receiving some of the
hger values on its business mail, and
frm all appearances we may expect
the stamps to command a good pre-
mm over face value in not a distant
ire.

ccording to Mr. Avery, whose in-
te:sting article appeared in the WEEKLY,
sme values were expected to be sold
ou within a few hours, but this was a
lie too optimistic, as I secured ten full
se by courtesy of a friend in Havana,
at the Post Office as late as January 19th,
whereas my first set was purchased on
January 2nd, minus the 1 Peso value
wch, it seems, did not appear the same
da.

Unfortunately by far the greater part
of these stamps is very poorly centred,
an quite a large number show one
st ight edge, as the sheets were imper-
fate on all four sides, the number de-
peding on the size of the sheets, on
wch point I am still lacking advice
frm Cuba. Well centred copies with
pe orations all around should, under the
ciumstances, be considered as really
"rae aves" and correspondingly higher
in alue than the defective ones.

The authorities had evidently expected
ollo their principal business in this is-
sue the proceeds of which served to de-
fr the expenses of the Congress, with
fo ign collectors and dealers, as special
ho ers were prepared for the mailing
of the stamps, these being of oblong
siz similar to the well-known approval
cas for mint stamps used extensively
all ver the world, each card holding two
co plete sets in four rows of five stamps
eac. This arrangement had the advan-
tag of avoiding damage to the stamps
by reasing, all of my ten sets having
arrived in perfect condition.

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stamps offered for sale by our local
dealers, and therefore have no idea of
the market value, but judging from
the limited issue, and, by comparison,
the prices asked for the recent "floating
mail" issues of Curacao and Suriname,
not selling as high as $15.00 a set of
face value of around 60c, we may look
forward to stiff prices also for this Cu-
ban set, which on account of its attract-
iveness should not go begging for cus-
tomers.

Luxemburg—In the current issue of
the WEEKLY we learn of two more pro-
visionals issued by this little Grand-
Duchy, to which we have to add a third,
the 75 centimes carmine of 1927, re-
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Every now and then, a foreign slogan greets us bazzooing a bazaar. The general trend, however, in recent years has been to avoid that sort of thing, don't you know, for slogans of a helpful nature to promote domestic tranquillity and the pursuit of national happiness. Time it was when our traveling "drummers" and silk merchants and better homes companionates spoke cancellitic in their hey-dey of convivial assemblage, but today we only find such shibboleths of economic felicities as "Use Air Mail, Address Your Mail, Register or Insure and Let's Go!" Those of us born with self-starters have been on the go ever since, and hinky-dinky parly-voo!

And after we blustered so loudly to join the Navy and travel, Australia has to come along and blat "Save Travelling Expenses—Sell by Mail" and add with a poetic discordance "To Increase Your Sales—Use the Mails" with which our "Earn While You Learn" does a grand prix for vers libre. Anyway, London wants us all to come to the "British Industries Fair for Trade Buyers" which should appeal to our exchange department.

M. T. Dome who so adeptly uses his cross word puzzle acumen in converting any smudge to a flying elephant cancel, diagnoses S.Y. and many other abbreviations in the old hand-stamp mark. "Stock Yards," Chicago, is just a whiff of his potentialities. He intends to list all his abbreviations soon, the which is a harbinger of check list fever.

THAT "MOUNT VERNON ON THE POTOMAC" CANCEL SOUNDS LIKE A LISTING IN BAEDECKER. NO NEED FOR IT, ANYWAY. THE ONE IN NEW YORK IS "MOUNT VOINEN."

A stamp "Postes Egyptiennes" cancelled "Cairo Post Office Savoy Hotel" on the stamp with King Tut hieroglyphics isn't so bad. We remember onc't while writing bunk hist'ry for a New York publisher on matters Egyptian, a chap asking us, "I say. Have you a gasper? An Abdullah, don't you know?" which accounts for the broken palm tree on the corner near the Savoy Hotel in Cairo. And that's a philatelic story or I'll comesticate my sombrero.

And last Christmas, when shopping for Yule conviviality, we found many of the 1917 Revenue Act, orange on blue cigars, which means that after ten years the cigars were fairly quiescent.

We received a propaganda sheet listing all the Olympian philatelic intelligensia, from Zeus to Hermes himself. One had at least expected a worthy souvenir, such as a vest-pocket combination haircomb and perforation gauge, or a folding shoebrush and watermark detector. Our own inspiration was for a shaving pad holder, designed to utilize old catalogs. As Al Capone says, "It's your own fault if yer git tookent in outside me own deadline."

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And that stamp I missed by just ten cents? Youth wanes year after year; the Spring days are fugitive; the frail flowers die for nothing, and the wise man warns me that life is but a dewdrop on the lotus leaf. Should I neglect all this to gaze after one who turned her back on me? Or who broke Columbus' hat?

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Some weeks ago, reference was made to a proposed trip by airplane from Chicago to Havana, and then to various capitals of South America, and a date now past was given as that on which the flight was to be started. It transpires that the announcement of the time of taking-off was premature and in explanation of the delay, the explanation is made that the preparations for the long trip required more time. The aviator, Capt. Joseph F. Donnellan, in company with others interested in the flight, was a recent caller, and the details of the enterprise were reviewed. It was the intention of the flyer to leave on a date reached before this notice is in print; and while letters will be carried from Chicago to points on the itinerary, they are not transported under governmental authority, although something was said about the possibility of Captain Donnellan being appointed a mail clerk. However, the postmasters in the other countries take official cognizance of the visit of the plane to their capitals, we are informed, and they authorize mail to be carried by the plane on its return to Chicago. No doubt such letters will have distinctive markings to identify them. The purpose of the trip is to prove the practicability of using planes of the smaller type for commercial purposes between Chicago and South American cities.

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Never before have there been so many philatelic societies or stamp clubs in existence as there is at present. Reports of the organization of new bodies of the kind show the spread of systematized collecting, and the results of this activity will be manifest. The idea of organization is the order of the day, and the fact that collectors are making a record in this regard is a satisfaction, indeed. Here, tribute should be given to those in a position to direct the activities of young people who recognize that in philately there is an admirable outlet for the spirit of youth. These workers are performing a service that is helpful to all of us, even though their efforts are not heralded as widely as they deserve to be. Action of this kind is more beneficial to our pursuit than theoretical discussions of how to extend our influence.

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Some months ago, a correspondent asked for particulars of the frank of Ballou & Co.'s Carriboo Express found on plain envelopes bearing Canadian stamps. This express operated between settlements in British Columbia, a list of which are given in Coster's old catalogue. The date of the service is not given, but the company was succeeded by Dietz & Nelson, who ran for some time in conjunction with Barnard & Co. Barnard & Company sold out to Wells, Fargo & Co., in 1872. In a note in his catalogue, Phillips says that the Ballou & Co. frank is not found on U. S. envelopes.

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Mr. L. G. Dorning of Philadelphia, sent us particulars of what in its days was "an astounding piece of philatelic publicity" some time ago, and we have not been in a hurry to comment on it, albeit that Mr. Dorning does not emphasize unduly his discovery, because mention has been made at different times in the past of the self-same subject. Mr. Dorning came unexpectedly upon a copy of *Harper's Magazine* for October, 1871, in which there is a long illustrated article on "Postage Stamps and Their Origin" by James M. Chute; and it is natural that our correspondent was thrilled by it, since it was an authoritative review, engagingly written, of stamp collecting. When the article appeared nearly sixty years ago, philately needed encouragement, and unquestionably Mr. Chute's article watered a plant that, if it was not drooping, was not yet in the hardy class. Mr. Chute's production was famous for years and it was referred to frequently in the stamp press, as a shining example of publicity of the right stripe in publications that addressed the outside world. On several occasions, a review of Mr. Chute's article appeared in the WEEKLY. It may be added that Mr. Chute in the following year of 1872, contributed a series of articles to a Boston weekly, and he was the Boston correspondent of the *New York Fireside Companion*, in which he conducted a query column devoted to stamps, coins, etc. Mr. Chute wrote for the philatelic press under his own name and the *nom-de-plume* of "Correos" as well. He was born in 1846, and having removed to Boston in 1865, he lived there many years; and it was not so many years ago that his death was chronicled. Mr. Chute was an indefatigable philatelist who qualified as a student, and his name deserves a high place among those of the philatelic pioneers.

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A critic asks why there seems to be a general acceptance of commemorative issues now without protests from collectors, when years ago, there were movements that had for their aim the suppression of such stamps. This correspondent evidently has in mind the activities of the Society for the Suppression of Speculative stamps, and the objections that were made to the issue of the Omaha stamps as well as other gestures of disapproval. Briefly, the answer is that *autres temps* mean other customs. It does not follow that the ways of philatelists are any more stationary than the years. For instance, we well remember the outcry against the Omaha or Trans-Mississippi set, when it was proposed that it be issued, and among the objectors were some of the leading collectors of thirty years ago. The post office department was petitioned not to proceed with the issue, and at this period, Washington did not take kindly to additional stamps chiefly because of the extra work caused by two sets of stamps. Yet the stamps did make their appearance, over-riding all obstacles placed in their path; there were forces seemingly invisible that brought forth the set. It is evident there has been a change in sentiment which has come slowly, perhaps, but which has developed effectively. The newer generation of collectors are not concerned particularly with the traditions of the past, and they look upon commemorative stamps as welcome additions to the album pages. They regard them as attractive and appealing, and applaud them for their advertising possibilities. In other words, they are the "go-getters" for the pursuit. If the stamps fullfil a few simple requirements, embraced principally in the availability of the stamps for postage, what more need be asked.

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The commemorative stamp has come to stay, or until it is supplanted by some other form of celebration. The explanation of the popularity of this stamp is simple, even if it is not on the surface. The fact is that the postage stamp has grown to be so big a factor in every-day life that it may no longer be claimed as the private property of even a considerable band of those who look upon the stamp with unusual sympathy and understanding. The postal talisman belongs to all the people and is an intimate bond between them and their government; and for that reason, the stamp loans itself to use in transmitting a message or preaching a text, in an ideal way. While the opinion of philatelists in connection with new issues of stamps should be sought and given weight when once given, yet the stamp belongs to all the people, and not some of them. The postage stamp has become so big in its suggestions and potentialities that it is too large for any class of people to handle; hence, as a messenger to the masses, the postage stamp is unrivalled in reach and dir ness. The question of financial integ sometimes enters into the analysis of character of the commemorative sta and when it does, the problem of ar ing at a decision is complicated. only comfort the philatelic opponent all unneccessary issues may have is braced in the hope that the commem tive idea will not be carried to extren and that no financial aim attend th issue. Further than this, it is unlik that he will have cause for rejoicing even he must admit that stamps are unmatchable means for celebration.

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On August 24th, 1851, a letter left the post addressed to Annapolis, Maryland, and bearing a 5c stamp of the 1847 series, which had ceased to be valid for postage on the 1st of the previous June. The stamp probably was carried to Fort Union by one of the army officers who had been out of touch with civilization too long to know the stamps of the 1847 issue had been declared invalid.
The letter probably was carried to Washington in a pouch with army dispatches and on September 29th was deposited in the Washington post office. It reached Annapolis the following day, having been five days on the way. The stamp is a fine specimen tied to the cover by the WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., postmark in black and bears no other cancellation. The cover is a little white envelope bearing the notations "Ft. Union—Augt 24th—1851" and "Received September 30th, 1851", with the signature of the addressee.
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MANY CHEAP STAMPS FOUND

Big Perf. and Smudge Man Tells of Success

The newspaper office was all in a whirl. The Boiled Ham Company was smoking terrifically and wood alcohol had snuffed out two innocent lives in the merry carouse of a deleterious day. The City Editor turned to me and asked if it wasn't time for me to get some "scoop" story to thrill our readers, some feature to play up the gallery of hairbreadth adventure, sloppy romance, swank society, feminine fickleness, destitute divorce, or ambitious alimony, when suddenly I recalled the interesting figure of our local ash can sniveller and waste paper miser. I quickly turned to our City Editor, and gasped, "You big bonehead. I have a story." I ran from the circular desk as a dictionary flew over my head, all of which characterizes the pleasantries of the newspaper game.

My entree into the demesne of our popular perf. and smudge man was none too sorrowful, for after ringing the doorbell twenty times, I noted the sign "Batteries Dry" which meant that I had to knock. Later I was informed that everyone knocked at cheap stamp establishments. I grasped the doorknob in a powerful grip, and spent two minutes trying to put the doorknob back again, when I was greeted joyfully by Calaban himself. I walked into his establishment, down the hall, thru the kitchen, down the dark back cellar stairs, into a dim furnace room, cluttered with ashes and tin cans. "There," he exclaimed, "it'll be ready in two weeks." "But your stamps," I rejoined. "Where are your stamps?" He sunk into a lethargy I knew meant but exhaustive pleasure in my query.

"There," he said, pointing to a coal bin, "there lies the treasure trove." Before me was a vast bin of stamps, tied in bundles, stacked ceiling high, arranged in testudos of on-rushing shields of perfs, shades, guide lines, straight edges and perf. initials. There stood a phalanx of post cards, beyond were the meters and paid permits, further and beyond me, were the New York Stock Transfer stamps. I was overwhelmed at this panoply of philatelic possessions. To those who have visited stamp exhibitions, such as one finds in the British Museum, or at Washington, D. C., we might say "You ain't seen nothing yet."

"You ask me," Calaban wistfully remarked, "what causes me most grief?" I had put the question that way. "After my wife, it is these," said he, pointing to a bin full of stamps. My interview with Calaban had begun.

"What are the common stamps? Which stamps are commonest? You, who read only catalogs, admit your ignorance. Of all these stamps, which do I find most of? Today I have more of the 2c 1923 perf. 11 than any other stamp. That is the flat bed stamp. Daily I add few to the pile, as the new rotary press compound perforated stamp is getting plentiful, and maybe it will in time be more common than that thing—the 2c 1923 perf. 11. Look at the pile."

I gazed at it and wondered. Then observing another pile almost as large, I asked about it.

"Those," Calaban noted, "are the 2c browns." There was a heap of them. "Those come in regularly. They are almost as common as the 2c 1923 perf. 11. Of course if we look for shades, you will note that each pile gets less. Now take the full carmine shade of the 2c 1923 perf. 11—there's not as many as the 2c brown. And there's the 2c triangles, and the 1c 1898 green, and the 2c Columbians, all of which have shades and cancels to bother one."

Observing a card hanging on the wall, I copied down a few figures. These, I was informed, were the degrees of commonness of used United States stamps.

2c 1923, perforated 11
2c brown 1883
2c 1923, perf. 11, full carmine shade
2c 1923, perf. 10
2c 1927, compound perf.
2c 1916, white envelope
2c 1927, compound perf. with wave cancel
2c 1923, perf. 11, with wave cancel
3c 1879, soft paper
2c 1923, horizontal coil
2c 1916, white envelope, die A
2c 1883, red-brown shade
2c 1923, perf. 11, dark carmine shade
2c 1923, perf. 10, with wave cancel
3c 1879, full green shade
Universal, type B, slogan cancels
2c 1923, horizontal coil, with wave cancel
Universal, type B, cancels
International, type A, cancels
Universal, type A, cancels
Universal, type B, Air Mail Saves Time slogans
2c 1927, with slogan cancel
2c 1916, white envelope, die H
2c 1923, perf. 11, light carmine shade
2c 1923, perf. 11, with 29mm grid cancel
2c 1927, compound with Air Mail slogan cancel
2c 1923, perf. 11, with duplex cancels
2c 1923, perf. 10, with slogan cancel
2c 1883, with smudge cancel
2c 1923, perf. 11, with slogan cancel
2c 1923, perf. 11, with straight bar cancel
2c 1923, horizontal coil with slogan cancel
2c 1927, with Air Mail Saves Time cancel
2c 1923, perf. 11, with open oval package cancel
2c 1923, perf 11, with town cancels
Universal, type B, slogan Mail Early for Christmas
International, type A, cancels
2c 1923, perf. 11, with duplex handstamp "1" cancel
2c 1923, perf. 10, with Air Mail Saves Time cancel
1c Jefferson post card

"Darling," I heard an upstairs voice sweetly call. "Darling, come here." Calaban looked at me sheepishly, and twinkled his eyelids. He moved slowly from his stacks of philatelic researches toward some volumes lying on a bench, but again the battle call was heard percolating from the kitchen. "Darling, come here or I'll break your neck."

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stamp for the prepayment of postal charges. This special stamp was superseded by the general issues for the whole of the Confederate States after a very short life.

"Country" Etymology

Brazil.—Which was at first considered an island, received the name, Ilha da vera cruz, i.e., "islands of the true cross" after a great wooden cross which was erected on May 1, 1500.

The well-known dye wood transported to Europe for the first time in 1503 which the natives called ibira pitanga, i.e., "red wood" and the Portuguese named biaza (fire) after the fiery red color, was employed to bestow its enduring name upon the country. In German it has the form Brasilien meaning land of "the fiery wood."

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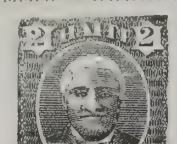
JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES



PRES. SALOMAN
Hayti A5
2c violet

The stamps of the 1887 issue of Hayti always attract the attention of one unfamiliar with them, because of the white haired and venerable old gentleman there portrayed. This was General Louis Etienne Félicité Saloman, then President of the Republic. He certainly looks mild and benevolent enough, but is described by Pritchard as "a notorious sectary of snake worship [voodooism], beneath whose iron hand the country groaned for years, and public executions and robbery were the order of the day." Yet under his long presidency the Republic was unusually prosperous.

General Saloman was born in 1820 at Aux Cayes, on the southern peninsula of Hayti, and was a negro of colossal stature and of pure African descent. He was a politician as well as a military man, having been one of the ministers of General Soulouque, the negro slave who attained the Presidency in 1847 and ruled as the "Emperor Faustin I" from 1849 to 1859. On the overthrow of Soulouque, General Saloman, who was then commander-in-chief of the Emperor's army, fled from the island. Twenty years later he returned and on October 23, 1879, was himself chosen as President for seven years He was re-elected in 1886 for another term, but was deposed by a revolution in August, 1888, and fled to Paris, where he died on October 19, of the same year.

New Lindbergh Stamp

Costa Rica honored Lindbergh on his recent visit to that country with a special stamp commemorative of his trip. The 12c carmine showing a portrait of Columbus in his youth was overprinted with an airplane and an ornate L in the lower loop of which the word "Lindbergh" was completed, and "Enero, 1928" included. The whole effect is very pleasing and especially so when it is recalled that upon this stamp is a picture of one of the ships of Columbus' fleet and as well the two continents of North and South America. In the lower corners the 12c value is overprinted with "10" in a fanciful design. We are indebted to Ernesto Quiros A, San Jose, Costa Rica, for a specimen of the stamp.

Building A Collection

By GEO. TODD.

How to Buy—No. 3

A third method of increasing your collection, is by exchange. There are dealers who will accept your duplicates in return for stamps you haven't already got, but they exact a percentage which is usually pretty big on low-valued stamps. Exchange with another collector is all right if you know what you are doing. Trade value for value, and not stamp for stamp, unless the stamps are very common. Don't take anything you don't want, but when you have an opportunity to make a profitable exchange, do it, because what may be rare to you may be common to the other fellow. It is best to trade old stamps for old stamps, and new ones for new ones, because the value of old stamps is stable, while that of new ones is not.

In closing, let me say that the value and appearance of a collection is based on quality and not quantity, so don't collect junk.

In Reply to Mr. Tendick

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

(1) The Department stamps printed by the Continental Bank Note Company, were issued on May 24, 1873, although their actual use was not authorized until July 1, 1873. They were distributed on the previous day, in order that they might be available at the time that their use was required.

(2) The records of the American Bank Note Company have never been available to the stamp collector, and as a result, I cannot tell the exact date on which the soft paper Departments of 1879 were placed on sale. The Continental Company was taken over by the American Company in February, 1879, and the soft paper stamps probably appeared in March or April.

(3) As to the third question—the Executive stamps were not discontinued in 1877, as your correspondent imagines. The fact that none were printed after 1877, simply means that the use of this series was small, and there was ample quantity on hand to take care of the requirements.

All Department stamps, including the Executives, were discontinued on July 5, 1884.

Leeward Islands

This is really a geographical division consisting of various groups of islands in the Caribbean Sea, but so far as we are concerned at present, it is the official designation of a British West Indian colony consisting of five separate presidencies which are administered by one Governor. The five presidencies are (1) Antigua, with Barbuda and Redonda; (2) St. Christopher and Nevis, with Anguilla; (3) Dominica; (4) Montserrat, and (5) the Virgin Islands. With the exception of the latter, they all have

their own local legislatures, which are subordinate to the Legislative Council for the whole colony. In 1890, it was decided to issue a set of stamps for use throughout the colony, and these superseded the separate sets for Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher and the Virgin Islands, which had been in use up to that date. Although a general issue for the Leeward Islands is still in use, all five presidencies have, of recent years, again issued their own particular and distinctive stamps, which are in concurrent use with the general set.

Seven Wonders of Philately

By GEORGE CREAMER MCMILLAN.

A letter such as the following is greatly appreciated. We just like to have our Juniors tell us what they think of stamp collecting and if there is anything we can do upon this page to promote our hobby it will certainly be done. We thank George for his letter.

I am a subscriber to the WEEKLY, and, while not taking a very active part in it, I nevertheless read the Junior Page in every issue, and I can truthfully say that nothing has helped me so much in stamp collecting as that same page. I enjoy your contests very much although I don't participate in any of them—guess I'm too lazy! At the present time I collect the general issues of the Confederate States and a few special things in U. S. on cover, such as Wells-Fargo imprints and cancellations; a few pre-stamp covers (I have one that was used on U. S. Frigate Constitution); U. stamps used abroad—in the Philipp Mexico, and France; and U. S. st used on battleships and with Se cancellations. I also enjoy readin "ad" whether I buy anything or n usually note the things which are a tised the most and I made up a li such things which I enclose here can call them the "Seven Wonde Philately":—

(1) U. S., 19th century, used, off cover, cancellations, etc.

(2) U. S. Department stamps, us unused, on or off cover, etc.

(3) U. S., 20th century, mint.

(4) Confederates, provisionals or eral issues, on or off cover, etc. (T a wonderful opportunity for speci tion here.)

(5) Stampless covers, U. S. and federates.

(6) U. S. First-Day and First- Covers.

(7) British Colonials, 20th ce mint.

I wonder if your readers would with this. I am 16 years old and I been collecting stamps for about years, and I have never grown ti philately, I hope I never shall!

Junior Notes

—A number of answers to ou set of "Brain Teasers" have bee ceived and it will take us abou weeks to award the prizes.

—The boys of Paterson, N. J. organized "The Union Stamp Lately it held an exhibit. It was successful. Pres., Fred Bamber and Pres., Allan Silverman, were the The winners were L. Diamond 1 Chappell 2nd, and R. Henly 3rd.

—If you boys want to orga stamp club in your town, go secretary of the Y. M. C. A. a him what is on your mind. He glad to help you out.

Junior Dictionary

Proof.—An impression taken f die or plate, complete or incompl a stamp design subsequently issu use. The impressions taken by t graver during the progress of his or from the completed die, are kn die-proofs, while early or trial i sions from a plate are known as proofs.

Proportional Stamps.—(See de Mar.")

Proprietary Stamps.—Stamps in connection with taxes levied o prietary articles.

Protectorado Espanol en Mar —(Spanish Protectorate in Moro An overprint applied to the contem stamps of Spain in 1915 for use Spanish post offices established i rocco.

Protectorate de la Cote des So —Shown upon the stamps of D meaning "Somali Coast Protecto

Providence.—The capital of Island. In 1846 its then postmas sued special 5c and 10c stamps onl superseded in the following year U. S. governmental issues.

Provincia de Cauca.—Shown two stamps issued in Cauca, Co 1892, regarding which there are doubts as to their authenticity. scription means "Province of Cau

Provincie Modonesi. — (Mo Provinces).—Shown on the stam Modena issued under the autho the provisional government in 18

Provisionals. — Stamps temp put into circulation pending the i a regularly authorised series or o

a portage of some value or other.

rovisorio.—Found on a 5c revenue stamp of Bolivia which was issued for postal use in 1893. The word means "provisional."

rov. R. I.—The centre inscription on the Postmaster stamps of Providence, R. I.

rovidence (R. I.) Despatch.—One of the earliest of the companies which made possible the delivery of mail matter. The stamp is exceedingly rare.

rimeira Expedicao. — (First Expedition)—Shown across the base of the design of one of the three types of stamps issued in Portugal in 1894 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Prince Henry the Navigator.

THE CAPE WAGON

The Boer trek wagon appears on a number of South African stamps. As part of a coat-of-arms it figures on nearly all the issues of the old South African Republic (Transvaal), as well as on certain fiscal stamps of the Orange Free State that were allowed to be used for postal purposes. The 1894-1895 issue of the Transvaal bears, through an artist's mistake, the ludicrous representation of a trek wagon with shafts! A true wagon, outspanned, and with one of

the yokes and the long driver's whip, provides a forlorn and rather aimless design for the 5s value of the new Union of South Africa series; while the 2s 6d value of the same series depicts a typical South African scene—a wagon, drawn by a team of oxen crossing a drift.

It is not surprising that the Cape wagon should be deemed so worthy of representation on South African stamps, considering the prominent part it has played in South Africa's story. To the early settlers at the Cape, and to the Voortrekkers who crossed the Orange and Vaal Rivers to found the Orange Free State and the South African Republic, it served alike as conveyance, as home and as fortress. Many a fierce fight has waged round Boer laagers, the heavy wagons, flung into a circle, providing a rampart for the defenders and a shield for the women, children and cattle gathered in the centre.

Even to-day, the Cape wagon is an indispensable feature of South African life. Railway development in the Union is yet in its infancy, and although the motor-car does much to increase the facilities for personal travel and the transmission of light articles, the Cape wagon affords, in a great many places, the only means of transporting heavy goods. Transport riding is still a popular and romantic occupation, especially in the up-country districts, where it is an everyday sight to behold wagons loading up at railway sidings; then trekking slowly but steadily across the veld, drawn by their teams of fourteen longhorned oxen or sixteen sturdy donkeys, led by the "voorloper" (usually a piccaninny of the marriage of ten) tugging on the leading pair's yoke, and controlled by one or two drivers on foot, with their long whips; finally, outspanned, with their teams grazing nearby, discharging their loads into the store miles away from the railway. Sometimes, owing to prohibitive railway freights, heavy merchandise is transported up-country right from the big towns, and it is no uncommon experience to see wagons in the streets of Cape Town, Kimberley and Johannesburg.

On the diamond fields and on the gold fields, the digger's wagon becomes his temporary home and storehouse. On the farm, the wagon brings in the harvest. On the open veld, the traveller sleeps in it or under it. Very often it has saved the lives of travellers who have sought shelter beneath it during a torrential hailstorm that has destroyed the team of animals.—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

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Appeal for Funds.—In the semi-final edition of the prospectus, an appeal was made to overseas philatelic societies, stamp dealers, philatelic publishers, and others interested in philately, to contribute to the funds of the exhibition. In making this appeal, the committee felt that they had a good claim on those to whom it was addressed. In past years, the various philatelic societies in South Africa have contributed freely within their means to the funds of exhibitions held in various countries; whilst collectors generally in South Africa have been generous patrons of dealers and subscribers to publications. The exhibition, which is to be held in Durban next July, will undoubtedly be the means of stimulating interest in philately, and correspondence which has been received from all parts of the world indicate the nation-wide interest which is being manifested. This must benefit both philatelists and dealers. The response to the appeal has not been very great, so far. Assistance can be rendered in several ways, viz., by donating the cost of a gold, silver or gilt medal at £2 15/-, £1 5/- and £1 respectively; by an outright cash donation; or by the purchase of tickets for private view day.

The exhibition committee make this further urgent appeal to all philatelists, dealers, etc., to send along a donation, no matter how small. Whilst cash is preferred, used or mint stamps will be welcome.

Contributions to date total £115 12/6. Four gold, two gilt and five silver medals have also been promised.

Government Exhibits.—The Third Assistant Postmaster-General of the United States Postal Service will send an interesting exhibit. The Rhodesian Government is being asked to sanction the entry of a comprehensive exhibit. The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs of the Union of South Africa is giving the exhibition his cordial support and entering a very fine series of plates. Other Governments have notified their interest and will announce decisions shortly.

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THE SECRETARY OF COMMUNICATIONS
The Director of Posts (Order No. 22)

Taking into consideration that on August 28th, of the current year an order was issued by this Office under No. 16, authorizing the use of automatic machines to affix postage stamps to correspondence in Cuba, subject to due permission to be obtained in each case, and in order to enable the proprietors of such machines to obtain the necessary supply of stamps for same it has been arranged to print sheets of 400 subjects without perforations.

Taking into consideration that it having become public knowledge of the new offer and suggestion, and petitions having been received to the effect that this issue be sold, in sheets of 400 or 100 imperforate stamps, to such persons as may request them although they may not be for use in the automatic machines.

Taking into consideration that in view of the public interest shown in the demand for these stamps, the sale in sheets of 400 or 100 will increase postal revenues it is resolved that:

(1). To authorize the sale to the public of sheets of 400 or 100 stamps without perforations, with no other requisite than the request for same and payment in the respective expending office.

(2). That by the Section of Stamps and Materials of this Department, such Post-Masters as may request those sheets of 400 or 100 stamps in such quantities as to cover orders received from the public be supplied.

(3). That the sale of such stamps to the public must be precisely in sheets of 400 or 100 each, and under no circumstances will part of such sheets be sold.

(4). That order No. 16, dated August 28, 1926, will continue in force as to what refers to the authorization for the use of automatic machines for affixing postage stamps.

(Signed) R. SANCHEZ ABALLI,
Secretary of Communications.
La Habana, January 13, 1927.

E. M. ASH,
Puerto Tarafa, Cuba.

THE DONNELLAN FLIGHT

By HENRY O. MEISEL.

On the Editorial page, January 9, appeared an article relative to Air Mail flights, and which reads in part: "We have just succeeded in obtaining definite tidings of the trip of Captain Joe Donnellan, British Royal Air Force, from Chicago, to all the capitals of the South American countries. It is reported to us that he has been authorized by the post office department to carry mail on the trip and that he will leave Chicago on the morning of January 1, 1928, some time between the hours of 4.30 and 10.00 A. M. The first stop will be Atlanta, Georgia, from where he will proceed to Havana, and then go to other Central American cities before making a circuit of the capitals of all the South American countries."

I wrote to the Postmaster at Chicago, to which I received the following reply on Jan. 18. "You are respectfully informed that so far as this office is aware, no such flight has been announced, and we have no instructions from the Post Office Department concerning any dispatch of mail by such flight."

I also wrote to the department at Washington, to which reply was received as follows on Jan. 21. "We have no record of a flight that was to have been made from Chicago on January 1, to the points mentioned. If such a flight was made, or is to be made, the Department has not authorized the carrying of mail thereon."

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Samoa 1914, 2½p	"	.60	.25
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From 1847 to 1916, where he left off, there is a mint single of practically everything, with few exceptions. I especially note such things as — 1847 5c, several copies in shades with gum. 1851 1c to 24c, including several types, the 24c having full sheet margins at top. In the 1861 August issue, the 3c is represented by numerous singles and several blocks in shades. There is a superb mint imperforate, as well as a perfection 10c. Someone will have an opportunity of purchasing a very beautiful 1861 September 3c pink, and a magnificent 5c in the rare olive shade, with full original gum. He has the finest single 3c scarlet that I have ever seen, together with a block of the same stamp.

From this point on, little if anything is missing, including full sets of all of the reissues, the 1901, 1c, 2c, 4c inverts, 1908 blue papers complete, 1915 24c airmail invert, etc.

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United States

Valley Forge Stamp

Letters are still being received by the Post Office Department at Washington, recommending the issuing of a 2-cent stamp to commemorate the Encampment at Valley Forge. Mr. Malcolm H. Ganser has interested many of the organizations, as well as publishers, in Norristown, and as a result numerous communications from this point are being received by the Postmaster General.

Congressman Watson of Pennsylvania, has not only called upon the Postmaster General relative to such a stamp, but has addressed a communication to each of the Governors of the original thirteen states, calling their attention to the fact that they are going to participate in the celebration this year at Valley Forge, and suggesting that they write to Washington, recommending such a stamp.

Further, Congressman Watson has introduced in the House of Representatives the following Resolution:—

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Postmaster General is authorized, and he is hereby requested, to design and issue a special postage stamp of the denomination of 2 cents in honor of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the encampment of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such amount as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act."

If this passes both Houses, and is signed by the President, we may expect something quite attractive in the way of a new stamp, to be issued in May or June.

It is not too late to address the Postmaster upon the subject, and if you have not written heretofore, a letter bringing his attention to the advisability of such a variety is in order.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of January 19th, the Traffic Agent of the Air Mail Service at Chicago announces that effective February 6th, Air Mail Service will be inaugurated on two new routes to be known as C.A.M. 21 and C.A.M. 22.

C.A.M. Route 21 will operate on a round trip basis between Dallas, Texas, and Galveston, Texas, with intermediate stops at Fort Worth, Texas, and Houston, Texas.

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Mr. Ben Delovage kindly sends a clipping from the Portland *Oregonian*, dealing with the air mail activities of the Boeing Air Transport Company. We are informed that 63% of all air mail carried in the United States, during the last six months, has been carried on five air mail lines operating west of Chicago. More than one-half of this mail, or 36% of all air mail, was carried by the Boeing Company on its transcontinental route between Chicago and San Francisco. During this time their planes flew 821,000 miles, and carried 621 passengers, without any serious mishap. They are arranging to purchase a new type of plane to be used on the Pacific Coast.

Steamship Mail

The Second Assistant Postmaster General announced under date of January 28th, the quantities of mail delivered by the New York Harbor Boat Service during the three years of 1925 to 1927.

It is interesting to note from the following figures the growth of this Service.

	No. of Steamships	*No. of Bags*
1925	1,535	1,004,690
1926	1,625	1,054,859
1927	1,678	1,103,993

The largest cargo ever received arrived on December 20, from the Majestic, when 17,584 bags reached New York.

Afghanistan.—Details of new series: Arms &c. (three different designs). New currency (1 Afghani = 100 pool = 66 paisas; ½ (neem) = 50 pool = 33 paisas). Inscribed in native characters and "Afghan Postage," with value, in English. 15 pool carmine-rose, 30 pool greenish-blue, 60 pool light blue. The 15p is in imperf. "sheets" of nine, the 30p in imperf. "sheets" of six, and the 60p in "sheets" of eight (2x4), imperf. at the outer edges but perf. 10½ for the insides. In the old, "Kabuli," cu 60 paisas was equivalent to one r *Stamp Collecting.*

Algeria. — Whitfield King & have shown us the 4c, type A16, a of France with the surcharge "A in blue, and with the added ov "5" in black. Also the 25c blue a green in the pictorial series.

Brazil. — *Coffee Bi-Centenary.* ther to our last reference we now from *Champion's Bulletin* that the tities will be:—100 reis (2,000,000 reis (3,000,000), 300 reis (3,000 thus making up the total of 8,0 stamps already announced.—*Ph Magazine.*

Cyprus. — The Jubilee comme tive series, which it was our privil forecast exclusively some month will be on issue shortly. Supplie already been dispatched to the Col the Crown Agents, comprising t lowing:—Commemorating Jubilee prus as British Colony (1878-1928 graved and printed on white wove Wmk. Script CA. Perf. 14: ¾pi Silver Coin of Amathus. 1pi bla blue, Zeno of Kitium, Philosopher. red, Map of Cyprus, 2½pi blue, S nabas, 4pi sepia, Cloister, Bella Fa blue, Badge of the Colony, 9pi Tekke of Umm Haram, 18pi bla brown, Richard Cœur de Lion, 45p ple and blue, Church of St. N Famagusta, £1 blue and brown, George V.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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5	6.28	34	.96	66	.02
6	9.02	35	1.29	67	.04
7	24.50	36	1.50	68	.20
8	.39	37	.20	69	.18
9	.61	38	.20	70	.22
10	.84	39	.78	71	.48
11	.96	40	.41	71a	.61
12	4.90	42	1.41	72	1.29
13	4.99	43	1.80	73	3.88
14	11.65	44	8.76	74	7.76
15	.48	45	9.80	75	6.80
16	.56	46	10.41	*77	.04
17	.41	47	51.45	*78	.06
18	.78	48	.20	79	.61
19	1.44	49	.16	*80	.04
20	1.44	50	.46	*81	.10
21	3.69	51	1.42	*82	.16
22	.04	52	.92	*83	.31
23	.06	52a	6.00	*84	.61
24	.12	53	1.50	85	11.05
25	.14	54	5.14	86	24.50
26	.18	55	13.40	*87	.72
27	1.14	57	56.35	*88	1.44
28	1.92	58	.08	*89	2.90
29	1.92	59	.14	*90	29.40
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France.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2frs postage due stamp, design as A4, in light blue shade.

French Colonies. — The *Echo* states that at least five of the latest 3fr stamps of various Colonies are minus full stop after the initial "F." (Viz. Congo, Gaboon, Martinique, Reunion and Somali Coast).

Liechtenstein. — We have received three new items of this country from Whitfield King & Co. They are all in the design of the 5rp value of the 1924-26 issue and of the following values and colors: 2½rp olive-green and red lilac, 7½rp green and brown and 15rp red-brown and green.

Lithuania. — New High Values will be issued shortly in the current series: 1l (5,000,000), 3l (2,000,000), 5l (2,000,000).

Tenth Anniversary of Independence will be celebrated on February 16th, when a commemoration series of stamps will be issued; the values and quantities, according to *Champion's Bulletin*, being: 5c, 125,000; 10c, 125,000; 15c, 125,000; 25c, 125,000; 50c, 225,000; 60c, 225,000, and 1l, 500,000.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Monaco.—We learn from Mr. Theodore Champion that there will be issued in February two values commemorating the International Philatelic Exhibition. The stamps are transverse oblong with triple portraits of three Princes of Monaco. Engraved by Henry Cheffer they are recess-printed at French Government Works at Paris. The values are 50c red and 3fr violet, and each value will be sold at a premium of five francs, the charge for admission to the Exhibition. We understand that there will be 150,000 sets printed.

Poland. — Coming commemorative. To be issued for National Philatelic Exhibition, Warsaw, May 3rd to 13th, 1928. Portrait of Marshal Pilsudsky, 50 groszy. A 1zl portrait is also foreshadowed for the same occasion and, according to Messrs. Yvert & Tellier, the two stamps will be sold at their face value plus the charge for entry to the Exhibition, *i.e.*, 3 zloty (about 3s).—*Stamp Collecting.*

Russia. — Copies of the 8k, yellow green, in the design picturing the Russian workman, are to hand from Whitfield King & Co.

San Marino.—The stamps issued on Jan. 2nd last and known as the St. Francis d'Assisi Commemoratives have been received from Mr. R. Roberts. They are of four values, two designs in each, 50c rose and 1.25L blue, of one type picturing the monastery and 2.50L brown and 5L violet, showing the death of the Saint. Each stamp bears the inscription "VII Centenario Francescano," while across the top is "Poste Della Rep. Dis. Marino."

MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

By "PHILATELIA."

Newfoundland.—It is often useful to look out for stamps underpriced on numbers issued. Where these are definitely known, it is difficult to find many examples amongst the popular groups, but an instance, tho' true it is only a minor variety, occurs in Newfoundland 1$ on 15c, S.G. 143, of which 10,000 were thus surcharged. Of these 2,400 had no comma, whilst only 400 had no stop after 1919. If the normal is worth 15/- (and it is modestly priced at this figure) the no stop variety should be worth nearer £10 than the 50/- quoted. However, if you can get it under catalogue so much the better, and is a good buy at current prices. The 1923 Pictorial set is also worthy of careful study from the financial viewpoint. Ever since Whitehead, Morris & Co. started printing the stamps of this Colony, the numbers printed have been more limited, and in each set there have been certain values that have stood out as really scarce. Thus the Coronation set gave us the 8c, and the Caribou set the 6 and 8 cents.

In the 1923 series it is the 9c and 24c that are going to be so good. Both have been completely sold out for some time and are very good buys at anything round current prices. The 9c was only sold in very limited numbers, and may easily reach 10/- during the next few years. The 24c, if not quite so scarce, is certainly worth buying, and will doubtless at least reach a similar figure. I do not think any large wholesale stocks of these two values exist, so that it is possible the rise may be meteoric when the inevitable rush sets in.

Ascension.—The first issue continues to appreciate in value, the 3/- now being very good property indeed. The current 1924 set presents some interesting features. The 3d, 4d, 6d and 1/- have all been out of issue with rumours of colour changes, but the 3d and 1/- have now been re-issued in same colours as before. One would hardly expect the 6d to show any change, the 4d is less certain, it is a question of wait and see.

Barbados.—There are signs that the 1921 issue is going to move up in market value, in particular, I suggest that the 2½d, 1/-, 2/- and 3/-, all with Script watermark, are worth following. The 2/- of the Victory set I also consider relatively underpriced, as is the 2/- of 1916. The reduction of the 3/- violet from its sensational level of 75/- to 35/- in Gibbons latest catalogue supplement will not be unexpected to those who read in these notes references to this stamp being grossly overpriced. It now looks as though the figure given in our catalogue was a misprint, as no other catalogue gives it as anything approaching that figure.

Gibraltar.—The £1 stamp is the latest sensation here. There have been rumours of it going out ever since the 5/- and 10/- were issued in 1925, and it has at last appeared in quite different colours. It has had a good innings. The 15 years of currency being longer than almost any other King's head stamp, so that it is not likely to reach any sensational level, and several knowing ones have been laying it quietly by in some quantity, nevertheless, a temporary shortage is bound to cause a brisk rise at first.

Tanganyika. — In the rush for the high values of Giraffe design a little stamp of the series seems to have been overlooked. This is the 25c black of 1922. If you can buy it at its catalogue price of 1/- you are lucky! Turpin's list quotes it as 4/-, whilst Scott also gives it as a dollar. It is the scarcest by a long way of the low values.

The high values have mostly been about in fair supply of late, but as the remainders were withdrawn and destroyed some time ago, the market value of nearly all will appreciate as available supplies get absorbed. At present, the 2/- upright wmk. can be acquired very reasonably, but it is a stamp well worth watching.

South-West Africa. — This popular Colony continues to advance in leaps and bounds; nearly all the obsolete issues are a very lively and healthy market. The 4d triangular is worth picking up whilst so cheap, especially in blocks or sheets. The bulk of this stamp was sold in packets already cut up by machinery. The 1st Pictorial issue is also showing great strength, and all values are advancing strongly and may easily turn out in time to be the rarest of the issues. It is bound to be very popular. All values from 1/- upwards seem likely to be good. Whether the 2/6 is to be the rarity that is expected in some quarters it is yet too early to say. For those who collect the Postage Dues the last 5d of this country is well worth buying, as it was a relatively small printing, and even if it cannot be obtained at current issue rates, no hesitation should be felt at paying up to six or eight times face value, as it is not likely to be re-issued now.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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MASONIC EMBLEMS OFFERED A CONVENIENT CANCELLING DESIGN TO EARLY POSTMASTERS WHO WE MASONS—A FASCINATING FIELD OF STUDY FOR PHILATELISTS

By JOHN W. NICKLIN.

When people first collected stamps their sole aim was to get as many different stamps from as many different countries as possible. They paid little or no attention to the refinements of collecting, but in time they began to differentiate. Instead of trying to collect all the stamps of every country, they might restrict their attention to two or three, or perhaps only one, of their favorite countries —many great collections have been made, indeed, of just one issue of stamps. The early issues were printed from plates made from an engraved die. The method of manufacture of these plates, and their subsequent treatment while in use, resulted in many minute differences, distinguishable on the stamps themselves.

The first postage stamp was printed in 1840 in Great Britain. It was handsomely engraved and printed in black, the principal feature of the design being a youthful portrait of Queen Victoria. Even as our Grand Jurisdiction traces its history back through charters issued by Masonic bodies in England so are all stamps traced to this first stamp of England. The life of the stamp as a means of indicating the prepayment of postage has now exceeded the three score and ten years which, according to the Great Light, constitute the allotted span of man's life on earth.

A little-studied phase of the subject of stamp collecting is the various means used to cancel stamps and the designs employed for the purpose. Into the minds of many of us will come a picture of the small-town postmaster in the old days. Usually he was a man of leisure, though of some dignity and importance in his community. The mails were not so heavy nor official duties so exacting as they are today. The postmaster had time to do his work and also to indulge his fancies.

Today, of course, all cancelling devices and postmarks are issued by the Post-Office Department directly to the post-offices. Everything is made to a pattern, standardized. In the old days, however, the postmaster secured these implements of his office from convenient sources or else made them himself. In the latter case it was just a question of whittling a piece of cork according to his fancy's dictates and there you were. The customary way was merely to cut intersecting indentations across the face of the cork, providing a design that had the appearance of a roughly quartered circle.

There are, at the same time, numerous examples of a much greater display of imagination and artistry. Collectors who have turned their attention to this interesting subject have been able to gather a wide range of designs. Some of these are of considerable artistic merit, others chiefly notable for the unusual character of the design. The period in our postal history most prolific in examples of these vagaries ranges from 1851 to 1880.

A distinction might be made between those designs which are merely the result of whim or fancy, and another group which really has some significance in denoting a particular handling of the mail matter to which it was applied. In the latter group might be mentioned the various styles of the word "Steamboat," and the picture of a river-packet boat under full steam which was stamped on all mail carried aboard the Steamer "Rapides." Another early river boat, the "Frank Lyon," used a design showing its name in an oval, with the added symbolism of a lion with upraised tail.

In the days of the gold rush in California, and before the government provided the carrier service that it does today, Charles Proctor Kimball established a stationery store in San Francisco. This gentleman made it his business to collect from the inhabitants of the city mail intended for dispatch to the East. It was his custom to walk through the streets calling out his business so that all who cared might hear and deliver their letters to him. It was said that he had a rich, powerful baritone voice which could be heard at a great distance. He was dubbed the Noisy Carrier and eventually employed a postmark on all mail that he handled embodying this title. The members of our own Craft were not remiss in emblazoning on this enduring record of the past evidences of Masonic life during that period. Dozens of examples of the use of Masonic insignia as cancelling devices have come to light. These usually consist of the Square and Compasses, sometimes alone but more often within a circle or rectangle.

The illustration accompanying this article shows a number of these Masonic cancellations found on stamps used on letters in the period just after the War. Though the towns that used devices have not in all cases been erly identified, still we know that o them was used in the post office at gor, Wisconsin, while another one employed at Island Pond, Vermont. of the more elaborate and, from standpoint of the stamp collector, desirable of the Masonic cancella are two other of the designs. T are both of unusual design and ap ance, the former being struck in customary black, while the latter is in olive-green. It may interest tho our readers who are unacquainted the proclivities of stamp collector know that clear examples of these sonic cancellations find a ready sal $10 each and upward, though the st to which they are applied would o wise be worth no more than a few

In addition to those already ref to there are a number of other can tions found on early United S stamps which probably have a Ma significance. We note a triangular vice that was used at a town, the master of which was known to Master Mason. From this same lo came the trowel cancellation, the Ma antecedents of which we can be sure of. There is also known on stamps of a somewhat later period, 78, a cancellation representing a Research has not as yet developed dence that this device was intende have any Masonic significance.—*sonic Outlook.*

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By WILLIAM C. STONE, *Pub. Agent.*

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The following were the stamps selected by the winners: 1869 15c, Landing of Columbus; 24c 1869, Signing the Declaration; 2c, Hudson-Fulton Steam Navigation a reality; 2c, Panama Pacific, Opening of the Canal; 5c, Pilgrim, The Mayflower compact; 2c, Lexington, The Shot Heard round the World; 10c, Lindbergh air mail "We" did it first; 2c, Saratoga, Britain meets defeat at the crucial point; 10sh Malta, Christianity on its way to Rome; New Zealand 3p 1906, England takes Australasia.

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CHASE CITY, VA.

By A. H. ROBERTSON.

In your issue of Jan. 23, are remarks by Mr. R. R. Walker of Richmond, relative to the peculiar names employed in naming many of the towns of Virginia. In this list I find Chase City among those given. Being in a position to give facts in this instance I come forward, not in defence, for I feel that none is needed, but solely that the facts determining the adoption of the name "Chase" as applied to Chase City may be fully understood.

But to start at the first of the story, as one should in giving information, will say that at one time the Chase City of today was known as "Christiansville," just when this originated I am not in a position to say, but it must have been prior to 1860, as I have a Confederate cover, with No. 204, dated Aug. 7, 1863, from Christiansville, Va., addressed to a neighboring county. Other covers in hand bear about the same dating. When the days of reconstruction followed the war, moral conditions reached that low point here, with saloons, gambling dens and the like, that a majority of the people here began to feel that the name belied the conditions, as existing and it was then that the new name was taken, named in honor of Chief Justice Chase. The earliest dated cover that I have been able to locate is July 8, 1880. As well as my memory serves me, am under the impression that the town was incorporated about 1878. But can set the date positively by the last named cover, which went from Chase City into this county.

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THE LOVE OF MIKE

Tell it not in Gath, but the love of Mike was an unholy passion for stamps. Even as you or I, Mike had made his tentative essays at specialism. According to Mike there are more snakes than millionaires in Ireland, which is his Hibernian way of saying he has not the wealth of the Indies to spend on his hobby. But he was wise in his generation, for, said he to himself, says he, "if I am going to specialize a counthry, it will be one shtill wearing the swaddling clothes of a philatelic infant, one that I can nurse meself, and keep a master's hand upon. It's master in my own house I'll be, and none shall say that I allowed my hobby-horse to ride me."

So he started on Palestine about 1918, but the infant grew quickly out of its swaddling clothes, and what with plate flaws and overprints, it soon got beyond Mike's masterful conthrol. Then Fiume began, and as there were rumours of a good fight out there Mike was afther specializing in Fiume. But the Fiumans came out too fast for him and he turned off to Cilicia; 'twas like taking shelter from the fire in the frying pan, for it was an unending race between the French and the Arabs to see who could produce the most varieties for Mike.

Someone told our hero that Poland was very much like Ireland, only more so; while Ireland had no stamps, Poland did have one that sufficed for sixty years, without even so much as a centhre inverted. So Mike turned to Poland, and that disthressful counthry woke up. Shades of Sobieski and Konarski, how she woke up! The sixty years of philatelic shleep had been a long nightmare of preparation. Mike struggled valiantly to keep pace with Mr. Trampczersky and his pals, but it was a losing race for Mike, and by the time they got to the Consthitution issue of 1921, Mike laid him down on the hearthrug like a white-hope heavyweight, and smote the floor full many a time.

Then there came a fresh glimmer of hope to our hero. The Ould Counthry herself was going to treat herself to shtamps of her own. Here at least he might stand a chance if he got in on the ground floor, or even below it, at the post-office in Dublin's fair city. With Irish shtamps, to be sure, he would be on *terra firma*, and being on the spot he could have as many of them as he liked, for they were sure to be as plentiful as black eyes at an Irish wedding.

So he began with the Rialtas when there were as yet no Saorstats, and the only accent to worry about in Ireland was the brogue. It seemed all plain sailing at first with the Dollards and the Thoms and the Harrison's an' all, and then came the Free States, and they set tled poor Mike's hash for him. As if i mattered whether an accent were grave or acute or perpendicular or horizontal, or indade if it were left out altogether, and put back by thumb. Mike had the overprints in shiny black, and it was not difficult to turn some of them into dull blacks when he felt he preferred them that way, but the accents which would have been easy enough for him to insert by hand (30sh variety) bothered him, for try as he would he could never find a stamp without an accent where there should have been one, and £7 was too much to pay for them, and then when they showed Mike in the catalogue that a penny stamp without the accent and without a final "t" as well was priced at £27, the poor fellow gave up; his own counthry had done the dirthy on him.

Mike is no longer a specialist; he is a general collector. Specialism, he says, is like a glass that's so big, 'tis better to drink out of the bottle.—*Stamp Coll. Fortnightly.*

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Carthage has used two precancel types. The first one, type I of the catalog, was a handstamp similar to U-73; a large per cent of these stamps were illegible, being a mere smudge. Good readable copies are not plentiful. The 1917 issue was precanceled up to and including the 30c. I have not seen the 50c, and don't know if it exists.

Type II is an electro like U-10, and is scarce on the 1917 issue, as it was begun just as the present issue was coming into use. The 9c and 13c of the old issue are the only ones I know of.

In the 1922 issue all values up to and including the 50c were issued, unless it be the 25c, which I have not seen. If the $1 has been issued, I have not seen it. (I have been told that Carthage uses the $1 on shipments of overalls. Reported to me from western Kansas, A.F.G.) All Carthage precancels are good property and scarce. While many are used, most of them fall into non-collectors' hands. If there is a precancel collector in Carthage or her neighboring cities of Sarcoxie, Webb City, Carterville, or Joplin, cities representing a population of over 50,000 people, I have never been able to get in touch with him. I live 28 miles from Carthage, and am the only collector to my knowledge in her territory.

My estimate is that not over 5% of Carthage precancels reach a territory beyond 50 miles from the city, as her business industries using precancels supply a local territory mostly, with the above radius.

Carthage issues are in no way tainted, no favors are shown in that office. I specialize in Missouri, and there are many Carthage precancels that I have never seen. Needless to say, I would be glad to fill up my sets.—*Precancel Gazette.*

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By Charles J. Phillips.

I do not think that many of my readers will know anything about the great English collector who formed one of the finest general collections ever made in England, if not the finest, and on his death left it to the British Museum for the use of the public forever.

Mr. Tapling was born in the year 1855 and is said to have commenced collecting stamps when he was ten years of age, and unlike many other boys, he seems to have maintained an intelligent interest in the pursuit all through his school boy days. He went to Harrow at the age of 15 and afterwards to Trinity College, Cambridge, where in 1878 he graduated with honors in law taking the degrees of M.A. and LL.M. At college Mr. Tapling was known as a proficient in Athletic Sports, being Captain of his College Cricket Eleven as well as a good rider and an excellent shot.

He joined the London Philatelic Society in 1871 and was thus early brought in contact with the leading British collectors.

After taking his degree he studied medicine for a time but the law was the profession which he intended to follow and he was called to the Bar at Inner Temple in 1880.

The death of his father in 1882, however, changed the whole course of his life.

He found himself left at the head of the well known firm of Thomas Tapling & Co., Wholesale Carpet Dealers of Gresham St., London, and giving up the profession which he had chosen, he threw all his energies into business.

In 1881 he was elected Vice-President of the London Philatelic Society.

In 1882 he purchased the famous collection of W. E. Image, at that time one of the finest in England. Later on he practically purchased the bulk of the famous collection formed in Paris by the Caillebotte Brothers.

In 1886 Mr. Tapling was elected Member of Parliament for the Harborough Division of Leicesershire, his country estate being at Gumley Hall in that Shire. His London residence was at Kingswood, South London, a noble mansion standing in large grounds on a hill close to the station, in which he had private sales. On several occasions I had the pleasure of spending Sunday with Mr. Tapling and he was not only one of the finest students that Great Britain ever had but one of the most lovable men and the kindest friend that anyone could possibly have.

He read very many papers at the Philatelic Society, especially very learned ones on the issues of Afghanistan, Turkey, Tasmania, New South Wales, etc.

His health was never good, as I believe he suffered from a weak chest and his death took place on the 11th of April, 1891, at Gumley Hall, death resulting from a chill which he got when attending to his Parliamentary duties in London. This turned to pleurisy, and we thus lost one of the greatest Philatelists that Great Britain ever had.

When Mr. Tapling's will was proved it was found that he had left to the Trustees of the British Museum his entire collection of Postage Stamps and everything belonging to him appertaining to the science or hobby of stamp collecting upon the condition that the collection was never to be broken up and was to be kept in a separate portion of a room to be called "The Tapling Collection" and to be always accessible to the President and the Secretary of the Philatelic Society.

In due course this collection was handed over to the authorities and they arranged with Mr. Tapling's great friend, Mr. Edward Denny Bacon, to arrange the collection and mount it for exhibition.

The stamps are now on view in the King's Library in the British Museum. They are shown in a beautiful series of upright cases with the slides all enclosed, arranged in alphabetical order so that the public can go in and draw out any particular frame which they desire to inspect;—the stamps are shown under thin slabs of plate glass and when not being inspected, are all kept in the dark and are beautifully preserved.

It is, I think, a great pity that up to now the Museum has not published a catalogue. Personally, I was always an advocate of such being done and in 1895 I arranged with my good friend and associate in the firm of Stanley Gibbons, the late Mr. Gordon Smith, to write a list of the collection, and we commenced to publish the same in the *Monthly Journal*. This list can be referred to by those who wish to see what have been published commencing in the *Monthly Journal*, Volume V, May, 1895, and continuing to Volume XII, December, 1901. Shortly after this date Mr. Gordon Smith died and I never found anyone else to carry it on in a satisfactory manner. The Philatelic student will find the details in the lists therein published of considerable use and it is only to be regretted that so few countries were written up. Amongst those that have been so dealt with are all the West Indies, the United States of America, Mauritius, India, France, and a few others.

It is difficult to give any general idea of the stamps in this collection. Its value today, I should think, would be close to Two Million Dollars. Nearly all the great rarities are here in the standard stamps. For instance, Hawaiian Islands, first issue, two types each of each value with several extra copies.

The British North American Colonies are a superb lot. Of the one shilling values alone in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland there are 27 specimens, many of them unused. This includes a pair of one shilling unused orange-vermilion Newfoundland, which I believe is unique.

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Part I. The Illustrations

So many interesting types have been appearing, which I believe should be illustrated, that it is necessary to show a group of six in this article if we are to be up to the minute with our news of them.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Changes to the U-12 from the U-10. There is no improvement in my opinion, but the change of style will add a touch of variety where it can be appreciated.

Cleveland, O. — Also changes from the U-10. Here, too, we find additional interest as a result. The same type from a large city, year after year, tends to grow monotonous.

Tonawanda, N. Y., Precancels will not go into the waste basket now as a result of illegible handstamping. Formerly this was the case. Now an attractive set, clearly printed, can be mounted since the U-12 electro has been placed in use.

Mankato, Minn., was in about the same class as Tonawanda, when legibility of overprints were considered. It is pleasing to note that the precancels from here are now bearing the U-12 overprint.

Boulder, Colo.—We were agreeably surprised here. Boulder is not a prolific user of precancels, but has been a fairly steady one. The old U-51 handstamp has been of good service and deserves to be retired in favor of the new electro.

Batavia, N. Y.—Through the courtesy of one of our readers I am able to illustrate the new electro style now in use. Besides the 3, 6, 1½ and 15c Special, shown me, I have the 2, 4, 5 and 10c.

Part II. Miscellaneous

Alexandria, Minn.—On the 1c (inverted), and 15c current series are new to Minnesota specialists. The style is U-71. What angler is there who has not heard of this famous resort in the heart of Minnesota's lake region?

Crookston, Minn.—Precancelled with the box roller for several seasons. Now the office has a handstamp like New Berlin, N. Y.

Elk River, Minn. — A well known village in the old lumbering days. In December, 1927, the post office used precancels for the first time. All values from one cent to one dollar were precancelled for the holiday season. The style is like New Berlin, N. Y.

Minneapolis, Minn. — I was astonished to find a 10c current series, perf. 10. with the local overprinting, not the Bureau, in a lot. A block of six of the current 8c, with DOUBLE overprint is a fine piece reported as a recent pick-up by Chas. Metz.

Dayton, O.—On the current 2c in the U-71 handstamp is an interesting item to note, for Dayton has never before used handstamped precancels.

Des Plaines, Ill. — Appears on the current series in two lines of plain caps between lines, which overprint may be described as U-73. Phillipsburg, Pa., has also the same type.

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Stamps and History

Now as to particular stamps which may serve as illustrative materials and how they may be used. In the first place, portraits of hundreds of the world's leaders in all walks of life are found on them. These are of interest not only in a physiognomic sense, but also in pointing out what persons the different countries have seen fit to honor. In the United States every one of our thirty presidents has been honored by having his portrait appear on one or more stamps, or stamped envelopes or postals, with the exception of Van Buren, William Henry Harrison, Tyler, Polk, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Johnson, Arthur, Taft and Coolidge. The unwritten rule that living celebrities shall not be so honored, of course, keeps portraits of the last two from our stamps. Franklin and Washington, the Americans most frequently honored by our stamps, have usually had their portraits on the one and two cent values, which are, of course, those in most general use.

Other Americans whose portraits appear on our stamps include Clay, Farragut, Fremont, Nathan Hale, Hamilton, Livingston, Marshall, Oliver H. Perry, Scott, Seward, Sherman, John Smith, Stanton, Martha Washington, and Webster. In addition, portraits of Columbus, Balboa, Pocahontas, and Marquette, who can hardly be classed as "Americans" in the ordinary meaning of the word, appear on various stamps. On the stamps of the Confederate states are found the portraits of Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, and Jefferson Davis. The Hispanic-American nations have honored great numbers of their multitude of presidents, dictators, emperors, and generals. Often the men so honored have had their portrait appear during the time of their power and under their orders, *a la royalty!* Sometimes several countries have honored the same man. Thus Simon Bolivar's portrait appears on the stamps of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, and Venezuela, and San Martin's on those of Argentine, Brazil and Chile. Brazil issued a stamp in 1909, containing the portraits of five of the American liberators, the central one being that of George Washington. Among the more prominent Hispanic-Americans, besides those already mentioned, but not including those who are mentioned hereinafter in connection with commemorative stamps, whose portraits are found on postage stamps are Hidalgo, Juarez, Maximilian, Madero, and Carranza (Mexico); Zelaya, Escalon, Medina, Jiminez, and Barrios (Central American states); Las Casas (the famous colonial champion of the Indians), Simon Sam, Nord Alexis, and Leconte (Haiti and Dominican Republic); Gomez, Garcia, and Maceo (Cuba); and Narino, Sucre, Urdaneta, Penna, Fonseca, and Emperor Dom Pedro II (South American states).

In the European countries almost every monarchy has portrayed every one of its sovereigns on stamps since each began their issuance. In some cases other members of the royal family are portrayed—for instance, Alphonso XIII, Queen Victoria and all their children are seen on an express letter stamp issued by Spain in 1926. Greece and Germany have been the only monarchies none of whose sovereigns have appeared on stamps, although Mohammed V is the only Turkish sultan portrayed. In Africa, Menelek II is seen on the stamps of Abyssinia. Japan, Persia, Siam, and a few of the native states of India are the only Asiatic monarchies which have pictured royalty on their stamps. No monarchy anywhere has ever portrayed anyone not of royal blood on its *regular* stamps. Many such individuals, however, are pictured on commemorative stamps.

The republics of Europe, Asia, and Africa have presented us with the stamp portraits of Marx, Engels, Petofi, Martinovics, Dozsa (Bela Kun's short-lived Bolshevist government in Hungary), Masaryk (Czechoslovakia); Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Bruckner, Strauss, and Wolf (Austria); Lenine (Russia); William Tell (Switzerland), Paderewski and Pilsudski (Poland); Goethe, Schiller, Frederick the Great, Kant, Lessing, Leibnitz, Bach, and Durer (Germany); Yuan Shih Kai and Dr. Sun Yat Sen (China); and Presidents Johnson, Gibson, and Barclay (Liberia).

The colonies of European countries have in general followed the lead of the mother country in their stamp designs, at least as far as individuals are concerned. Exceptions on regular issues may be noted as follows: Gen. Faidherbe (French colonies in Africa, in the foundation of which he was active), the Virgin Mary (Virgin Islands, Bavaria, and Liechtenstein), St. Paul (Malta); Prince Consort Albert, Queen Victoria's husband (Canada), and Gen. Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts (Cape of Good Hope).

The Philippine Islands is the only possession of the United States, if the Canal Zone be not included under this heading, which does not use the regular stamps of the home country. Portraits of Rizal, McKinley, Magellan, Legaspi, Lawton, Lincoln, Sampson, Washington, Carriedo, and Franklin are found on the Philippine Stamps. The issues of the Kingdom and Republic of Hawaii portraits of eleven members of t Kamehameha dynasty (including Liliuokalani, the last of the line) a President Dole.

But stamps illustrate history in ways other than by showing portrai famous men and occasionally fa women. Among the multitudinous age stamp designs are those feat public buildings and monuments; flags, natural features, especially falls and mountains; agricultural industrial scenes; ships, trains, aut biles, and other vehicles; and ani birds, fishes, flowers, fruits, and p

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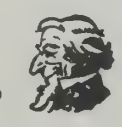

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We are in receipt of Zumstein's "Small Special Catalogue of the Stamps of Switzerland," to translate its title in German. It is the third edition and seems to be very popular with collectors of Swiss stamps, which are relatively cheap and attractive after the Cantonal issues are passed. It is a thoroughly specialized catalogue, even pricing the better stamps in pairs and blocks of four, and on cover. Like Scott's Catalogue it lists the type stamp under a whole number, and all varieties are sublettered under this number—shades, minor varieties of engraving, printing, etc.,—except the large and small perforations and the plain and silk papers.

The catalogue lists the regular postage stamps first, beginning with the Cantonals, of course. Then follows the *tête-bêche* varieties of recent years, grouped together, and the stamp booklets. Next are the postage dues, followed by postal frank stamps, the charity stamp issues (which have attracted so many to Swiss stamps), the air-post stamps, the official stamps, the private stamps (of the Swiss Hotel posts), and the telegraph stamps.

There are 208 pages of text with 440 illustrations, all the latter being at least the full size of the stamps, and some enlarged, with plenty of enlargements of the minor varieties described. As the paper is of good surfaced quality, the illustrations all show up well. Copious notes and explanations are found all through the work, and the prices are brought up to date. As Messrs. Zumstein & Co. are specialists in Swiss stamps as well as general dealers, one can be assured that these prices reflect most correctly the current quotations for Swiss stamps. They are given in Swiss francs, of course, which have retained their pre-war value. The price of the catalogue is Swiss Francs 1.25 (about 25 cents, U. S.) from Zumstein & Co., Marktgasse 50, Berne, Switzerland.

Again we have received a copy of that superb stamp magazine "Filatelia," published in Turin, Italy. As usual its contents supply "food for thought" for many tastes, and in several languages. We note articles on the new Union of South Africa issue (in English), Interesting Cancellations on the first Swiss stamps (in German), Philately and the Microscope [Southern Nigeria dies] (in English), Palestine and Transjordan, enlarged cuts of minor varieties, stamps of Liechtenstein (in French), the Coming Pictorial stamps of France (French), Forgeries and Reprints of Sardinia (English), U. S. Local Posts (Italian), the Paris Stamp Bourse (German), the Oldest Post Card (Italian), the World Triumph of Philately (English), etc., as well as the prospectuses of the Expositions to be held at Monaco, Strasburg and Milan. As usual there is the unique feature of the translation into French of all the articles which are not written in that language. Album pages for recent new issues make up the balance of the number. Published by "Editrice Filatelica," P. O. Box 487, Turin, Italy, at lire 48.35 without new issue supplement, or lire 60.35 with this supplement.

Messrs. Bright & Son have sent us the fourteenth edition of their "A. B. C." catalogue of the stamps of the British Empire. It has been some five years since the last edition was issued, due to changes in the proprietorship of the business, so that a thorough revision of this popular catalogue has taken place. Perhaps the first thing to be noticed is that three sets of prices are given for the British stamps, unused, used with "light" cancellation and used with "usual" cancellation. This is a very excellent idea for, as we all know, British stamps are quite apt to be heavily cancelled, and a really fine used copy is well worth looking for and commands a much better price than the "usual" variety. But it seems to us that the differentiation of used copies might well have stopped with the 1887 issue, unless of the high values, as these and later issues are common enough so that really fine used copies are the only ones worth considering. We note that inverted or reversed watermarks are catalogued, though seldom priced save in recent issues, and the no watermark stamps of the current issue as well. The "cut out" stamps from envelopes, wrappers, telegraph forms, post and letter cards, which are allowed to be used for postage, are all listed and most of them priced, but mention is made of the fact that the prices are "for copies used on the entire cover or on a portion of same." Postal fiscals, official stamps and the Levant issues are all represented,

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and a list of stamps "used abroad" with the cancellations of the British foreign post offices. Throughout the lists plate numbers are given full attention.

Turning to the Colonial issues, we were somewhat surprised to find Arabia (replacing Hedjaz and Nejd) and Egypt included, both being supposedly independent kingdoms, while Nepal is retained as of old, though this also is an independent kingdom. The reason is, of course, that these states are within the "British Sphere of Influence," as is noted in regard to Egypt in the preface. The Australian Commonwealth, Arabia, Transjordania, N. W. Pacific Islands, have been rewritten, and watermark varieties have been added as in Great Britain. We note that these latter, as well as imperforate varieties, are sublettered under the full number given the stamp, but that shades are still given full numbers. It seems to us that Scott's arrangement of the full numbers for the type stamps and the sublettering of all varieties is much to be preferred.

The catalogue is a very handy one for those collecting this group of stamps, the paper is good quality and the illustrations are good, mostly full size, but some reduced, and also some enlargements of surcharges and type varieties. We note the use of halfpennies in the prices, and believe this is new to British catalogues. The prices have been revised, particularly among early issues and those of the last decade. The issues in between do not require much alteration at present in their opinion. On the whole a very attractive and handy catalogue, with prices below Gibbons in many cases. Published by Bright & Son, 164 Strand, London, W. C., at 3 shillings and 10 pence, post free.

A 15,000 MILE AIR MAIL FLIGHT

(Clipping from Oregon "Journal".)

(The enclosed clipping describes an All-American Air Mail Cover which I sent out last spring, and which came through to me in very fine condition. The description as printed will be, I think, interesting to other Air Mail cover collectors, although I understand such cumbersome pieces are not now accepted by postmasters.—A. H. LOMAX.)

One of Portland's most enthusiastic stamp collectors is A. H. Lomax of No. 677 East 13th Street north, whose own collection is enriched by some oddities in the way of stamps and stamp arrangements.

Hoping to test the extent and efficiency of the air mail routes, he co-operated with friends in starting a parcel on its way, properly stamped and marked so that it would traverse every mail route covered by airplanes in the United States. This parcel found its way back to him with the cancellations showing that these routes actually were traversed. The "log" of this parcel follows:

Left Youngstown, Ohio, at 3 p. m., April 21, 1927, on the first flight, contract air mail No. 11, to Cleveland, Ohio, arriving at 9 p. m. the same day, and thence to the various air mail points of the United States.

Leaving Cleveland for its transportation west, the cover is carried three times to Chicago, in order to reach main points on regular routes, and thus to Pacific coast points, arriving at Los Angeles at 5 p. m., May 5, via Pasco, Wash., and Salt Lake City. From Los Angeles the cover is carried north to Seattle, then South to San Francisco, arriving May 8 at 6.30 p. m.

From San Francisco the cover is carried to New York, arriving at 8 p. m., May 10. From New York the cover goes to Boston, arriving the next day at 1 p. m., and immediately starting on its journey south to Atlanta, Ga., via New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk, Va., reaching Atlanta at 6 p. m. on May 13.

Leaving the latter city on its journey north and west the cover reaches Chicago at 7 p. m., May 14 and Pasco, Wash., at 1.30 p. m., May 15.

From Pasco to Portland the cover is carried by rail, arriving at 8.30 a. m., May 16, after a journey of approximately 15,000 miles in 24 days and 17½ hours.

THE MONACO EXHIBITION

We have received from Jos. A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia, a detailed account of his exhibit at the Monaco Exhibition to be held under royal patronage Feb. 18 to 26. It consists of twenty-five rare stamps on letters and twenty-five rare covers of the stamps of Asia, Africa, America and Oceania. The covers are picked at random from his collection. We take the liberty of quoting from his letter as follows:

"I wish you would speak of the opportunity thus presented to American collectors in exhibiting in foreign countries. It will be tremendously helpful in giving Europeans a proper appreciation of the interest taken by the philatelists of America. Such exhibitions tend to establish good-will between nations, and are in keeping with the spirit of the times.

The Monaco Exhibition will be patronized by the great philatelists of Europe, and many important stamp exhibits will be seen. I hope there will be representatives from the United States."

Accompanying Mr. Steinmetz' letter was a detailed account of his exhibits, and we regret we do not have the space to publish it in its entirety.

COMMEMORATIVES

By FREDERICK D. MARKEE.

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away the hardest stone,
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ticates the toughest bone,
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their turn. The Norsemen have
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And what has it amounted to?

Not one man in a thousand knov
issue from the other. To the m
the street they all look alike, cost
and mean only one thing—that his
will get there with a *red stamp.*

Of the nine commemoratives i
past seven years, only *one* is know
side of philatelic circles. "Ask D
knows—the "Spirit of St. Louis."
sir. There it is, just like you see
the movies. Good picture, too.
boy Lindbergh is a wonder. If I
twenty years younger—

Twenty-five years ago the W
brothers were hard at it. On Dec
17, 1903, they demonstrated that
knew their "groceries." Little pu
attended their first "hop." Orvill
the pilot and Wilbur did ground
But—

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And now, in December, 1928,
country will celebrate the Wright
ers efforts of twenty-five years
Without their persistency, courage,
aches—if you will—, no Trans-At
hop would have been made by Lindl
no circuit made of the North Po
Byrd, and none of the other Am
records established. *But—*

She Flew!

Are collectors selfish? Do they
short issues of United States comm
ratives just to grace their own al
or a stamp that *really commemo*
How about having a stamp that M
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Organized Aviation has started th
rolling. They are making plans
for December, 1928. Where will o
ized Philately stand?

As Milt Gross puts it "Dunt esk,
Feitlebaum!"

A TRIBUTE TO DR. BOWERS

n the catalog of B. L. Drew's 350th
e is a very fine tribute to William C.
vers, M.D., of Bridgeport, Conn.,
o died in 1926. Mr. Drew is now sell-
at public auction a superb general
ection which Dr. Bowers amassed,
the tribute which we now reprint is
beautiful that we desire to pass it on
ur large circle of readers. It was no
bt written by Mr. Drew:—

r. Bowers recently told us "my
ier started me collecting stamps when
as eight years old. I always thought
old gentleman regretted it for I took
t like a duck to water and have been
ever since."

1908 he sold his original collection
transaction he never ceased to rue.
h characteristic vigor he started anew
form the collection now being dis-
ed. He was a true general collector.
disliked to be called a Philatelist,
o he knew stamps and revelled in
n. His object was to form a collec-
of the stamps of the world—unused
erred. He was pleased when other
ectors dropped in on him, at his
nt old office on State Street, and
e hours would fly like minutes while
was showing a book or two and
ting over them.

hus it happened that no one during
life ever saw the *entire* property.
t fell only to the lot of the appraiser
his co-adjutor, as we were informed
his daughter, the administratrix of
estate. To them both it was a revela-
, shattering all previous conceptions
o its vastness and the condition and
ty of its specimens.

n October 25, 1926, the Doctor spent
day at the International Exposition.
next evening, just as he was leav-
a social party, he breathed his last,
so passed "the oldest stamp collector
he country."

side from his stamp interests, he was
ood physician, having the reputation
never having lost a case in his spe-
ty. He was a man of sterling char-
er, exemplary habits, strong physic-
, morally and mentally. He was a
iful citizen, a social favorite, a loyal
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ol. Lindbergh has expressed a desire
gain make the Air Mail trip cover-
the route on which he was compelled
ump twice with his parachute during
winter of 1926 on account of heavy

o commemorate his return to the Air
l Service, if for only a day, the Post
ce has authorized a special cachet to
used on both his North and South
nd Flight.

ol. Lindbergh will carry the mail, on
dule time, February 20th, St. Louis,
ingfield and Peoria to Chicago, and
rning February 21st, Chicago, Peoria
Springfield to St. Louis.

he Air Mail carried again by Col.
dbergh, and especially over his maiden
te, which he served so loyally, and
n which he winged his way to great
e, should be an inspiration for a large
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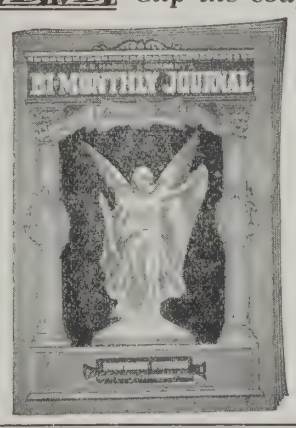

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WHAT TO COLLECT IN PRECANCELS

By A. F. GAMBER.

I get so many letters from precancel collectors, active or prospective, asking, "what shall I collect," that it occurs to me a few words on this topic might not prove amiss.

The beginner is at a loss just where to start in. His case is more puzzling than that of the regular postage beginner, owing to the much wider range of the field. I believe the lack of a guiding hand and a little friendly advice often causes recent precancel beginners to drop out and thus become lost to the game.

What follows is the result of the writer's own observation and of his talks with men who have been in the game for a long time. It is not the road he followed himself, so in this case you will have to "do as I say, not as I do."

My suggestion to the precancel beginner is this: Before you mount a single stamp, decide which of two roads you will follow, that of collecting a certain group of states, or all states. If the former, your work is automatically cut out for you, there is nothing for you to do but get 'em, and the sooner you get 'em after they come out, the better it will be, for there's no time like the present for precancels.

In case you decide to take in all states, here is another suggestion: owing to the great number of precancels already in existence, a number which increases at every tick of the clock, almost, it will be wise for you at the beginning to limit yourself within certain bounds. Now these bounds may be the bounds of types or the bounds of cities. I mean this: you may limit your collecting to the precancels bearing overprints of certain types only. For example, one good way is to limit yourself to electro or printed overprints, eschewing all handstamps. This is a nice way to limit yourself. Another way is to limit yourself to the stamps from cities of certain sizes. Start off, say with only the cities of 500,000 population. Maybe you think that isn't a big enough order for an ambitious beginner, but after the ambitious beginner has followed this 500,000 population trail a few months, he begins to see that he has a lot of work cut out for himself. Then, when you begin to feel that your work has shown satisfactory progress, take down another bar, let in the cities of down to 250,000 population, and play around with them for a while. That will prove another big mouthful, they and the larger ones will give you all you want to do. Later your bars can be let down still farther, to include those down to 100,000, and so on. You get the idea by this time, I know. In this way you are working in a field which is large enough for the moment, yet which can be enlarged at any time.

It was the fad a while back to specialize in the precancelled Commemoratives, but at present these pretty stamps are under a cloud, due to the fact that a few petty thieves and grafters have had so many of them precancelled at various offices as a favor for themselves. The great body of collectors frown on this practice, and are taking forcible steps to put a stop to it as far as possible, but the Commemoratives suffer as a result. Some go in for the special denominations, such as 13c, 14c, 17c, 25c and the like. This is a nice field, but not productive of enough varieties to keep the collector busy. General collecting is the thing, more and more collectors are embarking on this field, where a short time back specialization was all the thing.—*Stamp Echo.*

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52a	1.35	87	4.63	125	*.06
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59	.54	95	.41	135	*3.02
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EDITORIAL

Covers coming over the first night Chicago-Dallas route, C.A.M., No. 3, were dated February 1, at each terminal. Chicago used a rubber-stamp impression, "First Night Flight," but Dallas did not rise to the occasion with a special marking. The Dallas-San Antonio route was opened on February 6th, according to schedule; and Mr. Edgar C. Cantrell, San Antonio, is entitled to much of the credit for having brought forth an "Alamo" postmark for the air mail covers originating in his city. Some time ago he called the attention of the manager of the Chamber of Commerce to the desirability of using a special cancellation on the first flight, and as a result the city comes to the fore with a distinctive marking. Houston, too, used a striking "Lone Star" cancellation on its firsts, as we see from a cover that came from Mr. E. J. Stedston of that city.

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The Associated Press recently called attention to the General Sandrino "protest stamps," the sale of which is intended to provide funds to further the Nicaraguan's activities in the field. It is not alleged that the stamps have any postalic validity, but they are used to "protest against the marine rule in Nicaragua" when affixed to the back of letters. The stamps are the creation of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, and the postmaster at New York has warned that the use of the stickers might be followed by prosecution.

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A reader is anxious to know of any printed albums for private proprietary issues, match, medicine, perfumery and playing card, of the Civil War period. He thinks that an album that was designed for spaces for these stamps would stimulate the collecting of them. The first album of this kind that we know of was the Revenue Stamp Album published by J. W. Scott & Co., 1874; and the latest that issued by Mr. Carter of Brooklyn, not so many years ago, when these stamps were much on the surface. It is something of a trick to provide spaces for the stamps of irregular shape, but blank pages may be used to advantage for them. In fact, one of the pleasures of collecting them lies in the manner in which they may be arranged on the blank pages; and it is doubtful whether a new printed album for U. S. revenues, private proprietaries, would meet with a heavy sale. The blank page album is the logical candidate for the favor of the collector of these stamps, although the printed album may have its following.

* * *

Lindbergh was not forgotten in Haiti, according to the press accounts, by those who have his philatelic interests at heart. The inevitable presentation of stamps to him was not overlooked by the enthusiastic Haitians; and so, Lindbergh's philatelic holdings increase and we hope before long to have some definite indication of his philatelic leanings.

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The installation of a philatelic agency by the government of Sweden, in the post office at Stockholm, was announced some time ago, and we find particulars of the innovation in a well-prepared article in the *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift*, dated January 15, 1928. Through the kindness of Mr. K. A. Wallquist, we are enabled to give the following review of the editorial in question: "The *Sveriges Filatelist Forening*, some time ago called the attention of the Swedish P. O. Department to this subject, and after investigations of such agencies in other countries, the Swedish post office department has now inaugurated such an agency where philatelists in Sweden and other countries get their philatelic orders attended to, and also obtain a catalog in English or German, listing the stamps available for collectors at the Swedish Agency. When writing to the Agency, address as follows: Frankoteckensexpeditionen, Stockholm, 2, Sweden. As our correspondent says, collectors in this country will undoubtedly appreciate this action by the Swedish P. O. Department, and congratulate the *Sveriges Filatelist Forening* for the favorable influence that it exerted.

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We should like a list of all the various philatelic agencies, maintained by the different governments throughout the world, as a number of subscribers have asked for a roster of the kind. We want to know that each item in the roll has been authenticated because it has been found that we received complaints concerning the *modus operandi* of several of the offices that we have named in the past. Details that entered into the transactions with one or more agencies evidently were not fully understood by the correspondents, and we have been chary in listing all the agencies until it is known that every address on the roll be validated. Several correspondents who have promised to compile a list have not yet done their work, but the subject of these agencies is one that is growing in interest and we want to satisfy those who have written us as well as many others who have not.

A dealer received a ten cent green of 1861, U. S., among other stamps that had little or no value from a point in Iowa; and the sender placed a valuation of one thousand dollars on the stamp specified. The dealer returned the lot and said that the stamps were of no value with the exception of the 10c, 1861, which was worth a dollar. The dealer was none too happy to get this stamp again from the irrepressible Iowan who said that the dealer could have it for a dollar. Let the mathematician figure out the discount represented by one dollar to one thousand, and then wonder why the dealer demurred at his bargain.

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A development that seems to be expanding in its scope is a result of the somewhat frequent coming of commemorative stamps from our post office department and their effect on the minds of the people. Postmaster General New is a proponent of the historical stamp and makes no secret of his espousal of it when the stamp serves to mark an event fraught with patriotic or progressive meaning. His position is respected by many collectors who formerly showed an antipathy to the special stamp, but who have now reversed their opinion of historical stamps whose birthright is certified to in the bright annals of American history. To speak with some exaggeration, but with a measure of truth, these later stamps have inspired a spirit of patriotic interest and inquiry by bringing evidence to the doors of the people of their priceless heritage, nationally. A reader who watches the current of philatelic thought with attention confesses to having had a change of sentiment for the historical issues, and he thinks that they have a stimulating influence in a patriotic way; the recent stamps have caused him to read again the passages that as a student he perused without the maturer realization of their significance. He is thankful that his attention has been turned back to them, and he credits the stamps for having reopened fascinating pages for him. He favors a Valley Forge commemorative, and looks to next year, saying that he recommends that a stamp celebrate the opening of the first Congress at New York in 1789. He argues that the memorable meeting provides a rich background for stamp treatment. He has copied the following impressive description of the day by Fisher Ames, the Massachusetts statesman and orator and friend of Washington. Ames was a member of the first Congress in 1789; he was born in 1758 and died in 1808, and the account as follows appears in Frederick Scott Oliver's recently published "Alexander Hamilton": "The returns from the electoral colleges showed that General Washington had been chosen president by a unanimous vote: "... approached the Hall of Congress, h... seen to retain the firm elastic step ... yet vigorous soldier's frame. His ... hair of hazel, covered with powde... clubbed behind, in the fashion o... day. His dress was of black velve... his side hung a dress sword and a ... his neck, a ribbon to which was att... concealed, a miniature of his wife, ... it is stated, from his nuptials to his ... Time had made havoc on his face ... addressed the two houses in the ... Chamber; it was a very touching ... and quite of the solemn kind. H... pect, grave almost to sadness; his ... esty, actually shaking; his voice d... little tremulous and so low as to ca... close attention, added to this seri... objects presented to the mind, and ... whelmed it, producing emotions o... most affecting kind upon the mem... I sat entranced." This was in Ap... 1789, after the states had ratifie... Constitution, when Congress met f... first time, nearly one hundred and ... years ago.

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MR. HENRY M. WEINSTOCK, Milwaukee, Wis., had a stroke of good fortune. He says: "A painter and decorator who removed the residue of old accumulations from a home in this city was instructed to throw away all rubbish. There was a box of old postal covers dated from before the civil war. The same painter was doing some work for me and told me of the box." Mr. Weinstock found a profusion of interesting covers, one of which was marked for return in five days, if the post office could not find the lady who went south to nurse the yellow fever sufferers.

MR. ONEY K. CARSTARPHEN, who for many years has been a tax expert and adviser, has severed his connection with a New York bank and is now in business for himself; and we suppose that he will specialize in stamp folks' returns.

THE first national precancel stamp exhibition to be held in Chicago in connection with the sixth annual convention of the Precancel Stamp Society is taking form, as it were, and already some hundreds of dollars have been subscribed to the exhibition fund, the chairman of which is Adolf Gunesch, 555 West 103 Street, Chicago, Ill. Incidentally, Mr. Gunesch has recently published the first edition of the Catalog of City Type Coil Precancelled Stamps.

IN Cleveland *Topics* of January 28, 1928, there is a fine portrait of Mr. Alvin Good accompanied by an article, "Hobbies." The excellent publication in question is running a series on hobbies, and Mr. Good and philately have the floor in the issue named. The biographical sketch is an interesting resume of Mr. Good's philatelic activities, which have covered a good many years, from the time previous to that when he was Mr. Worthington's secretary down to the present, when he is engrossed in the preparations for the Midwestern Stamp Exhibition, May 21st to 26th, 1928.

THE second number of the Furniture City Stamp Club "Bulletin," Grand Rapids, Mich., says that Roland Goodman, the editor, has placed exhibits of stamps in the Ryerson and branch libraries where they have attracted attention. We notice that the library at Grand Rapids contains bound volumes of the WEEKLY from 1891 to 1918.

THE "Pacific Stamp News" is a weekly review of western philately that is published at Piedmont, California, at 25c a year. It is literally a sheet consisting of one folio, but it is outspoken and in No. 4, the publishers speak of issuing a correspondence course in Philatelic Salesmanship.

THE Chicago Aero Philatelic Society, which was organized on January 22, 1928, has now attained a membership of over sixty, we are told; and no doubt will continue to flourish under the officership of J. Max Golding, president, and Frederick R. Warner, secretary, Parlor K, Hotel Sherman, Chicago.

MR. RAYMOND V. BAHR, Springfield, Ill., was a recent caller at Chicago, where his interest in air mail in particular is recognized. Mr. Bahr has spoken on the subject on different occasions, and some time ago appeared before a meeting of the Indiana Stamp Club at Indianapolis.

MR. TED. J. TYRRELL is helping the boys in his home town, Jacksonville, Illinois, through a stamp club which meets at his home. His talks to them embrace helpful advice on practical lines of collecting, and is liberal in his donations of stamps for their collections.

MENTION should have been made before of the very successful banquet and auction sale held by the German stamp club last month, in Chicago, when nearly a hundred members and friends were regaled with talks and stamps, not to mention food, to their fill. The capable president, Julius Loeffler, presided at the successful occasion.

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Guatemala

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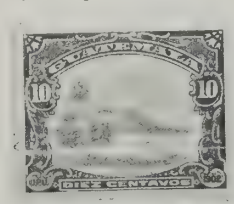

lation of over 1,800,000. The first postage stamps for the republic were issued in 1871.

Seen on Stamps

Lietuvos. — Native name for Lithuania: Litauen is German: Lithuania is English: Lithuanie is French. A former province of Russia, now an independent republic, which is contiguous with Latvija. It has very little coast, as it just reaches the Baltic at Polanger. Important cities are Vilna and Kovno.

Lietuvos Pasta. — An inscription found on the stamps of Lietuvos, or Lithuania. It means "Lithuanian Post."

Lietuvos Pasto Zenklas.—See above. This inscription means "Lithuanian Postage Stamp."

Life Insurance Department. — The inscription shown on the special stamps of New Zealand issued in connection with the department dealing with life insurance, which is a government monopoly.

Light and Liberty. — The motto shown under the coat-of-arms on the stamps issued by the Imperial British East Africa Company in 1890-91.

Light in Darkness. — The motto shown under the coat-of-arms on the stamps of British Central Africa issued in 1895 and 1896.

Brain Teasers Contest

We were deluged with contestants on the Brain Teaser problems, no fewer than 81 sending in entries, and we want to thank all who participated.

The ten questions provided two stumbling blocks: No. 1, "Quince" and No. 4, "O. H. E. M. S." Many contestants fell down on one or both of these two and they will be chagrined when they realize the solutions are rather easy after all.

The following entry by Howard Marriner is fairly representative of the group of twenty complete answers received:—

(1). Quince is found on the stamps of Guatemala, Salvador, and a few other countries. It is the Spanish word for fifteen.

(2). Napoleon III's picture is shown on New Caledonia No. 1.

(3). O. H. H. S. means "On His Highness' Service."

(4). O. H. E. M. S. means "On His Egyptian Majesty's Service."

(5). Casa do Moeda is a watermark used on some stamps of Brazil.

(6). Flugpost means Airpost.

(7). The 1908 issue may be distinguished from the 1904 issue by the perforation by the height of the design, 24mm instead of 23mm, and by the words "J. L. Arango" or "Lit. Nacional" at the bottom of the stamp.

(8). The caribou is pictured on the 1918 issue of Newfoundland.

(9). Rutherford B. Hayes is pictured on the U. S. 11c of the present issue.

(10). The plate numbers are worked into the border of the older stamps of Great Britain, usually on each side.

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Geo. Todd, Portland, Ore.

We shall mail stamp prizes to all the above at once and they will please accept our congratulations and well wishes. Another contest will be announced soon. We are asking the contestants who sent in incomplete lists to accept as their rewards the pleasure and information that came from the hunt. We gladly list their names in the following:—

HONORABLE MENTION

Billy Burrage (8)	Miss Irene Baker (7)
L. G. Feld (9)	Chas. Dolansky (9)
Paul Smith (4)	M. D. Rubin (8)
Benj. Lyons (7)	Leonard Cohen (8)
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Max Alexander (9)	John Haley (9)

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

A LAKATOI

Papua A1
1901-5, 1 shil.

This picture shows a tion of the Papuans of Guinea. It is a "lakato trading canoe, consisting o one-trunk canoes fastene gether catamaran fashion; used only for coast-wise the Papuans are not ope farers like the Malays Polynesians. The unique are made of palm leaf. cargo consists of pottery sago. The dwellings in the background are probably built on piles,—that puan custom anyway, though tree-dwellings, especially for purposes of refug common.

The people who sail these canoes are physically of short stature, frizzle-h (Papuan means that), dark-skinned, long-skulled; in civilization, living in the Age; in tastes, cannibal; in temperament, imaginative; in disposition, sede and varying from the lazy and hospitable to the energetic and hostile. They ship ancestors and spirits. Their customs include head-hunting, vendettas, societies and the duk-duk, a secret organization whose objects are to ke esoteric practices, strengthen the power of the chiefs, keep the women in subje police the village, deal out justice and train the young men. Only men can b

Yes—Red Cross—No Postal Value

Described by WALTER C. PEACH.

To introduce myself: I am a Junior collector having only a small collection of North and South American stamps, as I tired of saving the many thousands of European, Asiatic and African stamps. My collection is not exactly a specialized one, I am merely centralizing my efforts to the countries mentioned; saving only those stamps of the eastern continent which I think might prove valuable.

While trading some stamps with a friend of mine a few months ago I noticed a Jamaica stamp of which he had three or four copies. Thinking that it might fill one of the many blank spaces in my album I promptly traded one of my duplicates for it. Later when I wanted to place the stamp in my album I could find no reference to the stamp in the catalogue (Scott's). Would you kindly tell me something about this stamp?

Description:—
No watermark.
Perf. 12.
The airplane and cross are red.
The word "Jamaica" is black.
The frame is red.
The stamp is postally used.
Two men may be faintly seen on the plane.

Guy Commemorative Issue

A special series of stamps issued in Newfoundland in 1910 to mark the three hundredth anniversary of the first per-

manent colony made in that island by John Guy, who was granted a charter by King James I for this purpose.

Country Etanology

Peru. — From a land in the south called Birm which was claimed to be great in riches.

Porto Rico.—Properly Peurto Rico, meaning "rich harbor."

Prince Edward Island. — Named in honor of Duke of Kent, who commanded the British forces to that region in 1799.

San Salvador. — Means "The Holy Savior."

Tobago. — Probably a corruption from Trabago, signifying "island of tribulation."

New South Wales.—Was named by Cook, after the English province of Wales.

—Ill. Briefmarken Jour.—Am. Jour. Phil.

Monmouth Battle Stamps

(Clipping from W. C. Peach)

Verse makers have already react the announcement that Represen Harold G. Hoffman of the Third Jersey District, desirous of stressi coming celebration of the 150th an sary of the Battle of Monmouth sponsored a bill in Congress callin the issue of special postage stamps ing the likeness of Molly Pitcher, for instance, is part of a lyric by which appeared in the Brooklyn

If Monmouth succeeds and new stamp be made,
Forget Molly Pitcher's sporadical aid;
Her fame is secure, it has never decaye
But bigger things sages can see.
The picture that really would interest u
Weak mortals who sometimes get ang cuss,
Is one of the Monmouth historical mus
Of Washington swearing at Lee.

—Newark (N. J.) N

Stamp Definitions

Lettland.—The German nam Latvija.

Lettonia.—The French nam Latvija.

Leu.—(plural "lei.") The u value in Roumania. A leu is d into 100 bani and has a nominal va 20c in United States currency.

Leva.—The unit of value in Bu A leva consists of 100 stotinki and equivalent of 20c in American under normal circumstances.

Levant. — I. An overprint upon many British stamps used consular post offices maintained Turkish Empire.

II. The inscription shown upo special stamps issued by France f at its consular post offices with empire of Turkey.

III. A geographical name appl the eastern end of the Mediter Sea and the adjoining countrie philatelic significance covers all towns in the Turkish empire at British, French, Austrian, German manian or Russian post offices are larly maintained.

Junior Dictionary

Prussia.—A kingdom of Ger Postage stamps were first issued i and the separate issues ceased on 1868, on the formation of the German Confederation.

Przemysl.—A city in Galicia, tria, where in 1919 in the transiti riod following the World War, of Austria were overprinted Polska" by the Polish authorities.

P. S.—An overprint found on South Australian stamps issued the period 1868-74 for use on th respondence of the Private Sec These stamps were superseded i by the general issue for all gover

artments with "O.S." overprint.
P. S. N. C.—These letters appear in corners of the labels issued by the ific Steam Navigation Company ch were provisionally used as a ular issue by the Peruvian Govern- nt.

A PHILATELIC RUBIAYAT

By P. A. HILL.

ike, ye stamp collectors, all eagerly arise
scan your album gaps with longing eyes,
ecting that the famous cent approvals
send a "rarity" and take you by surprise.

elf when young did eagerly frequent
np shops and stores and heard great argu- ment
ut Liberian "sleepers," but evermore
e out with none of them for pennies spent.

rge thick album, a multitude of gaps,
canning of new circulars for snaps.
ectors still waiting for a rare Mauritius,
t doth a year or two mean to these chaps?

obscure series that we set our hearts upon
heard the swift advance in prices — and anon
bright idea that kept us half convinced
d get 'em one-third catalog—is gone.

those who held the sets thru heat and rain
counted profits so easy to attain,
they content to sell them at a price
only know is not a John D. gain?

this we know, collectors see the light
turn to gathering singles in their plight;
cancels, Air-mails, Revenues, anything,
pt the high-priced sets they want outright.

rts that wax and wane of needed stamps
here again. Want-lists are scanned by lamps,
who can assure us if we send the price
we will get the items—and not the cramps.

Ah, that stamps should be more dear than clothes,
script collector cryeth out his woes,
ere is that one-pound item of St. Kitts,"
whence and whither sold again — who knows.

t with new catalogs quoted to provoke
conscious stamp collector to resent their yoke;
ill remains to see if he can get 'em—less
ten per cent,
if he don't—the whole thing's all a joke.

famous catalogs that with logic absolute
ectors, hoarders, dealers all confute,
e with a thousand pages of the printed word
ed our fool stamp questions—now shoot.

but their computations new beginners say
e given us the cheapest stamps on earth.
Nay!
only experiment with a natural law,
orrow's stamps will be much dearer than Today.

e not your time nor go in vain pursuit
find's British Guiana with loud dispute.
r contented be with a thousand two cent stamps
be with naught to show, nor none to suit.

ther in Yvert, Scott or red Gibbon,
price is fixed—the dealers' maximum—
while all are filled with Count Ferrari's lreams
ctors still collect them—one by one.

ers and junkmen give us oft the mit,
cash talks, nor all our piety nor wit
lure them back to cancel half their gain,
all our talk produce a Dansk-Vestinde—
it.

but an album where takes a one year's
est,
damaged five-center in its labelled nest;
her comes and is compared—A sigh.
specialist resumes again his hopeful quest.

ge, is it not, of all collectors, who
ht pecks of Mission Mixtures to pick thru,
one returns to buy a metric ton,
one their quick dispersal seems to rue.

d, indeed, to quit collecting oft before.
ore—but I was simply tired and sore;
came a great big Dantzig approval, and
nt and bought three blank albums more.

for Hawaiian thirteen-centers. Some
for the Boscawen, and tete-beche Ceylon.
Just take the old Cape Triangulars
enny blacks, inverted as they come.

rare old stamp, our album's choicest take,
ng some envious collector's heart to break
pride we saw him bend with lens, then hortle,
this durned thing's just a clever fake."

mail a hundred letters brings, you say,
But where are the foreign chaps of yesterday
hom you sent a hundred dollars' worth.
ll are duds. Did you ever get that way?

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In 1857 the Peruvian Government decided to follow the lead of other countries and give postage stamps a trial. Evidently such a radical departure from the system previously in vogue was looked upon with considerable misgivings and the government officials were anything but sanguine as to the success of the venture. In fact they were so uncertain in their own minds that, not wishing to incur a greater expense than was actually necessary, they decided to borrow a supply of stamps from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company to experiment with.

The two stamps were placed on sale on December 1, 1857, in the towns of Lima, Chorrillos, and Calloa only. The government was soon convinced of the success of the experiment, and March 1, 1858, a special issue, showing the arms of the Republic, was placed on sale and the "borrowed stamps" ceased to have currency.

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United States

Washington Notes

Hundreds of letters are still being received by the Post Office Department, requesting that a stamp be issued to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Encampment at Valley Forge.

Congressman Watson states that so far eight of the Governors of the thirteen original states have written to the Postmaster General endorsing the stamp.

Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey, our fellow philatelist, writes:—"You may be very sure that I will assist Mr. Watson in every way possible to obtain favorable consideration of his bill for the issuance of a special stamp commemorating the Valley Forge Encampment."

Hon. Thomas S. Butler of Pennsylvania, states that, "I will be delighted to write to the Postmaster General urging him to issue a special two cent stamp in commemoration of the Encampment at Valley Forge. Whatever I can do to contribute towards the success of the movement, please be assured that I am willing and ready to do."

The Postmaster General is still at home ill, and as a result, no definite action has been taken. The bill of Congressman Watson is still in the Committee, and has not as yet been reported out. It is believed, however, that the proposition will be given consideration by the Postmaster General on his return to office, so that the special authorization by Congress will not be necessary.

I feel safe in stating that by summer we will have a special 2-cent stamp, printed in red of the size of the normal stamp, showing a Valley Forge scene. The long dimensions will probably be placed horizontally, and we will find Washington in prayer with the Valley Forge huts in the background.

Mr. Willis M. Pott sends an Associated Press clipping from the New York *Times*, with a St. Louis headline dated February 6th, in which the following statement appears:

"Warren I. Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, telegraphed today that a special air mail stamp would be issued to commemorate Lindbergh's proposed flight over his old air mail route from St. Louis to Chicago, Feb. 20, and return Feb. 21. The stamps are to be placed on sale all over the country, and people urged to post mail to be carried by Lindbergh."

I have communicated with Washington, and am informed that no special stamp has been authorized or is even contemplated. There will be a special cancellation used on the occasion, and no doubt the Associated Press assumed that a "cancellation stamp" meant a new postage stamp.

The official notice from Washington, describing this new postmark, reads as follows:—

"LINDBERGH AGAIN FLIES THE AIR MAIL" will be the cancellation mark on air mail letters handled on the route between Chicago and St. Louis via Springfield and Peoria, Illinois, on February 20 and 21 when "Lindy" takes the stick and flies his old route.

From Santo Domingo the "Flying Colonel" cabled his old boss, William B. Robertson, president of the Robertson Aircraft Corporation, air mail contractor on the Chicago-St. Louis route, expressing a desire to fly out of St. Louis with the mail on February 20, and to return from Chicago the following day.

W. Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, immediately granted permission for the flight, restored Lindbergh to the active rolls as an air mail pilot and arranged for special cancellations of all mail originating at or destined to any of the cities on the route.

The cancellation stamp will be horse-shoe shaped with the name and de
tion of the route in the arch
horse-shoe, and the name of the p
lar post office on the route with th
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The House Post Office Committ
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ment to popularize the air mail s
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carriers instead of the maximum
years provided under the present

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ent business. We now have air
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nearly 25,000 miles each day, and
the last year the service handled
pounds of mail, which is more a
than is carried by all of the other
tries of the world put together.

The First Assistant Postmaster
eral, under date of January 28th,
attention of postmasters to the fa
all air mail at points of landing
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collectors will greatly appreciate
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stamped.

Late Oddities

Mr. Charles F. Becker has subm
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so smeared in the printing that it
little more than a daub of red ink.
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dition has been noted heretofore.

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Mr. W. H. Gilley has shown me a horizontal block of eight of the 1903-2c lake imperforate, which shows the stamps in the third vertical line slightly out of place, due to incorrect aligning at the time this row was transferred from the transfer roll to the plate. The block in question comes from plate No. 4671.

Mr. William C. Kater has submitted for inspection a copy of the current 1½c envelope on white in a very deep black brown shade, different from the light brown seen heretofore. In fact, the shade differs sufficiently to almost be classified as a separate variety.

Air Mail Notes

Mr. Albert N. Brown kindly sends an air mail communication from Oakland, Calif., dated February 1st, which was the first day of services at the Oakland Air Mail Field over C. A. M. No. 8. Change of fields from Mills Field to the Oakland Airport, which is now the western terminus of the transcontinental route, was made on February 1st.

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This information was contained in a communication received by Second Assistant Postmaster General, W. Irving Glover, today, from the Postmaster General of Mexico. The Mexican official stated, however, that immediate steps will be taken to raise money to finance these air mail routes, by increasing the postage in Mexico from eight to ten centavos.

The Postmaster General of Mexico believes that when an air mail route is established there, it should extend from Mexico City to Nuevo Laredo.

It is the idea of Postmaster General New, and other officials of the Post Office Department, that a route extending from Mexico City to Brownsville, Texas, via Tampico and Matamoras, would be the most desirable one. Both of these Mexican cities are headquarters for the richest oil fields in that country, and it is felt by Washington officials that a route from Mexico City to Brownsville would be more liberally patronized by business interests using the air mail service. Further negotiations will be conducted, however, between officials of the two governments before any decision is reached.

Canal Zone

Mr. W. Austin Amory has shown me a block of the current 2c perforated 11x10½ overprinted in black in two lines, "Canal Zone." This stamp which was possibly issued towards the end of the year, has not been noted heretofore. The block submitted by Mr. Amory was from plate 18809. So far, we have had the 1c, 2c and 5c, with the new perforations from the rotary press.

Argentine Republic.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle copies of the 10c, deep grey-green, with new watermark A.P. in shell.

Belgium. — Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 60c olive, in the current design.

Bolivia.—We have received from Whitfield King & Co. the following new items of this country: 2c yellow, design as A54; overprinted "Octubre 1927," 5c green, 10c grey and 15c red of the same type as the first noted.

From the same source we learn that the following values in the type of the 2c yellow have appeared: 3c rose, 4c claret, 20c olive, 25c blue, 30c violet, 40c orange, 50c brown, 1b red, 2b purple, 3b sage green, 4b lake and 5b light brown.

Brazil.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 10 reis Official stamp of 1913 has been overprinted "Servico Aereo 50 Rs" in three lines in black. Diamond shaped characters cover the figures in the upper corners. Later information from the same correspondents adds the following values to the above: 200rs on 2,000 reis; 200rs on 500 reis; 300rs on 500 reis; 500rs on 50 reis; 1,000rs on 20reis and 2,000rs on 100 reis.

Cuba.—Whitfield King & Co. send us for note the first five values of the Pan-American Congress series. At the top of the stamp is the name of the country with "Sexta Conferencia Internacional Americana 1928." The 1c green pictures the map of the North American continent at the left with that of our southern world at the right. The portrait of Tomas Estrada Palma appears in a circle between. The 2c bright red, is the same design as the 1c, but has the likeness of General Gerardo Machado. The 5c blue has the same background with El Morro, Habana, appearing in a square frame as the central view. An 8c brown pictures the Estacion Terminal at Havana, while the 10c olive-brown shows a view of the Presidential palace. The other values of this set are the 13c orange, 20c olive-green, 30c purple, 50c pink and $1 black. Each is of a different design, but our correspondent does not describe in detail.

France.—Copies of the 40c pale blue, surcharged "Caisse d'Amortissement + 10c" in three lines in red have been shown us by Mr. R. Roberts.

Italy.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that a 15c purple and 35c rose-red stamp in the Posta Pneumatica definite type have been received. The stamps are perf. 14 and watermarked Crown.

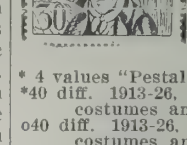
Luxemburg.—The 75c carmine, current issue, has been surcharged "60" in black. Two thin parallel bars obliterate the former value. Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts submit this new provisional for chronicle.

Mauritius.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. copies of the 6c sepia brown, King George type, script watermark.

New Zealand.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle copies of the 3sh pale violet, Admiral type on Cowan paper, thick and white. The stamp is watermarked N. Z. and star almost invisible, and the shade is much paler than the previous issue.

Nicaragua.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the ½c green, 5c slate-green, 10c yellow, with the overprint "Resello 1927" and also the 1c purple with the surcharge "R de C."

South West Africa.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle copies of the 2p postage due stamp of Union of South Africa, old type, overprinted "South West Africa" and "Suidwes Afrika." Stamps are unwatermarked, perf. 14, Pretoria printing.



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By K. Lissiuk.

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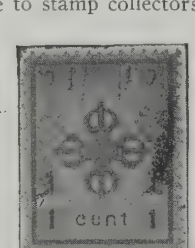
Between the period of this semi independence, 1911 to 1924, no stamps had been issued. The postal services operated by the franking system, long since adopted by countries prior to the issuance of adhesive stamps. The franked covers of Mongolia are perhaps scarce, like those of other countries, but have little value to stamp collectors.



First Issue

Mongolia made her philatelic debut in November, 1924, by presenting its own permanent stamp issue consisting of seven values expressed in Chinese currency (silver dollar). The design for this issue was produced by the Government and showed the coat-of-arms and other national symbols. This issue was printed in Moscow and the different values of the set came on an assortment of various colored surface tinted papers. The stamps came perforated both with 10 and 13½ gauges and also a compound gauge of 10 x 13½. All values exist with an extra horizontal row of perforations across the stamps, allowing for a semi division. Each halved stamp would thus be available for a franking privilege of half its original face value. The inscriptions are in black throughout the issue. The design size varied as did the frames in different values. The papers used were without watermark.

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6 50 cents dull red, orange, drab, on salmon (28x36mm)
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Second Issue

The first issue became exhausted in 1926. Pending the completion of a new governmental permanent issue the post office officials supplied quantities of the current revenue stamps, also expressed in Chinese currency, showing a provisional surcharge signifying their use as postage stamps. This surcharge consisted of a rectangular box with the word "POSTAGE" in English at the top, and again in Arabic at the bottom. This surcharge was of the handstamp variety and was applied to the stamps in violet, black, red and blue ink. Like the preceding issue the different values came in various frames and design sizes. An added value, 5 dollars, was included in this issue. The stamps were perforated with 11 gauge only. The paper was unwatermarked. The stamps with the violet surcharge can be considered the commonest color, then the black, followed by the red, with the blue the scarcest. Covers have been discovered which have the revenue stamps without the surcharge, but showing legitimate postal duty and cancellations.

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18 5c plum (22x36mm)
19 10c green (22x36mm)
20 20c yellow-brown (22x36mm)
21 $50 brown & olive (26x43½mm)
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23 1c blue (22x36mm)
24 2c orange (22x36mm)
25 5c plum (22x36mm)
26 10c green (22x36mm)
27 20c yellow-brown (22x36mm)
28 50c brown & olive (26x43½mm)
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30 1c blue (22x36mm)
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Type I

1927

No.
37 5 mg lilac
38 20 mg blue

Type II

1927

39 1 mg yellow
40 2 mg brown-orange
41 5 mg lilac
42 10 mg light blue
43 20 mg blue
44 25 mg yellow-green
45 40 mg lemon
46 50 mg buff
47 1 tk brown & green
48 3 tk red & yellow
49 5 tk brown-violet & rose

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By W. W. MacLaren.

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No free passes. At the last meeting of the Directors, a resolution was adopted, that there be no free tickets whatever—each Officer and Director agreeing to purchase a season ticket at $1.50.

Employees of the Company, and at the dealers' booths will be given employers passes, as will representatives of the Newspapers. Arrangements are being made with the Public School Officials for the sale of Scholars' tickets at 10c each. All *Stamp Hunter* readers who plan on exhibiting are urged to communicate with Mr. Good at once, as a large portion of the frames has already been reserved.

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By Arthur O. Litt.

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It was here in 1493 that Columbus landed. What a difference in the method of locomotion since that time. Soon "We," composed of "Lindy" and the rest of the partnership, were cutting the air currents over that very turbulent body of water called the Windward Passage, which is more than 120 miles across. In about one and a half hours the Coast of Cuba off Manzanillo was sighted, and thence over the entire length of Cuba, where he arrived five minutes ahead of schedule.

"We" carried a cover to me that I shall ever prize. This envelope contains two Haitian stamps, one being Scott's No. 314, and a new stamp I have never seen before, a 35 centime de Gourde value in blue, which is twice the size of the other stamp on the envelope, and greenish in color. This stamp, I am informed, will be used as a regular value. In the center we see a branch containing coffee berries, which is the principal product of Haiti. The envelope is further embellished by a special cancellation in red showing an airplane in flight, and on the front of the airplane the word "Lindbergh." The cover is dated Port au Prince, Haiti, February 7, 1928, and Havana, Cuba, February 8, 1928—4 P. M. on the back. A legend is also placed there by the Cuban Postal authorities in Spanish, which means: Use the airmail. Save time. There is another cancellation, Havana, Feb. 9th., 11 A. M., and the last cancellation, New York, Feb. 12, 9 P. M. The end of the route.

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Number 709

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The Managing Editor.

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U. S. 24c CONTINENTAL 1873

By ELLIOTT PERRY.

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Much of the foregoing applies only indirectly to our problem. The real problem comes when we try to find out what happened between January 1 and June 30, 1875. We can be fairly certain the stamp agent had about 150,000 of the 24c on hand at the beginning of 1875, and that many, most, or all of them were Winfield Scott purples, printed by the National Bank Note Co. before the latter part of April, 1873. We also know that this old supply was just about equal to the number actually issued in 1875. Right there our reasonably accurate knowledge ends and we have to start guessing.

Whether or not any of the Continental 24c stamps were issued and the quantity issued, if any were issued, depends wholly upon the date in 1875, when they were delivered to the stamp agent, and what he did with them. If he received them on January 1, 1875, he may have laid aside the old National remainders and issued only Continentals until the 24c stamps were withdrawn from sale June 30, 1875, in which case he would have issued the maximum number of Continentals that could have been issued—150,075. But if the entire 365,000 Continental 24c which he received were all delivered to him on June 30, 1875, he may have issued only 50 copies. Obviously, he could not issue any Continentals before he received them and therefore any 24c stamps issued by the stamp agent in 1875, before Continentals were delivered to him, could only have come from the old supply of National remainders, and any such National 24c stamps issued in 1875 would necessarily reduce the number of Continental 24c that may have been issued.

About the only thing we can be fairly certain of is that no one handling stamps ever breaks into an unbroken package until they are obliged to. Stamps contained in unbroken packages are easily counted and checked, while it is far more laborious to count and check loose sheets. Unless there is some other controlling fact or factor of which we are ignorant, it seems far more likely that the stamp agent continued to issue the old National remainders in the first six months of 1875, and either did not break into the Continental delivery at all or else issued only a small quantity of the Continental 24c stamps when the old supply of National remainders finally became exhausted. Hence the 364,950 remainders destroyed in 1885 may have been all Continentals and were all but 50 stamps of the entire Continental delivery.

The chief reason for the Continental printing appears to be that the Continental Company had the quite natural desire to sell as many stamps as possible to the post office department. The contractors were required or expected to keep several months supply ahead, but with such a large supply of National remainders available there was no real need for the Continental printing. Any Continental 24c delivered to the stamp agent very early in 1875, must have been printed before 1875, while if both "printed and delivered" in 1875, they must have been printed after it was generally known the need for them would greatly diminish or cease entirely within a few months.

The 24c denomination was seldom used on domestic mail. The shilling letter rate to Great Britain had been cut in two in 1866, and further reduced to 6c before the Winfield Scott purple 24c were first issued and there was a sharp decline in the use of 24c stamps after 1867. From a yearly issue closely approaching two millions, the demand dropped to less than 300,000 in 1868, and thereafter never greatly exceeded 300,000 per year. There was no reason to expect a considerable increase in 1875—quite the contrary. On October 9, 1874, the Postal Union Treaty was signed to become effective in all the countries then belonging to the Postal Union (except France), on July 1, 1875. A circular issued by the Third Assistant Postmaster General under date of June 21, 1875 announced:—

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It does not seem to me the probabilities favor the possibility the Continental 24c were printed in 1874, and not delivered to the stamp agent until the following year. What seems much more likely was that when the 24c plate was put to press to print the "special prints" in the spring of 1875, they didn't stop with the 50 sheets required for the special printing of 10,000 stamps, but went ahead and printed 365,000 more 24c, which were then gummed and perforated and delivered to the stamp agent before the curtain fell on June 30.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, the stamp agent issued 271,775 of the 24c stamps. The quarterly issue was as follows:—

To Sept. 30, 1874,	86,525
To Dec. 31, 1874,	35,175
To Mar. 31, 1875,	44,525
To June 30, 1875,	105,550

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other years to indicate the demand for 24c stamps in April, May and June was heavier than at other periods, or that postmasters were in the habit of ordering more 24c stamps in those months than at other times. The figures for the three months ending March 31, 1874, and June 30, 1874, for instance, are 102,500 and 42,075 respectively—the quantities issued in the two quarters of these two consecutive years being almost exactly reversed. The only other quarter when the issue exceeded 100,000 stamps was in the three months ending March 31, 1872. To my mind the unusually large shipment in the last three months of the issue of 24c stamps is a rather clear indication the stamp agent was "cleaning house." And it seems to be rather more than a mere coincidence that his shipments from January to June inclusive, total almost exactly the same as the number of National remainders he apparently had on hand January 1, 1875.

The Continental delivery was 365,000 stamps. The number of remainders destroyed in 1885 was 364,950. The difference between these two amounts is very slight, only 50 stamps. Is this also a mere coincidence? If we believe only a few stamps were taken from the Continental package, and the remainder was held until 1885, and then destroyed, it is easy to understand why the figures for the two amounts so closely correspond, but if we believe many Continental 24c were issued, we are obliged to fall back upon "coincidence" to explain why there were just enough National remainders, or other 24c obtained from somewhere (address unknown), to make up a quantity only 50 short of 365,000.

Mr. Behr also states, "the nearest approach to the actual color of the 24c Continental is the 3c Justice Department stamp on soft paper, which is only found in the rich, dark shade." This statement can be found in several philatelic publications, and in more than twenty-five years has achieved wide circulation. I have never been able to trace its original source, and neither have I been able to find any valid justification for it. Since we do not know that any of the Continental 24c stamps of 1875 (except the special print), ever got into circulation, how can anyone presume to state the shade in which they were printed? Or must we call forth another coincidence to explain why a stamp, which no living collector ever may have seen, happens to match the shade of another stamp printed four years later?

The 24c Continentals would be more likely to match some of the 3c Justice on hard paper, for the records show 37,500 of the 3c Justice were printed and delivered to the stamp agent in 1875. A special printing of 10,000 each of the complete Justice set was also made in 1875, but no one seems to have tried to use this coincidence to bolster up a theory that the 24c Continental is a close match for the Justice "Specimen" set.

The Continental 24c is listed in the Scott catalog as No. 164, but is not priced. The reason it is not priced reflects great credit upon the publishers of the catalog who resolutely refuse to offer for sale a variety which they are not quite certain exists, or which exists, but cannot be identified. The collecting fraternity in general owes the Scott Co. a debt of gratitude for the position they maintain regarding this stamp.

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E Michigan Stamp Club of Detroit vill hold its annual banquet March t Book-Cadillac Hotel. The com-e, consisting of Harry Carter chair-Karl Koslowski and Horace Hart-promises many surprises. There be music, dancing, a stamp auction, the ladies will be there as usual.—MAN W. BOERS.

E have received from Harry E. Klotzbach some data dealing with irst flight of airmail from Buffalo leveland. We are grateful to Mr. zbach for this courtesy, but we find mpossible to print the article. We ery glad to have news dealing with ail stamps and cancellations, but we ot have the space to go into the par-rs of flights.

E are indebted to Charles T. Rams-den for a Cuban Lindbergh first cover where the letter "F" in "Feb-" is much smaller than the other let-It is an interesting variety. Mr. sden says that the supply of the 1c 2c Pan-Americans has been ex-ted and that the 8c is getting low.

CK Box 1712, Mplis, Minn., would like to know the present address of y D. Muir, formerly Rocanville, , Detroit, or Port Huron, Mich., Milton Mannist formerly Chatham,

BRUARY 6 was a busy day for Dallas, San Antonio and Galveston, so far as airmail was concerned. have a batch of First Flight covers, ks to courtesies extended by Albert Gorham, T. E. Flick and E. C. rell. The regulation airmail mark-was used, some being printed in e, in green and in blue. The can-ions show San Antonio to Dallas reverse, and Galveston to Dallas and se.

O of our Havana correspondents, Capt. George Street and W. H. y, favored us with first day covers ng the Lindbergh cancellation on the rmine. The surcharge on the stamp sts of the following in two lines:— lbergh-Febrero 1928". The stamps ancelled with an airplane marking he envelopes bear pictures of Col. ergh in his familiar poses.

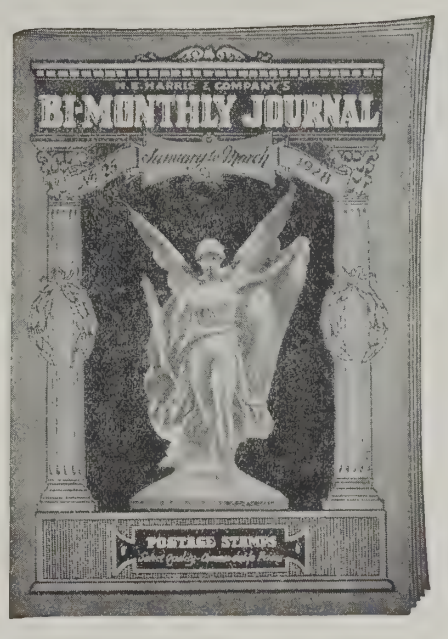
E Long Beach Stamp Collectors Club is desirous of obtaining some members. The secretary, Carlton n, Long Beach, Cal., will be very to hear from collectors in or near city who would like to consider ership in the local club.

. E. S. POTTER has just sent us a subscription for the Recreation r Stamp Club of Santa Barbara, The club now has fifty-two mem-and twenty-nine were present at the neeting. This club has adopted the y idea of attendance and any mem-ho misses three consecutive meet-without a good excuse is dropped membership.

the quest for commemorative can-ellations, H. W. Boers secured a In Feb. 12, 1909 with the 2c Lin-stamps on the cover. It looks nice.

MAND R. MILOT sends us a fine *Boston Post* clipping about stamp ting. One on Lindbergh flight ng from Harry Weiss is also noted.

thank Eugene H. Funke and Nelson F. Gerken for clippings the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*. make a fine feature of the collec-of Ralph H. Eilers of St. Louis, nore than a page is devoted to his s. The article is written by one knows how to do a good job and ish we had room to reproduce it.



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Mr. Eilers is alderman from Ward 26 and Secretary of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society.

WE are indebted to Mrs. O. W. Mott, Jackson, Mich., birthplace of Lindbergh, for information dealing with new local air mail routings. Also for a cover mailed from Jackson. At the top centre of the face in four lines is: "Lindbergh —Our National Hero—Born February 4 —1902-1928." Unfortunately the post marking reads "Feb. 3!"

THE Landsdowne (Pa.) Stamp Club recently installed the following officers: Pres., Dr. F. E. Locy; Vice-Pres., H. C. Hays; Sec.-Treas., R. H. Thomson; Exch. Mgr., E. E. Meacham; Chairman Memb. Com., A. B. Maris. The club has over 30 active senior members. They are already planning their 3rd annual exhibition for November. The show held last fall was very well attended by Philadelphia and Delaware County stamp enthusiasts and others. The publicity obtained was very gratifying. Short articles on the exhibit appeared in the larger Philadelphia and the local newspapers. Information about the coming Exhibition may be obtained from Dr. F. E. Locy, 936 Cornell Ave., Upper Darby, Pa.

NEW YORK PRECANCEL CLUB

By N. R. HOOVER.

The first anniversary of the New York Precancel Club was held Friday evening, February 3, at the Hoovers' office, 35 West 33rd Street. President Willcox celebrated by holding it on the night the Hoovers ran their biggest mail auction, 968 lots. A feed was given, sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake, the latter contributed by Mrs. Foerster, the one lady member of the club. It was a great success.

The special Committee on examining Brooklyn minor varieties, under the chairmanship of Allan R. Brown, made its report. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved that the New York Precancel Club approves the following types and type descriptions for Brooklyn, N. Y., that said types be referred to the state editor and city editor with a request that they be incorporated in the new catalog, and that the secretary of the club be directed to give this resolution and the list of types to the philatelic press."

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The Cuban air mail stamp printed in red and surcharged in black in two lines, "Lindbergh-Febrero, 1928," made its entry as advertised in the city of Havana on February 7th, and the interior points on the 8th. A half million of the stamps have been issued and they are valid only on correspondence for the air mail route, Havana to Key West. These Lindbergh stamps received much attention in the Cuban newspaper press and were in great demand by the populace. As a correspondent says, the people were serious in their intention to honor Lindbergh, and they regarded this stamp issue as an appropriate means of showing their respect.

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Several correspondents who have written for information on the subject of Costa Rica's contribution to the Lindbergh stamp constellation are referred to the description of it on the Junior Page in the issue of February 13th. The stamp and surcharge make an *ensemble* that is pleasing and distinctive as told in the paragraph. A correspondent in Costa Rica now writes to say that some grumbling has resulted from the manner in which the special stamp has been distributed, although he is not in a position to say that there has been any scandal in handling it. It is evident that the stamp will not be plentifully supplied to collectors who did not obtain stocks, and the likelihood is that it will be a specimen that will give a good account of itself as time trots on.

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A recent visitor to Chicago, Harold C. Brooks, mayor of Marshall, Michigan, was pressed for details as to the results of his extensive as well as intensive campaign for stamps as waged in the advertising columns of hundreds of publications of a general or unphilatelic kind. His story is an interesting one, and the thrills, fascinations and disappointments that characterize it make it a very human one. Really, more space than is available here is required to present it in a proper light, and we shall abide our time, in order to present it adequately. It is enough to say that both a stout heart and a strong purse are the first adjuncts of the campaigner for stamps, and the hazards that are run would cause one to shrink from playing the game, if he were of conservative cast.

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Just after having read the announcement in the New York *Times* of the reelection of Harry L. Lindquist as president of the Collectors Club, New York, we had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Lindquist in person. Not many years ago, Mr. Lindquist was a Chicagoan to the core and when he left that gentle cote, his friends feared for the future; they thought that the lamb would be sheared in heartless New York. Evidently, the canary packed a wicked peck, judging from the cat's story, and "looking down the vista of time," we now see Mr. Lindquist beginning his second term as president of the big society, or rather, club. However, perhaps it is significant to say that as editor of the Collectors Club official magazine, his fame is brightest; he has made this publication the greatest philatelic journal of the day, and his editorial product has achieved a high notch, indeed. We are proud of the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, as typifying philatelic ideals that the serious collectors of this country are striving to realize. Incidentally, Mr. Lindquist is not immune from editorial disappointments. Through a series of singular impediments, as it were, last month's number of the *Collectors Club Philatelist* is not yet issued, even though it is on its way.

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Mr. Lyman J. Seeley, Hammondsport, New York, is interested in the publication of Dr. Carroll Chase's exhaustive work on the three cent issues of 1851 and 1857, U. S., even though he is under no illusions as to the financial cost of a volume that will present the text and illustrations in a worthy typographical dress. Mr. Seeley thinks that if he can secure subscriptions at least to five hundred copies at five dollars, in buckram binding, he will proceed with the task of bringing forth the work. Several specialists have underwritten ten to fifty copies of the book, and no doubt others will be glad to co-operate when once their attention is called to the project. Dr. Chase intends to rewrite and revise much of the text in order that the contents will be inclusive of the latest developments of a subject that is receiving the support of many students.

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Our diligent correspondent, Mr. E. M. Ash, has sent in a copy of *El Commercio*, Cuba, the front page of which carries an important bit of philatelic news, the headlines on which are translated: The Subject of Stamps Will be Studied. We read that the secretary of posts, Ingeniero Sanchez Aballf, has named Jose Domingo Morales, Cesar Carvallo and Enrique Nin to act in accord with a commission of philatelists, comprised of Miguel Angel Moenck, Augustin Goitizolo and Julio B. Forcade to study the problems relating to postage stamps to the end that pertinent recommendations, when regarded as such may be referred to the secretary. As Mr. Ash says, this action is significant of the growing tendency of the authorities to give attention to the philatelic suggestions of the times, the world over.

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Particulars of the conditions affecting the Lindbergh issues of Panama as they come from correspondents show that the demand for the souvenir issues is a strong one. The following data may be of interest: "Through the courtesy of the Canal Zone officials, these stamps were placed on sale in the Canal Zone post offices at Balboa Heights, Ancon, Balboa and Cristobal, and covers were received at each post office for transmission to the nearest Panama post office to receive the first day cancellations. The Panama City post office closed at one o'clock, Jan. 9, 1928, the date of Colonel Lindbergh's arrival, while the Canal Zone post offices remained open until five P. M. This facilitated the posting of first day covers and aided in the very wide distribution the stamps received. An enormous percentage of such covers was sent as 'souvenirs' by non-philatelic persons." While mention is made of minor varieties by a correspondent, it is doubtless whether the variations that he cites are deserving of distinction. The popular effect of the Panama issue was most marked and without exaggerating it, the statement may be made that for the time being these stamps were in the minds of almost every person in the republic. The demand for the Lindbergh stamps was a general one that was swollen, of course, by the philatelic rush for them.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh arrived at Santo Domingo City, Dominican Republic, from San Juan, Porto Rico, on Saturday afternoon, February 4, 1928, his 26th birthday, and after spending two days in the Dominican capital city, set out for Port au Prince, Haiti, at 10.30 a. m., Monday, the 6th. He carried a mail for Port au Prince, and for Habana, Cuba, this being the first time that mail was ever conveyed in "The Spirit of St. Louis."

Instead of flying in a straight line to the Haitian capital (185 miles), he took a northwest course, at the request of the Dominican Government, to pass over Santiago de los Caballeros, in the interior, and after circling the city, continued on to Cap Haitien, the second city of importance on the northern coast of Haiti, just beyond the frontier. Over Cristophe's Citadelle he flew low, in order to inspect it, and then set his course for Port au Prince, on the shores of the Gulf of Gonaives. He landed at 2 p. m. at Bowen field, just outside of Port au Prince, having covered 270 miles in 3½ hours.

In writing from Port au Prince, on Feb. 7th, to the New York *Times*, Col. Lindbergh mentions with the Haitian Order of Merit that was conferred on him by President Borno, the Haitian stamps that were presented to him. Just what these stamps were has yet to be learned.

As soon as the Haitian Government's invitation to Col. Lindbergh had been accepted, there was agitation locally for a special stamp issue, but the financial authorities would not approve of an overprint, or a surcharge, due to the speculation which would be sure to result. However, a special cancellation was authorised, and applied to all mail matter passing through the Port au Prince Post Office on February 6th and 7th.

In the early part of 1927 the issue was authorised of a stamp of the denomination of 35c de gourde (7c U. S. currency) for registered letters to all countries (subscribing to the Pan-American Postal Union) to which the domestic rate of postage applies (i.e., 10c de g. plus 25c de g. for registration). The new stamps arrived in January, from New York, and issue was withheld until February 6th, the day of Col. Lindbergh's arrival from Santo Domingo City.

The stamp was line engraved and recess printed in green by the "American Bank Note Co." (which imprint appears in small colored caps under each stamp) of New York, on unwatermarked paper, and perforated single line 12. The design is within a horizontal rectangle, 49 x 22mm, and in the center bears a representation of two branches of the coffee tree, one with leaves and blossoms, and the other with leaves and berries. Across the top of the stamp, arched, in two lines of colorless caps is "Republique d'Haiti —Postes," while at the foot in a straight line is "centimes de gourde." Colorless numerals of denomination "35" appear on shields at the side, and under the central vignette, in small colored caps, is "Cafe." The design is most pleasing, and the engraving and printing of a high standard.

In issuing the 35c Cafe stamp, Haiti draws the attention of the world to its principal export commodity. In 1923-24 coffee constituted 73% of the total value of Haitian exports, and not only did France purchase 80% of the entire coffee crop, but she also purchased approximately half of the second most important Haitian export, i.e., raw cotton. Coffee dominates the entire economic situation of Haiti, and disaster to that industry is bound to demoralise its entire commercial life. In 1923-24 coffee exports totalled 29,402,200 kilos valued at Gds. 51,808,880; the total exports in the same year were valued at Gds. 70,881,610. In 1924-25 the coffee exports totalled 30,767,100 kilos (Gds. 76,999,495), and in 1925-26, 35,683,690 kilos (Gds. 81,621,600). Port au Prince is the principal point of exit for coffee, followed by Petit Goave and Jacmel.

First day covers, which I received, bear in black the ordinary single line circle (27mm) cancellation of "Port au Prince, Haiti," with the date (in 3 lines), "6—FEV—28" in the center, and also the special marking (to commemorate Col. Lindbergh's visit), applied to the stamps in red, in the form of a large outline plane (whose greatest dimensions are 39mm horizontally, across the wings, and 35mm diagonally, along the body,) with

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Liechtenstein

A small independent state bounded on the north and east by the province of Vorarlberg, Austria, on the west by the Rhine and on the south by the Swiss cantons of Grisons and St. Gall. Since 1866 it has belonged to the Austrian Cus-

toms Union and until January, 1912, managed to get along without postage stamps. In that year it issued a modest series of three values, modelled on the style of the contemporary Austrian issue, and bearing a portrait of Prince John, its ruler.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

HIPPOPOTAMUS
Liberia A24

The Junior is very much interested in the stamps of Liberia, and here we have the hippopotamus in all his glory. This animal is nocturnal in its habits, usually sleeping during the day with its body immersed in the water and only the top of the head visible above the surface. At night it leaves the stream or pool for the banks and forages for some distance, tramping down and destroying almost everything in its path. It is a voracious feeder, the stomach having a capacity of five or six bushels, so one can imagine the amount of provender necessary for a herd of the animals, and if they should locate near a cultivated tract it can readily be seen that not only the amount they would eat, but also the amount of crops trampled and spoiled by their clumsiness would be enormous. It is a fact that their extermination in Natal was due to the circumstance of their developing a great fondness for sugar cane.

The hippopotamus hide, as is well known, is extremely thick and tough, being from an inch to an inch and a half on the back and about three-quarters of an inch in thickness on the sides. It is supplied with a vast quantity of pores which exude an oily substance that no doubt helps to keep it pliable when the animal is alive, and also protects it from the water. The flesh is considered quite good eating, especially that of the young, and is said to resemble beef, while the feet furnish a good jelly.

Liberia possesses a distinctive species, a small variety standing not over two feet high and weighing some four or five hundred pounds only when full grown. But this animal is rare, living more in marshes or forest and not in the rivers. The hippopotamus pictured on the stamp is of the ordinary variety.

Brunei

I. A British protectorate in northwest Borneo situated between the territory of the North Borneo Company and Sarawak. It has an area of 4,000 square miles and a population of over 10,000. Until 1888 it was an independent Mohammedan state and its Sultan was at one time overlord of the whole of the island of Borneo. Its capital, Brunei, is chiefly built on piles. Postage stamps for use in this Protectorate were first issued in 1906.

II. Some years ago a set of stamps purporting to be a genuine issue for the state of Brunei made their appearance, but the history attaching to these labels is so unsatisfactory that they are now generally believed to be a bogus emission. The central portion of the design shows a small vessel on a large expanse of water with a mountain in the background. On each side are palm trees and at the top a five-rayed star is shown.

Duc. Di Parma, Piac. Ecc.

The inscription engraved at the top of the stamps of the 1857 issue of Parma, being an abbreviated form of "Ducati di Parma, Piacenza, eccetera." It means

"Duchy of Parma, Piacenza, etc.," and refers to the two main provinces, which with certain annexed states, formed the old Italian Duchy of Parma.

"Country" Etymology

Venezuela.—Means "Little Venice."

Virgin Islands. — Islas de las Virginis, discovered by Columbus on his second voyage on the day of the Holy Ursula and the 11,000 virgins—the 14 day of October, and so named.

Fiji Islands.—Were named by the natives "Vits Islands."

New Zealand. — Derived its name from the Holland province of Zealand.

Queensland.—So named in honor of Queen Victoria.

Tasmania.—From Abel Tasman, the Dutch mariner.

Buenos Ayres.—"Good air."

Canada.—By common usage, is derived from an Indian word Kanata, which means "a number of huts."

—Ill. Briefmarken Jour.—Am. Jour. Phil.

Special Delivery Stamps

Special stamps issued by some countries—United States, Canada, Cuba, etc.

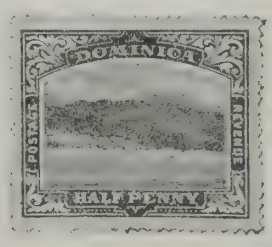
—to denote payment of the special charge on letters delivered by special messenger ahead of the regular mail delivery.

Gulden

The unit of value in the Netherlands and its colonies, in Austria until the change of currency in 1899, and in Germany until the currency was changed in 1874. The Dutch gulden is composed of 100 cents and is equal to about 40c in American money; the Austrian gulden was divided into 100 kreutzer and was also equal to 40c; while the German gulden contained 60 kreutzer and likewise had a nominal value of 40c. No German stamps of the value of a gulden were ever issued.

Dominica

A British Colony in the West Indies, being the largest island in the Leeward Islands group. It is situated 95 miles south of Antigua, between the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe. It has an area of 291 square miles and a population of about 30,000. The first postage stamps for this Colony were issued on May 4, 1874, and in 1890, the



distinctive stamps were superseded by the general set for use in the whole of the Leeward Islands. In 1903, however, Dominica, in common with the other individual members of this group, again issued its own stamps and these are now in concurrent use with the set inscribed "Leeward Islands."

Marysville Has a Junior Clu

A stamp club called the Progr Stamp Club was organized a short ago in Marysville, Calif. Officers a follows: Virgil Allread, Pres.; Bush, Vice Pres.; Harold Bubb, Treas.; Clarence Bush, S. at Arms club has started out with five men and will increase rapidly. Would l confer with other Stamp clubs. Ad the Sec.-Treas.

Stamp Terms

Adhesives. — Stamps which gummed on the back for attachi letters, as distinguished from those designs printed on the envelope, ca wrapper.

Block of Stamps.—A number o separated stamps, but not in a strip.

Bogus.—Labels fraudulently pr in imitation of postage stamps.

Cancellation.—The obliterating made on stamps passing through post, or any other mark applied to cate that the stamp is not further able for use in the post.

Cancelled to Order.—Stamps have never passed through the pos have been postmarked in quantiti postmasters or other officials for s to collectors.

Chalk-Surfaced (Chalky).—P coated with chalk in solution printing, giving it a brilliant but fu surface.

Commemorative Issues. — S issued to celebrate some special ev

Engraved. — The method by the die or plate from which the s were printed was produced.

Entire.—A complete envelope ter sheet, wrapper or postcard.

Imperforate.—Without perfora

Laid.—Paper whose texture ha parallel lines running through it pare *Wove*).

Locals. — Stamps whose use stricted to a town, district, or stea route.

Mint.—A stamp exactly as it from the Post Office before use.

Mulready. — Stamped wrappe envelopes issued by Great Britain i designed by W. Mulready.

Officials.—Stamps used by Go ment Offices or Departments only.

Original Gum (o.g.).—The gu the back of a stamp as put on time of the production of the stam

Overprint.—An inscription or printed on the face of a stamp af completion.

Pair. — Two unseparated st either horizontal or vertical.

Pane.—The groups of stamps or more of which go to form a are called panes.

Perforation.—The means by stamps can be separated without cu

Philately.—The study, or hobb stamp collecting.

Postage Dues. — Stamps affix the Post Office to denote the sum c insufficiently prepaid letters.

Provisionals. — Stamps used te rarily by a Government when c values have been exhausted, or in t emergencies.

Registration Stamps.—Stamps to indicate an additional fee charg safeguard packets in the post.

Remainders.—Stocks of stamp on hand after an issue has gone o use.

Reprints.—Stamps printed for to collectors after the regular issu ceased to be used.

Rouletting.—Similar to perfor but instead of having holes punche the roulette pricks holes or cuts do not remove any of the paper.

Strip. — A single row of thr

e stamps joined together either horially or vertically.
urcharge. — An overprint affecting onfirming the face value of a stamp.
ydney View.—The name given to ips of 1850 issued by New South les with a view of Sydney Harbor.
elegraph Stamps. — Stamps issued use on telegrams.
ete-Beche. — When one of two ips in a pair is upside down, it is d a tête-bêche pair.
Vatermark.—A design produced in r during the process of its manure.
Vove. — Paper whose texture is en like cloth (compare *Laid*). — *ie to Stamp Collecting.*

GREAT BRITAIN, 1870, ½d

me of the most curious looking of the old-amps is the small halfpenny value issued reat Britain in 1870, and we think the wing short article reprinted from the "Brit. Philatelist" for July-August, 1908, will e of interest to most of our readers.)

his value was introduced in connec- with the reduced rate of postage on nd newspapers, printed matter, and erns or samples, which was to take t as from the 1st of October, 1870. design, which was oblong in shape, measured only 18mm by 14mm, con- d of a diminutive diademed profile Queen Victoria to left, in a plain oval in a rectangular frame, of which the nd was mechanically engraved in a ce-work pattern.

t each corner was a square block to ain the small sans-serif check letters, h ran from "A-A, A-A" to "X-T, ," there being four hundred and ty stamps on the sheet, arranged in ty horizontal rows of twenty-four ; and at each side of the frame, on ound of solid colour, was "½d" in e—this was the only inscription.

he plate number, in small Arabic fig- , will be found on the lattice-work ie sides of the oval medallion.

he inscriptions in the margins were lar to those of the previous values, prices being "½d per label, 1/- per of 24, £1 per sheet"; and the plate ber was engraved at the four cor- of, and the current number above below, the pane of stamps.

or this value a special paper was ufactured, with the watermark of *penny* in script, extending over the e of three stamps, and the words *'age Stamps*, also in script, appeared ie end margins of the sheet.

he plates ran from 1 to 20, but it found necessary to reject some, —plate 2, after being half finished, found to be imperfect; plate 7, or er its roller, was defective, and could be used; plate 16 could not be fin- d, as the roller broke; and the roll- of plates 17 and 18 cracked after a few impressions had been taken.

ate 1 was put to press on the 20th , 1870, and plate 20 on the 27th , 1879. Two more plates, Nos. 21 22 were made, but were never put ress.

ie colour of the impression was lake- similar to that of the One Penny, like it, varied in tone and depth of e.

ith a few exceptions, all the sheets perforated before being issued, the e being the usual one of 14 to the centimetres. There was one notice- difference between this and the other es; the perforation, instead of being ied in horizontal rows was begun at side, with the result that the sheets perforated in vertical rows, and one of the outside rows was left rforate on either the left or the t. Copies with the right side im- orate, are lettered "X-A, A-X," to T, T-X," and those with the left imperforate, "A-A, A-A," to "A-T, ."

here was a large demand for stamps his value, and during the ten years were in use no less than 1,837,200, were printed.

late 9 was at one time supposed not ave been put to press; it was, how- , brought into use towards the end 1871, but copies from it are com- tively scarce.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

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The Dated Precancels Of Binghamton, N. Y.

ALLAN R. BROWN.

The Binghamton Dateds were produced and used by the Kilmer Medicine Co. of Binghamton, N. Y., manufacturers of Swamp-Root, a kidney cure-all widely advertised from 1900 to 1918. The one cent stamps were used on circulars; the five cent, on samples. Other denominations, including two, four, seven, ten and twenty cent, were used to a limited extent. A few pairs of various denominations exist, also blocks of four mainly of the one cent and five cent. I have a vertical strip of five of the three cent. Both pairs and blocks are scarce.

The stamps were printed by the company in their own printing house up to December, 1915, when the company began to use the regular types furnished by the Binghamton postoffice. In view of the conditions of production, errors seem to be rather infrequent, although a contrary view has been expressed in the Gazette. The worst feature of the printing is the ink, which was often used in too thick a consistency, thus causing the type to clog. The varying consistency of the ink sometimes occasioned apparent varieties which are not really type varieties at all.

The collection in my possession consists mainly of the collection of Dr. Mitchell, which in turn comprised the collection of Clarence H. Eagle and F. L. Smith. To this I have added the Michels collection and other items secured from various sources. To the collection as exhibited at New York last fall, I have added about twenty catalogued and uncatalogued varieties, and also ten pairs and forty-seven blocks of four. These latter nearly all came from Dr. Mitchell, and very few others exist, as far as I can learn after advertising. The blocks are of considerable value in the study of the stamps, and I wish I could get more. Oh, for just one sheet.

I do not wish at this time to discuss prices, as my judgment might be felt to be not entirely disinterested. However, it may be permissible to say that the replies to my advertisements have been few and far between. Some of the items are not uncommon, as the prices in the catalogue fairly indicated, but the rarities are rare indeed.

The discussion in this article will proceed under three heads:

(a) Catalogued items not in the collection.

(b) Uncatalogued items in the collection or known to exist.

(c) Minor varieties which are uncatalogued.

(a) Catalogued Items Not in the Collection.

It was suggested that the following items, all missing from my collection, do not in fact exist, so Vice-President Gamber sent out a call in an effort to establish their existence or non-existence:

55e 1902 1c 2-04 no final n in Binghamton.
71b 1902 5c 10-04 double.
78b 1902 1c 2-04 double.
94e 1902 1c 10-05 Mew York.
179 1902 5c 4-09.
219e 1908-10 pf 12 1c 10-10.
1st error, figure 1 of first 10 inverted.
2nd error, figure 1 for I in BINGHAMTON.
239 1908-10 pf 12 1c 8-11.
240 1908-10 pf 12 5c 8-11.
285 1912-15 pf 12 20c Type II.
293 1917-22 pf 11 1c Type II.
294 1917-22 pf 11 2c Type II.

Of these Mr. Hoskins reported having 179, and Mr. Field reported having 285.

I have secured a copy of 219 in which the right upper serif of the I is missing, making it look like an Arabic 1. This may account for the second catalogued error in 219.

Another collector kindly sent me in a copy purported to be 78b. On careful examination under a powerful glass, I found that it was dated 2-06 and not 2-05. The two prints were almost superimposed, and the date might easily be mistaken for 2-05. For this reason I am inclined to think that 78b is just a mistake and does not exist.

I am not sure whether the other item in the above list exists or not, and still hope to find some, but I am strongly inclined to the opinion that 239 and 240, the two for 8-11, and 293 and 294, the two perf. 11 items, do not exist.

I think that cat. No. 172, dated 12-00 is simply a clerical error in cataloguing and does not exist.

There is another error in the omission from the last catalogue of No. 164 and 165, dated 9-08. They were in the 1925 catalogue, and I have them both. Mr. Field has reported also having No. 164.

In addition to the above catalogued items I lack also 244x, 5c 1908-10 12-11. I should not mind having someone send me a copy with accompanying invoice.

(b) Uncatalogued Items.

I have the following uncatalogued items in my collection:

1898, 1c 6-02 red ink.
5c 6-02 red ink.
1c 8-02 red ink.
5c 8-02 red ink.
1c 4-03 double.
1c 10-03.
1902, 5c 3-03 double.
1c 4-04 double.
1c 9-04 double.
1c 11-04 double.
1c 10-05 double.
5c 10-05 up, "Mew" error.
1c 11-05 serif error, double.
1c 12-05 double.
1c 1-06 "Mew" error, double.
1c 9-08.
5c 9-08.
1908, 5c 2-09.
1912, 1c 4-15.

Mr. Brown's third classification (c) will be discussed by him in the April issue.—*Precancel Gazette.*

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Samoa 1914, 2p	"	.40	.18
Samoa 1914, 2½p	"	.60	.25
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In the case of the 2c, less than sixty copies are known, and practically all of these come from a small find in Brooklyn, N. Y. When they were first located, the owner had a difficult time in selling them at $25.00 each. Today it is a great rarity, and heads the list of the 20th century United States obtainable varieties. This stamp differs from the 1c in that about 80% of those known are in off center condition, and as they were not treated especially well in the early days, quite a few of them are without gum, or have rough gum, looking as if several hinges had been soaked off. At the present time, I can offer one of the few known superb copies, in well centered condition with full gum, at $1,000.00.

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United States

Washington Notes

The Postmaster General has not recovered sufficiently from his recent illness to return to his office, and as a result, no definite action has been taken upon the suggestion to issue a 2-cent stamp to commemorate the sesqui-centennial of the Valley Forge Encampment. The Postmaster General, together with Mrs. New, and accompanied by Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, left for Key West, Florida, on February 9th, and no action will be taken until his return.

Letters are continuing to pour in, and I doubt whether any stamp suggested in late years has received the substantial backing that this recommendation is receiving. The bill introduced in Congress for the issuing of such a stamp, is still in the Committee, as are similar bills to issue stamps commemorating the New York Constitution and the North West Territory project. It is likely that all three will die a natural death in the Committee, unless the Postmaster General favors their issue.

The Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads is now considering the Post Office Bill, and there is no doubt, that when finally passed, it will contain provisions making necessary either new stamps or the discontinuance of the large use of certain issues now available. For instance, a 1c postal rate on private postal cards, as well as on circular communications, will result in the increased use of 1c stamps and the decreased use of the 1½c denomination.

It is even possible that the rate will be placed at 1¼c, in which case we would have a new ¼c stamp, a new 1¼c, and a 2½c. Such a rate would possibly result in the further surcharging of our current envelopes. The Department certainly does not favor such a rate, for it would result in extra complicated bookkeeping, where fractions are necessary, and greatly increase the stock issued to Postmasters.

It is quite likely that the rate on air mail will be reduced, and if the bill is finally approved as now recommended, the rate will be just one-fourth of the present price, so that 5 cents will take a letter weighing one ounce from coast to coast via air mail. The present rate on an ordinary letter weighing one ounce would be 4 cents, so that no doubt a greatly increased portion of the regular mail would go via air mail. This would necessitate a 5c air mail stamp, and the increased use of air mail would result in a special 5c air mail envelope. There is, of course, at present a 5c envelope, but this would not indicate immediately to the postal clerk that the letter was going via air, whereas a special envelope would.

Air Mail Notes

The Traffic Agent of the Air Mail Service under date of February 10th sends out the following communication:

"We are advised that Colonel Lindbergh will fly the mail plane on route C.A.M. 2 (his old route) between Chicago and St. Louis, Mo., northbound on February 20th, and southbound on February 21st, on the regular schedule.

In honor of Lindy and to commemorate his return to the regular Air Mail, the Hon. W. Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General has authorized a special cancellation cachet stamp to be used on all Air Mail letters carried on the round trip made by him as stated above.

St. Louis will have a special cachet on February 20th, Springfield and Peoria on February 20th and 21st, and Chicago February 21st, and we take pleasur giving you this information, know that you will take advantage of s and forward your first flight cover the Postmasters at the four offices volved at the earliest possible date."

The recent inauguration of air routes from Dallas to Galveston, Dallas to San Antonio, has resulte new contract air mail covers for the mail collector. In each case, the known octagonal contract air mail mark was used, but in several cases, ditional markings of interest were ad

Galveston applied a special rectang postmark reading in four lines—"F Air Mail Flight from Galveston, Te Port and Playground of the Southw This was printed in blue, and the C.A postmark comes in both blue and violet. Houston, Tex., covered the st with a magenta postmark, showing a in the center, symbolic of Texas as Lone Star State. Within the star, w is surrounded by a wreath, we find name of the town—"Houston, Tex and slightly above the star, "2-6-28."

San Antonio had one of the most teresting marking that has as yet peared. This consisted of an outline the famous Alamo, showing two p trees at either end, and reading " Antonio, Largest Aviation Center America—All Year Playground." Th that I have seen have been all signe manuscript by Postmaster, P. G. Lu

Austin used violet ink in applying t postmark, Waco a magenta ink, Da violet, Houston, magenta, and F Worth, violet. All are dated Febru 6, 1928.

I wish to thank Mr. Orville C. Ritt house for first day covers from Da and San Antonio.

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is preparing a series of postage due stamps for use in the Philippines. I am endeavoring to obtain from Washington further details upon the subject.

Brazil.—Copies of these values of the Hermes Official stamps with the overprint "Servicio Aereo" and new value the original denomination being obliterated by a diamond shaped device sideways: 50 on 10rs black and grey, 200 on 2,000rs black and red-brown, 300 on 500rs black and yellow, 500 on 50rs black and grey, 1,000 on 20rs black and olive, and 2,000 on 100rs black and red. Mr. Roberts understands that the following denominations are also to be similarly overprinted: 2,000 on 200rs, 2,000 on 10,000rs, 5,000 on 20,000rs, 5,000 on 100,000rs, 10,000 on 500,000rs, and 10,000 on 1,000,000rs.

Gwalior.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 3 pies Service stamp on multiple watermarked paper.

Hungary.—We find in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* an illustration of a modified form of the Crosses watermark long familiar in this country. Apparently the Crosses will now be in Multiple fashion, upright and sideways alternately. The 1 to 25f values are about to appear thus, followed shortly by the Postage Due labels.—*Stamp Collecting.*

New Hebrides. — Mr. L. Meister, Holyoke, Colo., would like to know if other importers of its stamps have trouble in getting them, and if it be true that the English series can be purchased with French money.

Newfoundland. — In a recent letter from Mr. Frank F. Wills he advises that the new issue of stamps is very poorly centered and it will not be possible to secure any better copies until the single values come on sale. At present they are sold in complete sets only at the Post Offices. Mr. Wills further advises that the following stamps are still on hand and on sale: 24c and 60c, Cabot issue; 36c Caribou; 1923 pictorial, all values excepting the 9c and 24c.

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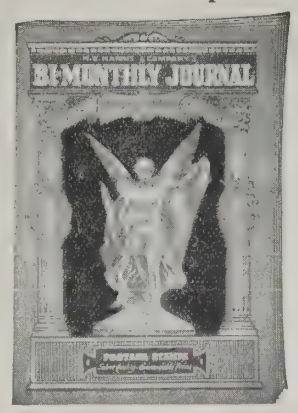

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Portugal and Colonies. — The *Daily Telegraph* of January 10th (kindly sent by Mr. A. T. Newham) contained the following from Lisbon:—

The Administrator-General of the Postal Services has determined to place on sale for sixty days postage stamps which have been withdrawn from use of the following series:—India Centenary (Portugal and Azores); D. Manuel (Portugal and Azores), Ceres type; Casa de Moeda (Mint). After the period of sixty days 30,000,000 stamps are to be burnt, being approximately half of the existing stock, and the remaining stamps of various series and of more than eighty varieties will be surcharged 3, 4, 5, and 6 centavos, and put into circulation.—REUTER.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Seychelles. — 4c will shortly change its colour; it will be printed on white paper, but the new colour is not yet announced.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

South West Africa. — Mr. A. Lichtenstein writes to the *South African Philatelist* that there are persistent rumors that the "S.W.A." overprint is not going to last for long, while the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Windhock, informs Mr. H. Mallet-Veale that the question of overprinting the ½p, 1p and 6p postage stamps is receiving the attention of the Administration, and if at all possible a different setting of the type will be arranged. The Director of Posts confirms the statement that no more 5p postage due stamps will be overprinted. This value with the English and Afrikaans overprint is proving very elusive and that it will become a rarity is a foregone conclusion.

Syria (Lebanon). — "There is a rumour that the present Provisional Republic of Lebanon stamps are to be replaced by a permanent issue in about two months' time [from December 17.]." —N. R. S. Joly, Beyrout.—*Stamp Collecting.*

WAYNE STAMP SOCIETY'S SOCIAL

By HERMAN W. BOERS.

The Wayne Stamp Society of Detroit, held its first social in their new rooms in the St. Clair Recreation Center Building on Thursday evening, Feb. 9. It was a get-together where all members could meet and talk over matters, philatelic and otherwise.

Sixty members were present and a lunch was the order of the evening. Pres. A. C. Butzen presided, and remarks were made by Clyde Jackson, Fred Clark, Henry Fritz, and also Messrs. Meyers, Sommerhoff, Kellar, Koslowski, Jungwirth, Carter, Babcock, Boers and Dunwoodie.

Charles Brisley, president of the Michigan Stamp Club, commented on the good fellowship that existed between the societies, and extended congratulations and well wishes.

A WORTHY SHUT-IN

Some months ago we called attention to the fact that Launcelot G. Reeves, 518 Summit Ave., Charlotte, N. C., was a shut-in deserving of consideration at the hands of some of our more fortunate subscribers. We are taking the liberty of quoting from a recent letter:—

"I shall be twenty-one years old March 22, and am still enjoying my stamps. I wish I could get some first day covers, as I am much interested in them. After all my operations I am really worse and am left an invalid. As far as I can see I shall have to spend the rest of my days in a rolling chair, and my stamps and my friends will indeed be friends to the shut-in."

Mr. Reeves has not asked us to make any public solicitation in his behalf, but we feel that many of our readers will be glad to help make his birthday a pleasant one. However, do not wait until March arrives, but act at once and send a lot of sunshine into the life of Mr. Reeves.

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2 Early Temperance cover, design showing the operation and effect of the Maine Prohibition Law, appropriately cancelled "Springwater, N. Y.," and very large "Paid 3," both in red. A rare cover in very fine condition ... —

4 Cover without stamps, used in May, 1851, cancelled "Sacramento City, Cal.," and large "40," both in red. Contains a complete pocket letter book designed and sold by Jas. W. Gregory of Georgia, U. S. and Calif. Express. Fine and very rare ..... —

8 1847, 5c (28) tied with square red grid and used with Blood's Local 1c (6260), fine and rare cover —

9 —10c (29) pair with Nos. 79 and 80 R., latter clipt at right, red grid canc., quite fine 225.00

11 1851, 1c (32d) tied with blue town on cover which had previously been used with 3c (33) and turned, 3c stamp is creased, but tied with black town, very scarce ..... —

18 — 3c (33) very fine vertical pair with black town canc. 3.50

20 — 3c (33) nice copy with blue town canc., good example of medallion shift (24L2) ..... —

23 — 3c (33) fine copy (69R4) with 1857 year date, showing parts of three other stamps and the only extra frame line on plate 4, very scarce ..... —

25 — 3c (33) fine pair from plate 6 with extra line between, tied with black town ..... —

28 — 3c (33) fine example of recut button, tied with black town..(15.00)

37 — 3c (33) tied with "Fort Snelling" canc., a nice territorial, stamp and cover fine ..... —

39 — 3c (33) used on cover from which another copy is missing, cover turned and used again with two copies 3c (44) which are pen canc., but quite fine and very scarce ..... —

40 — 5c (34) clipt at left, but tied with "New Orleans" on cover to France, bright and clean ..125.00

45 — 12c (36) blue town canc., very fine 17.50

49 1857, 3c (44) cut at right where letter was opened but tied with "Leavenworth City, Kan.," canc. Cover also has oval "Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Co." canc. of "Denver City, K. T.," (Needham & Berthold type B) dated "July 24," fine and rare ..... —

54 — 5c (48) type II orange brown, red grid canc., 1 perf. pulled at top, otherwise very fine 60.00

56 — 10c (50) type V canc. red "PAID" in circle, very fine ...(4.00)

58 — 10c (50) type V, two copies tied with "New Orleans" and 1859 yr. date, cover to Vera Cruz, fine 6.00

60 — 12c (51) centered right and bottom, canc. red "PAID" in circle, fine 12.50

63 — 30c (53) tied on cover to Germany, perfs. just touch top, but a fine and scarce cover 100.00

64 *— 90c (54) 2 perfs. barely close at top, unusually well centered, traces of gum, very fine 40.00

65 — 90c (54) centered to right, red grid canc., fine 150.00

66 1861, Patriotic envelope, Flag with "1776" in starred field and verse of Star-Spangled Banner between. Instead of stamp, the cover has label reading "Money Package by the American Express Co. from Pontiac, Mich.," in black on orange red glazed, very fine and scarce ..... —

72 — 3c (65) tied with blue "Chattanooga, Tenn.," and date in two lines, fine and scarce ..... —

73 — 3c (65) tied with blue "Chattanooga, Tenn.," and date in two lines enclosed in frame, fine and rare ..... —

74 — 3c (65) pen canc. on Patriotic, State of New Jersey and state seal in pink, scarce and very fine —

77 5c (67) used with and overlapping 30c (71) on entire to Germany. Both tied, fine and rare 85.00

80 — 10c (68) tied with circular "New York Steamship," v. fine 5.00

85 — 90c (72) not quite centered but has the cancellation "A91" of British naval station in Virgin Islands, a very rare use ..... —

89 1862-7, 5c (75) red brown, used with 10c (68) on entire to France, nice combination, both tied ... 15.50

103 *1869, 3c (114) perfs. barely touch left, mint block of four, full o. g., fine 10.00

111 — 15c (119) used with 30c (71) on registered cover from Mokomis, Ill., to Alfred, Me., fine and rare 30.00

115 — 90c (122) beautifully centered copy on piece which shows New York canc. and red foreign transit marks, one of which just touches corner of stamp, bright color and really superb 45.00

116 *— 90c (132) reissue, o. g., centered, very fine 40.00

118 *1870-71, 7c (149) o. g., fine 12.00

123 — 24c (153) red geometric canc., very fine 10.00

125 *1873, 2c (157) mint block of four, three perfs. pulled but o. g. and a rare block 22.50

126 — 3c (158) block of four on vertically ribbed paper, on large cover, not quite centered, but fine and rare ..... —

128 — 3c (158) used with 7c (160) from New Orleans to France, fine and rare cover 20.00

132 *1875, 2c (178) mint block of four, very fine, o. g. 22.50

134 *1879, 5c (185) mint block of four with imprint at bottom, perf. touch left, but o. g. and rare .. 35.00

138 *1882, 5c (205) yellow brown, mint block of four, centered a bit to top, but fine and rare 12.50

139 *— 5c (205b) gray brown, block of four, centered a bit to right, but o. g. and fine 12.50

140 *1887, 3c (213) block of four, o. g., superb 6.00

143 *1888, 30c (217) block of four, o. g., very fine 17.50

145 *1890, 30c (228) block of four, o. g., very fine 15.00

146 *1895, 2c (266-7) type II and III, in mint block of four, fine .... —

164 *Departments, Navy, 1c (1534) block of eight, surcharged "Specimen," rare and very fine ..... —

170 — War, 12c (1632) Kicking Mule canc., fine ..... —

171 *1849-50, Boston, 1c (1813) very good copy 45.00

173 *1895, Newspaper, 1c to 100.00 (2087-93, 2098a-98e) set as sold by Government, each in strip of three with imprint, plate number and arrow at top or bottom, o. g., fine and rare ..24.60+

176 1861, 12c (2338) on buff, unused, very fine 6.00

177 — 20c (2339) on buff, unused, very fine 6.00

178 1880-2, 5c (2426, 2451) on white and amber (2) each with a different Mexican Wells Fargo frank, unused, fine ..... —

180 1887, 90c purple entire envelopes on 5 different papers (2553, 60, 66, 72, 78) all unused, very fine 15.00

186 *Confederates, 2c (207) mint block of four with sheet margin at bottom, 2 stamps show double transfer, very fine ..... —

193 *Aitutaki, 3d (25) superb mint block of four with mixed perfs., rare ..... —

195 Antigua 1873-9, 2½d (9) used, fine and scarce 10.00

199 *— 1911-12, 2sh (39) very fine, o. g. 10.00

202 *— 1921-2, £1 (56) superb, o. g. .. 9.00

212 Baden 1851, 1kr (1) small margins, canc. "84" 15.00

215 *Bahamas 1884-90, £1 (31) fine, o. g. 12.00

219 * 1912-18, £1 (56) centered bit left, full o. g. 13.50

221 *— 1916, 5d (101) Special Delivery, mint block of four, superb 20.00

223 *Barbados 1882-5, 5sh (68) o. g., very fine 9.00

227 *— 1904-5, 2sh 6d (99) fine, o. g. .. 7.50

231 *— 1912, 2sh (125) superb, o. g. .. 10.00

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245 *— 1917, £1 (52) mint, very fine .. 9.00

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252 *Br. East Africa 1896, 4r, 5r (85-6) fine, o. g. 11.00

259 *Br. Guiana 1913-15, 96c (188) white back, mint, fine 6.00

263 *Br. Honduras 1913-17, $5 (84) mint, very fine 15.00

266 *Br. Solomon Islands 1908-11, 5sh (18) o. g., very fine 7.50

272 Canada 1852, 3d (4a) four margins, fine 5.00

287 *— 1897, $4 (64) o. g., very fine .. 10.00

288 *— — $5 (65) very fine, o. g. 12.00

294 Cape of Good Hope 1882-3, ½d (39) used pair, very fine and rare 70.00

302 *Cayman Islands 1914-15, 5sh (47) mint, fine 10.00

303 *— 1914-15, 10sh (48) fine, o. g. .. 9.00

304 *— 1921-2, 5sh (62) o. g., fine 7.50

305 *— — 10sh (63) centered bit to bottom, fine, o. g. 17.50

307 *Ceylon 1882, 16c (83) fine, o. g. .. 7.50

309 *— 1885-7, 1r 12c (127) fine, o. g. .. 7.00

310 *— 1898-9, 2r 50c (151) 1r 50c (153) fine, o. g. 10.00

311 *— 1899, 2r 25c (154) very fine, o. g. 10.00

312 *— 1900, 1r 50c, 2r 25c (162-3) o. g., fine 9.00

313 *— 1904-5, 75c to 2r 25c (187-9) fine mint 6.75

315 *— 1910, 5r (197) mint, very fine.. 10.00

323 *Columbia 1909, 10p (808) fine, o. g. 17.50

327 *Cook Islands 1916, 2d (42) mint block with rough perf., fine and rare ..... —

330 *— 1919, 3d (54) block of 4, o. g., with mixed perfs., fine, rare .. —

335 Cyprus 1912-14, 45pi (71) used, fine 5.00

337 *— 1922-3, 10sh (87) mint, very fine 45.00

338 — 1923, 18pi (91) used, fine 10.00

339 — — 45pi (92) fine used, lists unused 45.00

346 *Dominica 1903, 5sh (34) fine, o. g. 15.00

350 *— 1923, 3sh (81) o. g., fine 7.50

351 *— — 5sh (82) mint, fine 8.00

352 *— — £1 (83) mint, very fine 9.00

355 Falkland Islands 1912-14, 5sh (37) used, very fine 10.00

357 Finland 1856, 10k (2) close at left, but "VIBORG" canc. falls on stamp, rare 25.00

360 *Gambia 1898, 3d to 1sh (24-27) fine, o. g. 11.25

364 *— 1902-5, 2sh 6d, 3sh (38-9) o. g., fine 10.00

365 *— 1904-6, ½d to 5d (40-6) mint, fine 11.25

366 *— — 6d to 10d (47-49) fine, mint 10.50

369 *— 1909, 2sh-3sh (67-9), fine, o. g. 14.50

372 Germany, N. P. D. 1868, ¼gr (1) pair and 2 singles used on entire as block of four and tied with blue town, very fine ..... —

378 *Gibraltar 1904-8, £1 (57) o. g., very fine 60.00

379 *— 1924, 4sh (85) very fine, o. g. 20.00

380 *— — 8sh (86) very fine, o. g. 50.00

381 *Gilbert & Ellice 1911, ½d to 1sh, (1-7), fine, o. g. 16.75

383 *Gold Coast 1889, 10sh (23), fine o. g. 12.00

384 *— 1894, 20sh (25) o. g., fine 12.00

388 — 1902, 10sh (47) used, fine 7.00

390 — 1913-16, 1sh to 20sh (75-80) postally used, fine 15.15

392 Great Britain 1840, 1d (2) (1-L) black canc., fine 2.00

393 — 1840, 2d (3) (H-I) red canc., fine 5.00

394 — — 2d (3) pair (T-J, T-K) black canc., fine 10.00

402 *— 1867-8, 3d (49) plate 4, o. g., fine 12.00

403 *— 1867, 2sh (55) pl. 1, fine, o. g. 15.00

404 — 1870, ½d (57) all 15 plates, 5 are pairs and 1 strip of 3, a very fine and scarce lot 4.15

407 *— 1901-2, ½d (127) booklet pane of 5 stamps and St. Andrews cross, fine ..... —

408 *— — 10sh (141) fine, o. g. 7.00

414 *— 1902, 6d (439) Gov. Parcel, mint block, fine, rare 8.00

415 *— 1901-2, ½d (453, 456) O. W., mint, fine 10.00

416 *— 1902, ½d (485) R. H., mint, fine 11.00

424 Grenada 1913, 10sh (88) used, very fine 10.00

427 Hong Kong 1912-14, $2 (112) fine, used, block of four 6.00

428 — 1912-14, $10 (115) used, fine .. 7.00

433 *Ireland 1922, ½d to 10d (1-11) fine, o. g. 9.60

434 *— 1922, 2sh 6d (12) fine, o. g. ... 6.00

435 *— — 5sh (13) fine, o. g. 12.00

436 *— — 10sh (14) fine, o. g. 22.50

437 *— — ½d to 1sh (15-27) o. g., fine 15.02

438 *— 1922-3, ½d to 1sh (29-41) fine, o. g. 6.38

439 *— — 2sh 6d to 10sh (42-44) fine, o. g. 8.75

446 *Jamaica 1919-21, 10sh (87) o. g., very fine 15.00

455 *Leeward Islands 1897, ½d to 4d (9-12) fine, o. g. 8.50

457 *— 1897, 7d (14) o. g., fine 6.00

459 *— 1902, ½d to 5sh (20-8) 1d is used, all fine 12.99

462 *— 1912, 5sh (58) white back, o. g., fine 7.00

465 *Malta 1899, 10sh (18) centered left, o. g., fine 15.00

471 *— 1919, 2sh 6d (64) fine, o. g., scarce 20.00

474 *— 1921, 5sh (84) o. g., very fine.. 12.50

476 *— — 10sh (96) mint, fine and scarce 20.00

482 Mexico, 1884-6, 9 entire unused envelopes, including 2 compound, each with different Wells Fargo frank, fine, scarce lot .. —

485 Montserrat 1903, 5sh (21) used, superb 13.50

494 Natal 1902, £1 10sh (97) postal canc., very fine 10.00

495 — 1902, 10sh (95) postal canc. very fine ..... —

498 Netherlands 1852, 5c (1) pai showing recut frame, on cover very fine ..... —

503 Newfoundland 1866, 5c (25) perfs just touch top, fine ..... —

505 — 1868, 5c (33) centered a bit t right but very fine ..... —

510 *— 1911, 6c-9c (98-100) o. g., fine. —

511 *— — 10c to 15c (101-3) o. g., fin —

514 *New Hebrides 1908, ½d to 1sh (2-5, 7-16) o. g., fine ..... —

516 *— 1920, 1d and 2d (26-30) all o g., fine ..... —

517 New South Wales 1850, 2d (3 with sheet margin at bottom fine ..... —

523 *New Zealand 1915, ½d (146) min block on pictorial paper, stamps showing no watermark fine and rare ..... —

525 *— 1915, 2d, 2½d, 3d (147-9) fin mint blocks showing the rar mixed perfs. ..... —

526 *— — 4d, 4½d, 6d (150-2) min blocks showing the rare mixe perfs. ..... —

527 *— — 9d, 1sh (154-5) mint block with the rare mixed perfs. ... —

528 *— 1916, 2d, 4d (156-7) mint block with the rare mixed perfs. ... —

530 *— 1921, 8d (172) fine mint bloc

531 *— — 8d (172) mint block show ing the rare mixed perfs. .... —

537 *Niue 1917, 3d (20) fine, o. g. .... —

540 *— 1917, 3d (20) mint block o four with the rare mixed perfs Reserve of $35.00 on this lo Gibbons lists as singles .... —

543 *— — 3d (27) mint block of fou with scarce mixed perfs. .... —

550 *Northern Nigeria 1900, 2sh 6d (8 fine, o. g. ..... —

552 — 1902, 10sh (18) fine, used .... —

570 *Philippines 1906, 2c to 26c (241 249) in strips of 5 and 30c (250 in strips of 4, all with imprin and plate number at botton o. g. and very fine ..... —

571 *Portugal 1853, 5r (1) no gum big margins, fine ..... —

572 — 1853, 5r (1) used, superb .... —

574 — — 50r (3) used, fine ..... —

575 — — 100r (4) fine and rare .... —

576 — 1855, 5r (5) used, superb .... —

582 — 1862, 25r (14) two copies, use on entire with 100r (16), a very fine ..... —

595 — 1870, 120r (41) used block c four, very fine and rare ..... —

596 — 1875, 300r (45) used block c four, very fine ..... —

603 — 1895, 300r (136) very fine, use

604 — — 500r (137) used, very fine .

605 — — 1000r (138) used, superb .

611 Rhodesia 1909, ½d to £1 (83-9 95-100) fine lot ..... —

624 *St. Helena 1922, 15sh (89) fin o. g., never hinged ..... —

638 *St. Vincent 1883, 6d (49) o. g., fin

649 *Samoa 1916, 3d (128) mint bloc of 4 with the rare mixed perf

652 Saxony 1851, 2ng (6) pale blue o entire, fine ..... —

655 Seychelles 1912, 2r 25c (73) use block of four, very fine ..... —

660 *Sierra Leone 1876, 6d (17) wid margin at left, o. g. ..... —

666 *Somaliland 1912, ½a to 2r (51-61 o. g., fine ..... —

670 *So. Australia 1860, 6d (20) dul blue, o. g., fine ..... —

678 *South West Africa 1923, 5sh (20a fine, o. g. pair ..... —

679 *— 1923, 10sh (22a) fine, o. g. pai

680 *— — £1 (24a) fine, o. g. pair, rar

682 *— — 2sh 6d (50a) o. g. pair, fin

683 *— — 5sh (51-2) fine pair, o. g. .

686 *Stellaland 1884, 3d (2) block of o. g., fine ..... —

687 *— 1884, 4d (3) block of 4, o. g fine ..... —

688 *— — 6d (4) block of 4, o. g., fin

689 *— — 1sh (5) block of 4, o. g., fin

694 Straits Settlements, Johore 190 $100 (73b) very fine, used ....

695 — Kedah 1919, 50c, $1 (15, 16 used, very fine, list unused ..

699 Surinam 1889, 25c, 25c, 50c (3 40, 41) used together on regis tered letter to Berlin, very fine

723 *Turks & Caicos 1923, 2sh (54 fine, o. g. ..... —

728 Victoria 1854, 1sh (401) Regis tered on part cover, fine .....

740 Wurtemberg 1861, 6kr (27) o entire, very fine ..... —

741 — 1862, 6kr (32) on entire, fine .

742 — 1863, 6kr (37) on entire, fine.

750 *Zanzibar 1896, 2½a (31a) fine, o.

756 *— 1899, 5r (76) fine, o. g. .....

760 — 1908, 5r (112) used, very fine.

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"LINDBERGH" inscribed on the wings. The letters (registered) were backstamped at Port au Prince (6—FEV—28), and on arrival in Pittsburgh (Feb. 15, 1928).

Lindbergh Carries Mail to Habana

On Wednesday, February 8th, at 6.30 a. m., Col. Lindbergh took off for Habana (720 miles), the last leg of his Goodwill Flight before returning to the United States. To the New York *Times*, he writes, while in the air between Port au Prince and Habana:—

"I am carrying with me three sacks of mail for Habana, the first air mail ever carried in the 'Spirit of St. Louis.' One of these came from Santo Domingo, and although it remained in the plane for two days while I was in Port au Prince, it will still arrive in Habana days ahead of time. This is an indication of the possibility for air lines south of the United States."

A small mail was accepted from L'Administration Generale des Postes d'Haiti, which he handed over to the Cuban authorities on landing at the Camp Columbia flying field, just outside of Habana, at 4 o'clock that afternoon. Letters in this mail were delivered in Pittsburgh, Monday morning, February 13th, having been dispatched by air from Habana to Key West on the 9th, and thence by rail.

The stamps used were the 25c de gourde, Commerce type, blue (August, 1927, reprinting), and the 35c, de g. Cafe, green (issued February 6, 1928), making up the 60c de gourde air rate to Cuba. To these was applied the ordinary "Port au Prince, Haiti" cancellation, "7—FEV—28," in black, and the special "LINDBERGH" cancellation, in red, described above. The cover which is endorsed "Par avion Spirit of St. Louis via Cuba," also received in red, the AVION marking, introduced on September 13, 1927 (two concentric circles, 33 and 28mm, with a wavy line between, and enclosing an outline plane, and the word AVION).

At Habana, Cuba, the covers were machine cancelled on the back "Habana, Cuba, 1928" within a single lined circle. 21mm, with date in the center in two lines "FEB 8—4—PM," and to the right the new "flying flag" slogan (58x18mm) with the representation of a biplane in the left portion, and in the right, in three lines, "Utilizando el—Servicio Aereo—Economiza Tiemp" (i.e. Use the air service; it saves time). The "4 PM" marking was doubtless applied to commemorate the hour of Col. Lindbergh's landing, as another identical electric machine cancellation appears on the back of the ten covers I received, with the date and hour "FEB 9— 11—AM."

Slogan Cancellation

In the early part of 1927 two slogan rubber stamps were used by the Port au Prince Post Office, calling attention to its principal product, coffee. One measures 92mm "Le Cafe d'Haiti est le meilleur" (all caps, but smaller in the last three words, and the other, in two lines. 62 and 84mm, respectively) "Le Cafe d'Haiti est le meilleur—Haytian coffee is the best in the world."

25c Commerce reprinting, 1927

The reprinting of the 25c Commerce type (200,000) was issued in August, 1927, and differs somewhat from the original printing. The blue is deeper and brighter, the paper is whiter, and the gum white, as opposed to the dull blue of the original printing (issued April 19, 1920), with brown gum.

Mole San Nicolas Air Service

Mole San Nicolas at the extreme northwest end of Haiti will be the next to receive air service from Port au Prince. When Columbus reached Cape Maisi at the eastern end of Cuba, he sighted a mountainous country to the southeast, and on the following day, December 6, 1492, he reached this island, and the first port he entered (on San Nicolas Day), he called Mole San Nicolas. The island originally called Haiti, he renamed La Espanola, but it soon became Latinised to Hispaniola. Mole San Nicolas is a natural harbor with deep water, and commands the Windward passage (50 miles wide between Mole San Nicolas, Haiti, and Cape Maisi, Cuba) from the east, just as does Guantanamo Bay, at the eastern end of Cuga, command it from the west. President Harrison under the influence of Secretary of State Blaine, sought in 1891 to secure control of this port from President Florville Hyppolite (Oct. 9, 1889, to March 24, 1896) for use as a naval base, but was unsuccessful.

Sea Post Cancellations

Haitian stamps are quite frequently found with the Duplex marking of the Panama Railroad steamers "Ancon" and "Cristobal," which call at Port au Prince to and from Cristobal. The cancellation, applied in black, consists of a single lined circle, 30mm, "N. Y. & Canal Zone R.P.O." with four lines in the center, "SEP—20—1925—North (or South.") At the right is a vertical ellipse of three graduated bars above and below a numeral—"1" used by the s.s. "Cristobal" and "2" by the s.s. "Ancon"—within a hollow circle. Letters posted on board the steamers are additionally handstamped in black "Paquebot."

The steamers of the Royal Netherlands West Indian Mail also call at Port au Prince (and the cargo steamers at other ports, in addition), and letters are often handed to the pursers after the mail has closed at the General Post Office. A letter posted on board the s.s. "Oranje Nassau," and bearing a 10c La Ferriere stamp, was rubber stamped in violet, in one line "S.S. Oranje Nassau,' (49mm long). On arrival in New York harbor, it received also the mail boat cancellation "New York, N. Y., Paquebot" (within a single line circle 26mm) with the date in the center in 2 lines, "SEP—p," and a vertical ellipse at the right, formed of graduated bars with a hollow circle in the center. The year (1927) is positioned between the postmarking circle, and the ellipse, at the bottom.

A more pretentious marking used by the s.s. "Nickerie" of the same line is a horizontal rectangle measuring 47x28mm, with three lines of lettering, "K.N.N.M. —S.S. Nickerie—6—Mei 1927," applied in violet to a pair of the ½d King George, green, Bahamas, on a letter posted when the "Nickerie" called at Mathew Town, Inagua, in the Bahamas. The usual "Paquebot" cancellation was not applied by the mail tender in New York harbor.

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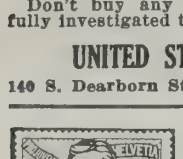

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

MY TRIP TO AMERICA

By A. J. SEFI.

As my readers will remember, the Editorial in the December issue was written on the Cunard R.M.S. "Mauretania" *en route* for New York. I was able to stay in America this time about three weeks, and had hoped to find space in this issue to describe my trip at some length, but, though this is a twenty-four page issue, I have barely enough space for half the articles that I should have liked to publish. In the circumstances, therefore, I must content myself in saying that I had a most delightful stay, and that my warmest thanks are due to all my American friends for the hospitable and courteous way that they received me.

I found stamp collecting in America in a most healthy condition. My dealer friends, Mr. C. J. Phillips, Mr. Edward Stern, Mr. Klemann, Mr. Clark (of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company), and many others all reported good trade, and from all of them I was able to make substantial purchases. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, as usual, were kindness personified, and did much to make my stay agreeable, and I have to thank them both for many enjoyable evenings. C.J.P. has an unrivalled knowledge of stamps, and of the stamp world, and it is always a most refreshing experience to spend a few days in his company; he has done much to stimulate serious collecting in America, and must be a tower of strength to the Collectors' Club.

During my short visit I was able to attend one of the Meetings of this Club, of which I have been a member for many years. Well housed, exceedingly well organised and possessing one of the finest philatelic libraries in existence, the Collectors' Club forms a splendid centre of Philatelic activity, and the Council and Members are to be congratulated upon the results they have achieved. The Club is fortunate in having such officials as Dr. Chittenden, Mr. Steinway, Mr. Lindquist and Mr. Konwiser.

During my short visit I was able to see many fine collections, and I was particularly fortunate in seeing much of Mr. Arthur Hind's magnificent collection. I was very impressed with the progress he has made in his mounting-up since last I was in America.

Owing to lack of time I was unable to visit many other cities besides New York, but I was able to spend a day with Major T. Charlton Henry, of Philadelphia, whose magnificent collection of West Indians is now so well known to British Philatelists.—*Phil. Jour. of Gt. Britain.*

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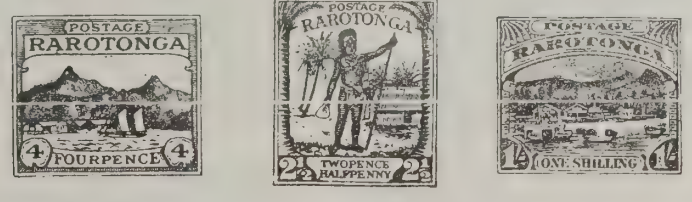

NEW STAMPS FROM THE SOUTH SEAS

By A. L. CHAPPELL.

Two attractive additions have lately been made to the series of pictorial stamps that was first issued seven years ago for New Zealand's dependencies in the South Seas. One of them is of special interest because the principal part of the design is associated with the work of George Baxter, the famous inventor of oil-colour printing, whose prints are sought after so much by print-collectors.

New 2½d and 4d Pictorials

When the line-engraved pictorial stamps for Rarotonga, Niue, Aitutaki, and Penrhyn Island were introduced in 1920, each of those islands had a 2½d value, overprinted on the 2½d stamp of New Zealand, but a stamp of that denomination was not included in the new set—perhaps because there was a prospect, then, of an increase in the postal rate on letters for foreign countries. So the overprinted 2½d stamp has been used concurrently with the pictorials. Rarotonga, but not the other islands named, had a 4d denomination, overprinted on the New Zealand stamp of that value. As the other islands did not need a 4d stamp, that value was not included in the pictorial set, the designs of which were common to all four islands. Now Rarotonga, Niue, Aitutaki, and Penrhyn Island are to have a pictorial 2½d stamp, the same design being used for all, and Rarotonga and Niue are to have a 4d stamp, the design of which is the same for both. Of course, the name-labels differ.

An Island that was Missed

The design of the 2½d label, which is illustrated here, is very appropriate to Rarotonga, for it is in one way a link with the first European discoverer of the island. Rarotonga is not the largest island in the Cook Group, but it is the most fertile and the most beautiful; indeed, it is one of the most picturesque in the South Seas. It lies southwest of the centre of the group, but it is the seat of administration. Now, Captain James Cook had discovered most of the islands in the group that now bears his name, but he had not found Rarotonga. Nearly half a century later, John Williams, a great missionary, who later was martyred at Erromanga, in the New Hebrides, learned from natives of the Society Islands that far away to the southwest there was an island called Rarotonga. In his missionary pioneering, Williams searched for the island, and found it. That was in 1822. Fifteen years later, Williams's book, "A Narrative of Missionary Enterprises in the South Sea Islands," was published. The earlier editions of the book had as frontispiece a full-length portrait of Te Po, a chief of Rarotonga, printed in oil colours by George Baxter, from a painting by J. Williams, junior. This portrait of Te Po has been reproduced on the 2½d stamp that has now been issued, but, of course, it is not in the colours of the original. The background has been changed for the stamp. In the reduction of the portrait there has been an inevitable loss of likeness in the features, but no one who has seen the stamp and the frontispiece to Williams's book can mistake the figure.

A Typical South Sea Picture

Te Po is depicted in the ancient costume, clothed very lightly, but with his body and limbs tattooed. His head-dress is made of feathers of the *kukupa* (fooddove) and the *tavake* (bosun bird). These tall head-dresses—sometimes a fathom high—of scarlet and black feathers, with frontlets of berries of the brightest red, were highly prized in old Rarotonga. A long spear grasped by the chief's left hand denotes his readiness for war, but the palm fan in his right hand is a sign of peace, as well as an indication of his chiefly rank. In the original picture the spear was shown to have half a dozen rather unpleasant barbs on each side below the point, but in adapting the portrait for the stamp the head of the spear has been cut off so that it shall not run up too high in the design.

The scenic background for the portrait has been changed. Instead of a glimpse of sea and shore, with a native canoe and a mission schooner in harbour, we have in the stamp a native hut and some palms, with the trunks of two palm trees forming the sides of the frame of the design. The hut is of the old reed-built type—long and low, and floored with dried grass, and, as an early missionary has borne witness, comparatively comfortable when new and clean.

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It is interesting to notice that another portrait of this chief appears in the Rev. W. Wyatt Gill's "From Darkness to Light in Polynesia," but, although in this the chief holds his spear in his right hand and the fan in his left, it obviously is adapted from the picture in Williams's book. Gill, whose writings are still our principal authority on the natives of the Cook Islands, among whom he worked for many years, describes the chief as "Tepou, a Rarotongan chief, once an idolator and cannibal, but afterwards one of the earliest converts to Christianity."

Perhaps it should be explained, before we leave the subject of the 2½d stamp, that John Williams was the first European to record the discovery of Rarotonga, and so to all intents and purposes he was its discoverer. But Williams found that a ship had called at the island about two years before his own arrival there. The excesses committed by the captain of that vessel probably were the reason why he did not record his discovery.

Rarotonga has two or three boat-harbours, of sorts, but only one, that at Avarua, the principal settlement, is considered to be at all safe. Large boats, though, cannot enter. The entrances are simply a couple of gaps in the fringing coral reef. A view of part of this harbour is given on the 1s stamp of the pictorial series of 1920. Now, on the new 4d stamp, we have a view from another angle, with Mount Rarotonga thrusting up its peak in the background. The design gives some idea of the rugged grandeur of the island scenery. A belt of rich alluvial soil, varying from one mile to three miles in width, runs round the island, between the mountains and the sea.

The new stamps are recess-printed in Wellington, from plates made by Perkins, Bacon & Co., London, and the colours differ for the various islands for which they are intended. Each is in two colours. The paper is watermarked with the N.Z. and Star of New Zealand.

The overprinted 2½d and 4d stamps will be withdrawn from issue on March 31st next—the end of the financial year—unless, of course, the stocks are absorbed in the meantime. The new stamps, which are already on issue, are being sold in the four chief centres of New Zealand, as well as in the islands for which they are to be used.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

THE BACH ADVT. OF COVERS

No one can read this issue without seeing the Bach advertisement. Give it a careful reading. The covers described represent a good-will flight that will live in air mail records.

THE MONACO COMMEMORATIVES

[Translated by C. A. Howes from the *Monthly Bulletin* issued by Theodore Champion.]

As we have previously announced to our readers, there will be issued on the occasion of the Philatelic Exhibition at Monaco, and under the authority of His Serene Highness, Prince Louis II, a superb series of three commemorative stamps:

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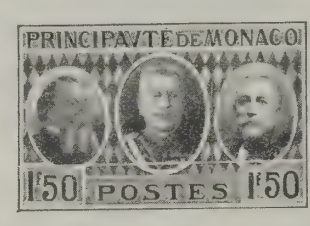

These stamps present the portraits of the last three reigning Princes of Monaco, Their Serene Highnesses, Charles III, Albert I, and Louis II. They are engraved by the well known artist, Henry Chaffer, and printed in line engraving at the French stamp manufactory on the Boulevard Brune in Paris. The series will certainly be one of the most beautiful that has been issued. The printing has been fixed at 150,000 series (6,000 sheets of 25 stamps of each value).

In order to be able to satisfy all demands, the Exhibition Committee has decided to accept, until June 10th, the subscriptions of those desiring at least 25 series, at the same time reserving the right to reduce the quantity ordered if deemed excessive. The subscriptions must be reduced to a point, as a matter of fact, where enough series will be reserved to satisfy the demands of visitors to the Exhibition.

In case a certain number of series should remain unsold at the close of the Exhibition, a special commission will be appointed to destroy them, and an official report of the destruction will be drawn up by them. No series will be sold either through correspondence or outside the location of the Exhibition. Entry alone to the Exhibition, fixed at 5 francs, will give right to a ticket, which will permit the purchase of a series at its face value. Each series therefore will cost 10 francs.

LINDBERGH FLIGHT

We are indebted to various subscribers for specimens of the Lindbergh St. Louis-Chicago airmail flight. Up to the time of going to press specimens have been received from Albert W. Dr A. E. Gorham, Bradie Buchanan ar M. Chamberlin.

Of seven covers at hand, one be St. Louis postmark, one a Peoria, Springfield, and three Chicago. Th Louis marking is 3.30 P. M., the Sp field 4 P. M., and the Peoria 5.30 P The three Chicago covers bear the n ing Feb. 21, 4 A. M.

It is interesting to note the v colorings of the large horseshoe us a special marking. The St. Louis black, the Springfield, red and blue Peoria, green, and the Chicago, b One envelope shows a border of Ar can flags, and is decorated with pictures of Washington and Lindb On other covers Lindbergh is picture blue and red, and some of the co show a picture of the Spirit of St. L with Lindbergh standing near. The ria post-office very obligingly placed of the large horseshoes on the envelo

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

No greater contribution to philatelic knowledge has been made at any time than Dr. Carroll Chase's monumental work on the United States' 3c stamps of the issues of 1851-1857. It ran, in its original form, for nearly three years in the "American Philatelist". Illustrated by hundreds of half tones, it pictured and described all of the outstanding varieties of these interesting stamps. With its help any stamp student can easily learn how to identify the various extra and missing line positions from the last three rows of Plate III; can learn to understand the unusual varieties of recutting in frame lines, triangles, etc.; learn to recognize at a glance the rare plate cracks, flaws, scratches. All of the important shifts are illustrated and described, as well as many sought for varieties now known only to specialists in these stamps.

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2	3c 1861	Gouverneur, New York	"	R. H. Eilers
3	2c Justice	?	"	Dr. Carroll Chase
4	1c 1869	?	"	F. L. White
5	3c 1873	Chicago, Illinois	Blue	H. McLellan
6	PC Blk Lib.	Whitestown, N. Y.	Purple	H. P. A.
7	3c 1869	?	Black	D. H. Stafford
8	2c 1883	Putnam, Conn.	"	R. L. Hustis
9	3c Amer.	?	Blue	H. P. A.
10	3c 1857	?	Black	E. S. Knapp

Among the above are many that one rarely finds. First is the bull dog with collar on. This has been shown to me by Mr. Glaze also. It appears on a 3c 1861 cover addressed to Bridgeport, Conn., and the dog is struck on the back of the cover, which leads me to believe that it was used by this town, rather than the town it was mailed from, as that town had its own obliterator on the stamp. No. 2 was on several stamps. It is an odd cancellation, and my drawing is made from a composite of several, as no one cancel was as clean cut as the composite. Very often a small slip in the strike of an odd obliterator will make something entirely different from the true strike. No. 3 was handed to me as the picture of a little colored chap singing right out loud, and that is what it was probably intended to portray.

Oftentimes odd suggestions were portrayed in these obliterators. This is especially true in Waterbury, Conn., where many of the odd designs were merely caricatures on the events of the times, and not all of these were caricatures, some being quite true to the subjects.

No. 4 is a most peculiar portrait, it may be some person who was in the public eye at the moment, or more likely a portrait of someone in the P. O. from which it came. I do not recognize that face though as a man of public prominence. No. 5 is a very well cut pool table, and hit in blue, it stands out well on a cover. It is from Chicago. No. 6 is quite a novelty, a purple silhouette, and it is very striking purple. That town of Whitestown used many odd designs. No. 7 is one of the less familiar padlocks, of these padlocks there are several, and most of them fall on the 1869 issue.

No. 8 has caused plenty of discussion, and I think that it is recognized now as a Jewish design or tablet, the lettering meaning Jehovah. No. 9 is possibly from Concord, N. H., but of this I am not sure. No. 10 has never cropped up lately, so it remains quite a mystery.

Bisects, Good and Bad.—In studying Black Jacksons, very often a cover comes to your notice in an auction or otherwise, listed as "split-on a cover." Well, you want to see it, if it be in an auction, because you may not think it is genuine, and you don't care to buy if it is not a

(*Continued on page 167*)

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The president, B. L. Voorhees presided and introduced as toastmaster, the redoubtable Laird (To the comp.: Do not omit the "d") of Libertyville, Ill.; and as a consequence, the Scotch theme prevailed, the very air being close. The menu was a good one and the philatelic interpolations, timely, even to the cigars which were "penny blacks." After the platters were polished, Mr, MacGuffin with ready wit, introduced the speakers. Dr. Kraft began with a serious period and ended with an exclamation point. Paul Murray made a graceful little talk and told of the active philatelic conditions in his city, with emphasis on their affair of February 21st, when the beauty and chivalry of his city will celebrate at a dinner given by the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Club. Dr. Macnamara was within his rights in mentioning Springfield as the air mail capital of the country, with Postmaster Conkling as high chief; and then said that Mr. Bahr was to make the speech for his city. Mr. Bahr rose to the occasion and said that there were already 27 adult members in the society recently organized there; and that it was the intention soon to begin work on the boys. Mr. Staab, Milwaukee, referred to the presentation of the Uihlein collection to the Art Museum in his city and of the favorable influence that followed the generous action of the veteran collector, Wm. J. Uihlein. Dr. Hennan detailed the vicissitudes of the Dutch specialist, and Mr. T. C. E. Hunter, who had charge of the banquet and was deserving of credit for the manner in which he staged the dinner was compelled to arise to say that he had nothing to say.

Then came the Will Rogers of the evening, who dispensed humor so dry that it crackled; he was Mr. W. N. Emerson, who used his recent hunting trip down south as the s of a talk that brought down the l He certainly had the stands rocking we have paid to see them not ha good. Mr. Samuel Leland, No. 3, tioned some of the earlier membe the society and said that he liked new his acquaintance with membe least one a year, at the dinner. Filstrup recited some of the detai his recent court experience and it seen that he had vindicated a pri which was upheld by the judge wi recourse to a jury's aid. Mr. Du Milwaukee, made a telling contrib to the enjoyment of the dinner, and Mr. Severn told of the desirabili repeating occasions of this kind guests from neighboring cities. The ner was over a bit after ten, bu members were slow to depart, thus ing that time did not drag. Mr. Vo hee's administration scored heavil promoting the successful occa (*Note.* "M. T. Dome" of Milwa was missed, and so I was dragoon rattle around in his boots.)

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

After two days in Port au Prince, Haiti (where he arrived Monday afternoon, February 6th, from Santo Domingo City, D.R.), Col. Charles A. Lindbergh took off in "The Spirit of St. Louis," from the Bowen field, just outside of Port au Prince, at 6.30 a. m., Wednesday, the 8th, for Habana, the last leg of his Good-will Mission.

Following the coast to Mole San Nicolas, at the northwestern end of Haiti, he crossed the Windward Passage (a 50-mile stretch of water), and was reported from the U. S. Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, on the southeastern coast of Cuba, at 9.15 a. m. At 11.15 a. m. he was sighted at Camaguey, and at 1.20 p. m. was over Cienfuegos. He appeared over Habana at 3.40 p. m., and a few minutes later, over Camp Columbia flying field, about seven miles from Parque Centrale, Habana. As it was not yet the hour set for his arrival, Col. Lindbergh kept to the air until a few minutes before four o'clock, when the wheels of his plane touched ground, and exactly at 4 p. m. he stepped from the cockpit of his machine.

The flight from Port au Prince to Habana, 720 miles, consumed 9 hours, making a total of 8,235 miles flown in 100 flying hours, since leaving Bolling field, Washington, D. C., on December 13, 1927.

In writing to the New York *Times* on the 8th, while in the air between Port au Prince and Habana, Col. Lindbergh says:—

"I am carrying with me three sacks of mail for Habana, the first mail ever carried in the 'Spirit of St. Louis.' One of these came from Santo Domingo, and although it remained in the plane for two days while I was in Port au Prince, it will still arrive in Habana days ahead of time. This is an indication of the possibility for air lines south of the United States."

When it was known that Col. Lindbergh would visit Habana before returning to the United States, the suggestion was made to the Cuban postal authorities that a special stamp be issued (on the day of his arrival), adapting some present design by means of an overprint, inasmuch as time would not permit of a special design being worked up and the necessary printing plates manufactured. On January 12th, *El Comercio* announced that such a special issue would be made by printing the stamps in red from the 5c air mail stamp plates (S 374 and S 375), and overprinting in black "LINDBERGH—Enero 1928." When Col. Lindbergh's schedule beyond Panama was definitely announced on January 23rd, and Wednesday, February 8th, set for his arrival in Habana, the month in the overprint was necessarily changed to "Febrero."

The die for the 5c air mail stamp was cut and the printing plates manufactured by the Security Bank Note Company of Philadelphia, Pa., after a design furnished by Senor Oscar Fonts y Acosta. The actual printing, however, by the recess process was done at Habana, by the Cia Nacional de Artes Graficas y Libreria, on star (five pointed) watermarked paper.

The sheets are of 200 subjects (10 x 20), with a margin on all four sides, in which the plate number (S 374 or S 375) appears twice in the left (opposite the 10th and 20th rows), and right margins (opposite the 1st and 11th rows), reading up at the left, and down at the right. In the left margin (opposite the 15th and 16th rows), and in the right (opposite the 5th and 6th rows) is "Hoja No." (i.e., sheet number). Between the 5th and 6th vertical rows, and the 10th and 11th horizontal rows, guide lines (terminating in so-called arrows in the four margins), in color, divide the 200 subject sheets into four panes of 50 stamps each, and a knife passing along the horizontal guide line (only) as the sheet is being perforated (single line 12) cuts the sheets (of 200) into two Post Office sheets of 100 each (10 x 10), which have margins on only three sides. The lower edge of the upper half sheet, and the upper edge of the lower half sheet is imperforate, and ten stamps in each Post Office sheet of 100 are "straight edged."

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The design, in a horizontal rectangle, 36 x 21mm, displays a seaplane in flight over the Gulf of Mexico off Habana. A portion of the Malecon (seawall and drive) is shown, and on the distant promontory, El Morro, with the O'Donnell lighthouse, guarding the entrance to the harbor. Across the top of the stamp in two lines is "Republica de Cuba—Servicio Aereo"; vertical panels at the sides contain fronded palms, and at the bottom, between large denominational numerals (5) in the corners, is "Correos—Cinco Centavos" in two lines. The lettering and numerals are colorless.

Incidentally, a photograph, not quite up to date, was used in designing this stamp, inasmuch as the Glorieta (the little Greek music temple) at the junction of the Prado and the Malecon, is shown with the top which was removed in the spring of 1927. Bandmasters had complained that the top was unstable and they were afraid it would fall while the band was playing, and the Director of Public Works was of the opinion that with the roof, the Glorieta did not quite harmonise with the beautification scheme planned for the Malecon. It is here that the concerts broadcast by station PWX are played.

A special printing (500,000) was made in carmine from these plates (as used for the blue air mail stamp, issued Nov. 1, 1927), and overprinted in black, in two lines, "LINDBERGH — FEBRERO 1928" (all caps, but those in the first line are larger, 2½mm high as opposed to 1½mm). The first line measures 23½mm, the second 21½mm, and the overall vertical dimension is 7½mm. These stamps were issued at Habana on Wednesday morning, February 8th, the day of Col. Lindbergh's arrival from Port au Prince, and letters dispatched by air to Key West that afternoon were received in Pittsburgh on Saturday morning, the 11th.

One of the letters I received was in a specially prepared envelope, and has impressed, at the left, in blue, "El dia de—cut of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh—with his facsimile signature below—en Habana—Febrero 8—1928." Between blue and red horizontal lines across the face of the envelope is "HABANA—KEY WEST," and above "VIA CORREO AEREO." The 5c carmine "Lindbergh—Febrero 1928" air stamp is electric machine cancelled "Habana, Cuba, 1928" within a single lined circle, 21mm, with date in the center in two lines, "FEB 8—3—PM (or 4—PM)," and at the right a new flag slogan (58 x 18mm), with the representation of a biplane in the left portion, and in the right, in three lines, "Utilizando el—Servicio Aereo—Economiza Tiempo" (i.e., Use the air service; it saves time). This replaces the "Servicio Postal Aereo" slogan die brought into use subsequent to the inauguration of the air service between Habana and Key West on October 28, 1927.

Feb. 8, 1928. Air mail stamp, seaplane over Gulf of Mexico off Habana. Line engraved by Security Bank Note Co. of Philadelphia; recess printed by Cia. Nacional de Artes Graficas y Libreria, Habana, and overprinted in black, in two lines, "LINDBERGH—FEBRERO 1928." Watermarked star (five pointed), Perforated 12 single lines.

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Cat. No.			Used Good
	1869		
112	1c	buff	1.50
113	2c	brown	.40
114	3c	ultramarine	.04
115	6c	ultramarine	2.75
116	10c	yellow	1.75
117	12c	green	2.50
118	15c,	Type I	5.75
119	15c,	Type II	2.50
120	24c	green & violet	7.00
121	30c	blue & carmine	3.50
122	90c	carmine & black	30.00
			Unused.
	1880 Reissue		
133	1c	buff on soft paper	2.00 ..
	1870-71, Grilled		
134	1c	ultramarine	.. .50
135	2c	red-brown	.. .25
136	3c	green	2.50 .07
137	6c	carmine	.. 4.00
138	7c	vermilion	.. 5.00
139	10c	brown	.. 9.00
141	15c	orange	.. 7.50
144	90c	carmine	.. 8.75
			Mint.
	Same Without Grill		
145	1c	ultramarine	2.80 .12
146	2c	red brown	1.75 .07
147	3c	green	1.35 .02
148	6c	carmine	3.75 .25
149	7c	vermilion	.. 1.50
150	10c	brown	.. .40
151	12c	dull violet	.. .90
152	15c	bright orange	6.00 .90
153	24c	purple	.. 3.50
154	30c	black	.. 2.50
155	90c	carmine	.. 3.50
	1873 Continental Bank Note Co.		
	With Secret Marks		
156	1c	ultramarine	1.00 .05
157	2c	brown	1.35 .08
158	3c	green	.70 .01
159	6c	dull pink	3.00 .15
160	7c	orange-vermilion	.. 1.75
161	10c	brown	.. .20
162	12c	blackish violet	.. 1.10
163	15c	yellow orange	.. 1.30
165	30c	gray black	.. .60
166	90c	rose carmine	.. 4.50
	1875		
178	2c	vermilion	3.00 .07
179	5c	blue	4.50 .18
	1879 American Bank Note Co.		
	Soft Paper		Used
			Mint. Good. Fine
182	1c	ultramarine	1.40 .05 .08
183	2c	vermilion	.50 .01 .02
184	3c	green	.60 .01 .02
185	5c	blue	3.75 .15 .25
186	6c	pink	3.75 .30 .40
188	10c	brown	3.75 .20 .30
189	15c	red orange	1.00 .45 .65
190	30c	full black	3.75 .65 .85
191	90c	carmine	.. 3.00 4.50
	1882		
205	5c	brown (Garfield)	1.50 .10 .15
206	1c	gray blue	.40 .02 .03
207	3c	blue green	.65 .02 .04
208	6c	rose	4.75 .90 1.25
209	10c	brown	.75 .03 .04
	1883		
210	2c	red brown	.25 .. .01
211	4c	blue green	1.10 .15 .22
	1887-88		
212	2c	green	.20 .. .01
213	3c	vermilion	1.00 .65 .90
214	1c	ultramarine	.30 .01 .02
215	4c	carmine	.60 .18 .25
216	5c	indigo	.85 .10 .15
217	30c	orange brown	2.75 1.25 1.75
218	90c	purple	6.25 3.00 4.00
	1890, Without Triangles		
219	1c	dull blue	.07 .01 .02
219d	2c	lake	.65 .02 .04
220	2c	carmine	.08 .. .01
221	3c	purple	.19 .02 .04
222	4c	dark brown	.35 .01 .02
223	5c	chocolate	.45 .01 .02
224	6c	brown red	.65 .20 .25
225	8c	lilac	.40 .02 .04
226	10c	green	.60 .01 .02
227	15c	indigo	1.10 .35 .45
228	30c	black	1.85 .45 .60
229	90c	orange	2.90 1.25 1.75
	1894, With Triangles (unwatermarked)		
246	1c	ultramarine	.09 .05 .08
247	1c	blue	.20 .05 .08
248	2c	pink, triangle I	.18 .05 .07
249	2c	carm. lake, triangle I	.95 .06 .09
250	2c	carmine, triangle I	.08 .. .01
251	2c	carmine, triangle II	.75 .20 .25
252	2c	carmine, triangle III	.65 .12 .16
253	3c	purple	.25 .03 .05
254	4c	dark brown	.50 .03 .05
255	5c	chocolate	.35 .03 .05
256	6c	dull brown	.80 .08 .12
257	8c	violet brown	1.00 .10 .15
258	10c	green	.90 .03 .05
259	15c	dark blue	1.60 .40 .50
260	50c	orange	3.00 .80 1.00
261	$1,	Type I	7.00 2.20 2.70
261a	$1,	Type II	17.50 5.00 6.00
262	$2	dark blue	17.50 9.50 11.75
263	$5	green	37.50 20.00 24.00
	1895, Watermarked		
264	1c	blue	.07 .01 .02
265	2c	carmine, Tri. I	.35 .10 .15
266	2c	carmine, Tri. II	.45 .15 .20
267	2c	carmine, Tri. III	.05 .. .01
268	3c	purple	.18 .02 .04
269	4c	dark brown	.23 .02 .03

Cat. No.			Used. Mint. Good. Fine
270	5c	(2.25)	.35 .02 .03
271	6c	dull brown (3.75)	.75 .03 .05
272	8c	vio. brn. (2.20)	.35 .01 .02
273	10c	green (5.00)	.50 .01 .02
274	15c	indigo (6.50)	1.00 .17 .23
275	50c	orange	2.25 .35 .45
276	$1,	Type I	5.00 .80 1.00
276a	$1,	Type II	10.00 2.00 2.50
277	$2	blue	8.00 4.00 5.00
278	$5	green	16.00 7.00 8.50
	1898-99		
279	1c	green (.25)	.05 .. .01
279b	2c	or. red (3.50)	.70 .02 .03
280	4c	rose br. (2.25)	.45 .02 .03
281	5c	blue (1.25)	.23 .01 .02
282	6c	lake	.75 .05 .07
282c	10c	brown (type I)	2.25 .05 .07
283	10c	or. brown (type II)	1.25 .03 .04
284	15c	olive green	1.50 .12 .16
	1902-03		
300	1c	green (.18)	.03 .. .01
300a		yellow green	.23 .. ..
301	2c	carmine (1.25)	.25 .. .01
301b		carmine rose	.50 .. ..
302	3c	violet (1.50)	.30 .06 .09
303	4c	brown (1.35)	.27 .01 .02
304	5c	blue (1.40)	.30 .01 .02
305	6c	claret (2.25)	.40 .03 .05
306	8c	vi. black (1.50)	.30 .02 .03
307	10c	red brown (2.25)	.40 .01 .02
308	13c	purp. black (1.90)	.38 .09 .12
309	15c	ol. green (5.00)	.85 .03 .05
310	50c	orange	2.00 .12 .17
311	$1	black	5.25 .50 .65
312	$2	blue	7.50 2.75 3.50
313	$5	green	17.00 7.50 9.00
	Imperforate		
314	1c	green (1.00)	.20 .. .20
315	5c	blue	6.00 .. ..
	1903		
319	2c	carmine (.20)	.04 .. .01
319a		lake (.60)	.15 .03 .05
319b		carmine rose (2.00)	.40 .07 .10
319c		scarlet (1.00)	.25 .02 .03
	Imperforate		
320	2c	carmine (1.00)	.20 .. .20
320a	2c	lake (3.00)	.60 .. ..
320b	2c	scarlet (1.25)	.25 .. ..
	1908-09, Perf. 12		
	Double Lined Watermark		
331	1c	green (15c) (blk., 3mm spac., 30c)	.03 .. .01
332	2c	carmine (.20) (blk., 3mm, .25)	.04 .. .01
333	3c	violet (1.00) (blk., 3mm, 1.40)	.23 .03 .05
334	4c	brn. (.75) (3mm, .85)	.15 .01 .02
335	5c	blue (1.00)	.18 .02 .03
336	6c	red orange (2.00)	.35 .02 .04
337	8c	olive green (2.75)	.50 .06 .09
338	10c	yellow (3.75)	.60 .02 .03
339	13c	blue green (3.00)	.65 .50 .65
340	15c	pale ult. (3.00)	.60 .05 .08
341	50c	violet	2.25 .20 .25
342	$1	violet brown	4.50 .40 .50
	Imperforate		
343	1c	grn. (.15) (3mm, .35)	.04 .. .04
344	2c	carm. (.50) (3mm, .70)	.10 .. .10
345	3c	violet (.90)	.22 .. .22
346	4c	orange brown (1.20)	.28 .. .28
347	5c	blue (2.25)	.45 .. .45
	1909, Bluish Paper		
357	1c	green (2.50)	.50 .. ..
358	2c	carmine (3.50)	.70 .. ..
362	6c	red orange	6.50 .. ..
364	10c	yellow	11.00 .. ..
366	15c	ultramarine	6.00 .. ..
	1910, Single Lined Wmk. Perf. 12		
374	1c	green (.15) (2mm, .35)	.03 .. .01
375	2c	carm. (.23) (2mm, .30)	.05 .. .01
376	3c	vio. (.85) (2mm, 1.10)	.18 .02 .03
377	4c	brn. (.75) (2mm, 1.10)	.15 .. .02
378	5c	blue (1.00) (2mm, 1.40)	.23 .. .02
379	6c	or'ge (1.40) (2mm, 2.20)	.30 .02 .03
380	8c	ol. green	.75 .09 .12
381	10c	yellow	.90 .04 .06
382	15c	pale ultramarine	3.00 .20 .30
	Imperforate		
383	1c	green	.05 .. .05
384	2c	carmine	.10 .. .08
	1912-15, Perf. 12, Single Lined Wmk.		
405	1c	green (.15)	.03 .. .01
406	2c	carmine (.25)	.06 .. .01
407	7c	black (1.50)	.30 .06 .08
	Imperforate		
408	1c	green (.15)	.04 .. .04
409	2c	carmine (.25)	.06 .. .05
	Perforated		
414	8c	olive green (1.50)	.30 .04 .06
415	9c	salmon (2.00)	.40 .06 .08
416	10c	or. yellow (1.50)	.35 .01 .02
417	12c	claret brn. (2.20)	.45 .03 .05
418	15c	gray (2.50)	.55 .02 .03
419	20c	ultramarine (6.75)	1.10 .06 .08
420	30c	orange	1.20 .12 .15
421	50c	violet	5.50 .40 .55
422	50c	(double lined wmk.)	2.90 .20 .25
423	$1	violet brown	5.00 .40 .55
	1914-15, Perf. 10, Wmkd.		
424	1c	green (.18)	.04 .. .01
425	2c	carmine (.25)	.05 .. .01
425	2c	scarlet (.60)	.15 .. ..
426	3c	violet (.50)	.10 .01 .02
426b	3c	red violet (.75)	.15 .03 .04
427	4c	brown (.70)	.14 .02 .03
428	5c	blue (.70)	.15 .02 .03
429	6c	red orange (1.00)	.18 .02 .04
430	7c	black (1.10)	.23 .05 .08
431	8c	olive green (1.10)	.23 .04 .06
432	9c	salmon red (1.60)	.35 .06 .09

Cat. No.			Used. Mint. Good. Fine
433	10c	or. yellow (1.75)	.30 .02 .03
434	11c	green (2.25)	.45 .08 .10
435	12c	claret br. (2.50)	.45 .04 .06
436	12c	copper red (2.50)	.45 .05 .07
437	15c	gray (2.40)	.45 .03 .05
438	20c	ultramarine	.80 .05 .08
439	30c	orange red	1.50 .07 .10
440	50c	violet	4.50 .15 .20
	Perf. 10, Double Lined Wmk.		
460	$1	violet brown	6.00 .45 .55
	1915, Perf. 11, Single Lined Wmk.		
461	2c	carmine (6.00)	1.25 .. ..
	1916-17, Perf. 10, Unwatermarked		
462	1c	green (.75)	.15 .03 .05
463	2c	carmine (.30)	.07 .02 .03
464	3c	violet (20.00)	4.00 .35 .50
465	4c	brown	.30 .05 .07
466	5c	blue	.40 .05 .08
467	5c	carmine (error)	11.00 .. ..
468	6c	red orange	.80 .07 .10
469	7c	black	.50 .06 .08
470	8c	olive green	.55 .06 .08
471	9c	salmon red	.90 .09 .12
472	10c	orange yellow	1.00 .05 .07
473	11c	green	.50 .09 .12
474	12c	claret brown	.60 .07 .10
475	15c	gray	1.00 .07 .10
476	20c	ultramarine	1.60 .10 .14
477	50c	light violet	30.00 .50 .60
478	$1	violet brown	7.50 .30 .40
479	$2	dark blue	2.75 .50 .65
480	$5	light green	6.00 1.00 1.30
	Imperforate		
481	1c	green (.08)	.02 .. .02
482	2c	carmine (.16)	.04 .. .03
483	3c	violet, Type I (.30)	.07 .. .04
483	3c	violet, Type II (.40)	.10 .. .07
	1917-19, Perf. 11		
498	1c	green (.08)	.02 .. .01
499	2c	rose (.12)	.03 .. .01
501	3c	violet, Type I (.40)	.10 .. .02
501	3c	violet, Type II (.20)	.05 .. .01
503	4c	brown (.25)	.06 .. .01
504	5c	blue (.30)	.08 .01 .02
505	5c	rose (error)	7.25 .. ..
506	6c	orange (.35)	.09 .. .01
507	7c	black (.40)	.10 .02 .03
508	8c	olive bistre (.45)	.11 .01 .02
509	9c	salmon red (.55)	.13 .02 .03
510	10c	or. yellow (.60)	.15 .. .01
511	11c	green (.65)	.16 .04 .06
512	12c	br. carmine (.70)	.17 .02 .03
513	13c	apple green (.75)	.19 .08 .11
514	15c	gray (.80)	.20 .. .02
515	20c	deep ult. (1.10)	.27 .02 .03
516	30c	orange red (1.70)	.40 .03 .04
517	50c	red violet (3.00)	.75 .02 .03
518	$1	violet brown (6.00)	1.50 .04 .06
	1917 Type of 1908-09 Issue		
	Double Lined Wmk., Perf. 11		
519	2c	carmine	7.50 .. ..
	1918, Perf. 11 Unwatermarked		
523	$2	orange & black	4.25 2.50 3.00
524	$5	green & black	6.50 2.25 2.75
	1918-20, Offset Printing		
525	1c	green (.15)	.03 .01 .02
526	2c	carm., Type IV (.35)	.08 .. ..
526	2c	carm., Type V (.25)	.05 .. ..
526	2c	carm., Type VI (.40)	.10 .. ..
529	3c	purple, Type IV (.35)	.07 .. .01
529	3c	violet, Type III (.70)	.14 .. .03
	Imperforate		
531	1c	green (1.00)	.20 .. .20
532	2c	carmine,	
		Type IV (3.00)	.75 .. ..
		Type V (.40)	.08 .. .08
		Type VI (1.75)	.35 .. .35
535	3c	purple (.60)	.15 .12 .15
	Perf. 12½		
536	1c	green (1.50)	.30 .. .30
	1919-21, Rotary Press Printings		
538	1c	11x10 (.20)	.05 .. ..
539	2c	11x10 (.40)	.10 .. ..
541	3c	11x10 (2.25)	.45 .. .45
543	1c	10x11 (.40)	.09 .. ..
544	1c	10x10 (.10)	.02 .. .02
545	1c	11x11 (5.00)	1.25 .. ..
546	2c	11x11	1.00 .. ..
	1920		
547	$2	carm. & blk. (10.00)	2.50 .35 .45
	1922-23		
575	1c	imperf. (.08)	.02 .. .02
576	1½c	imperf. (.10)	.03 .. .03
577	2c	imperf. (.12)	.03 .. .02
578	1c	R.P. perf. 11x10 (1.00)	.20 .. ..
579	2c	R.P. perf. 11x10 (.75)	.15 .. ..

PARCEL POST

1912-13

1450	1c	(.15)	.03 .01 .02
1451	2c	(.20)	.05 .01 .02
1452	3c	(.45)	.10 .06 .09
1453	4c	(.65)	.15 .03 .04
1454	5c	(.70)	.15 .01 .02
1455	10c	(1.00)	.22 .01 .02
1456	15c	(2.25)	.50 .08 .10
1457	20c	(2.75)	.55 .12 .15

Cat. No.			Mint. Good
1458	25c	(3.75)	.75 .0
1459	50c	(7.00)	1.40 .3
1460	75c	(4.75)	1.15 .4
1461	$1		3.75 .4
	1925		
1463	25c	Spec. Handl. (1.30)	.32 .0
	SPECIAL DELIVERY		
1890	10c	blue 1885	1.50 .3
1891	10c	blue 1888	.80 .1
1892	10c	orange 1893 (2.25)	.40 .1
1893	10c	blue 1894	1.25 .2
1894	10c	blue 1895	.35 .0
1895	10c	ultramarine 1902	.35 .0
1896	10c	green 1908.. (2.00)	.40 ..
1897	10c	ultramarine 1911	.35 .0
1898	10c	ultramarine 1914	.45 .0
1899	10c	ultramarine 1916	1.25 .1
1900	10c	ultramarine 1917	.17 .0
1901	10c	ultramarine 1922	.13 ..
1902	15c	orange 1925	.20 .0
1903	20c	black 1925	.26 .1
	1911, REGISTRATION		
1951	10c	ultramarine.. (.75)	.18 .0
	1912, PARCEL POST DUES		
2291	1c	dark green.. (.20)	.04 .0
2292	2c	dark green. (1.00)	.20 .1
2293	5c	dark green.. (.50)	.10 .0
2294	10c	dark green. (1.50)	.30 .1
2295	25c	dark green. (2.50)	.50 .0

AIR PLANE ISSUE

1918

520	6c	orange (.90)	.18 .1
521	16c	green (1.75)	.40 .1
522	24c	blue & carm. (2.75)	.55 .3
	1923		
608	8c	green (.90)	.18 .0
609	16c	dark blue (.90)	.22 .1
610	24c	carmine (1.30)	.32 .1
	1926-27		
624	10c	dark blue (.50)	.13 .0
625	15c	ol. brown (.90)	.20 .1
626	20c	yel. green (1.00)	.25 .1
	Lindbergh		
644	10c	blue (.50)	.13 .0

COILS ( ) IN PAIRS

1908-09, Perf. 12 Horizontally

348	1c	green (.15)	.07 ..
349	2c	carmine (.50)	.25 ..
350	4c	or. brown (2.50)	1.25 ..
351	5c	blue (2.50)	1.25 ..
	Perf. 12 Vertically		
352	1c	green (.90)	.45 ..
	2mm	(1.20)	.. ..
353	2c	carmine (.80)	.40 ..
	pr. 2mm	(1.10)	.. ..
354	4c	or. brown (2.80)	1.40 ..
355	5c	blue (2.50)	1.25 ..
	1910, Single Lined Wmk. Perf. 12 Horizontally		
385	1c	green (.50)	.25 ..
386	2c	carmine (.90)	.45 ..
	Perf. 12 Vertically		
387	1c	green (1.00)	.50 ..
	pr. 2mm	(1.20)	.. ..
388	2c	carmine (12.50)	6.00 ..
	pr. 2mm	(20.00)	.. ..
	Perf. 8½ Horizontally		
390	1c	green (.20)	.10 ..
391	2c	carmine (.50)	.25 ..
	Perf. 8½ Vertically		
392	1c	green (.30)	.15 ..
393	2c	carmine (.50)	.25 ..
394	3c	violet (.50)	.20 ..
	pr. 2mm	(.80)	.. ..
395	4c	brown (.70)	.30 ..
	pr. 2mm	(.90)	.. ..
396	4c	blue (.80)	.40 ..
	1912-15		
	Perf. 8½ Horizontally		
410	1c	green (.10)	.05 ..
411	2c	carmine (.30)	.15 ..
	Perf. 8½ Vertically		
412	1c	green (.12)	.06 ..
413	2c	carmine (.30)	.15 ..
	1914-15, Perf. 10 Horizontally		
441	1c	green (.25)	.12 ..
442	2c	carmine (.70)	.35 ..
	Perf. 10 Vertically		
443	1c	green (.40)	.20 ..
444	2c	carmine (.30)	.15 ..
445	3c	violet (4.00)	2.00 ..
446	4c	brown (1.60)	.80 ..
447	5c	blue (2.50)	1.25 ..

The following coils are all rotary printings and are perf. 10.

	1914-15, Wmkd., Perfed. Horizontal		
448	1c	green (.30)	.15 ..
449	2c	carmine (.25)	.12 ..
		red (.40)	.20 ..

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No.		Perfed. Vertically Mint.	Used Good.	Fine
1c	green (.15)	.07	..	..
2c, Type I	(.20)	.10	..	.04
2c, Type II	(1.80)	.90	..	.18
2c, Type III	(.90)	.45	..	.07
3c	violet (3.00)	1.50	..	..
4c	brown (1.40)	.70	..	.70
5c	blue (2.20	1.10	..	.80
5c	blue (2.20)	1.10	..	.80
16-17, Unwmkd., Perfed. Horizontally				
1c	green (.04)	.02	..	.02
2c	carmine (.12)	.06	..	..
3c	violet (.10)	.05	..	.05
Perfed. Vertically				
1c	green (.04)	.02	..	.02
2c	carmine (.08)	.04	..	.02
3c	violet, Type I (.20)	.10	..	.03
3c	violet, Type II (.10)	.05	..	.03
4c	brown (.14)	.07	..	.05
5c	blue (.16)	.08	..	.05
10c	or. yellow (.35)	.17	..	..
1922-23, Perf. Vertically				
1c	green (.04)	.02	..	.01
1½c	brown (.06)	.03	..	.02
2c	carmine (.06)	.03	..	..
3c	violet (.09)	.05	..	..
4c	brown (.12)	.06	..	.02
5c	blue (.15)	.08	..	.02
10c	yellow (.26)	.13	..	.02
Perfed. Horizontally				
1c	green (.04)	.02	..	.02
1½c	yellow brn. (.05)	.03	..	.02
2c	carmine (.06)	.03	..	..

COMMEMORATIVES

1894, Columbian				
1c	(.20)	.04	..	.01
2c	(.25)	.06	..	.01
3c	(.65)	.14	.08	.11
4c	(.55)	.12	.04	.06
5c	(.55)	.10	.03	.04
6c	(1.50)	.30	.20	.30
8c	(.90)	.18	.03	.05
10c	(1.00)	.23	.03	.04
15c	(5.50)	.90	.70	.90
30c		1.65	1.05	1.25
50c		1.75	1.15	1.50
$1		4.50	3.75	4.50
$2		4.00	3.25	3.75
$3		8.00	6.25	7.00
$4		10.00	7.50	8.50
$5		12.00	9.75	10.75
1898, Trans-Mississippi				
1c	(.45)	.09	.04	.06
2c	(.45)	.09	.02	.03
4c	(2.00)	.38	.24	.30
5c	(2.75)	.55	.32	.38
8c	(5.50)	.90	.32	.40
10c	(5.25)	.90	.18	.25
50c		4.00	2.00	2.50
$1		6.00	4.50	5.25
$2		12.00	9.75	11.75
1901, Pan-American				
1c	(.25)	.04	.02	.03
2c	(.35)	.07	.02	.03
4c	(1.20)	.25	.12	.15
5c	(1.90)	.38	.22	.30
8c	(2.75)	.58	.35	.45
10c	(2.40)	.50	.23	.30
1904, Louisiana Purchase				
1c	(.45)	.09	.03	.05
2c	(.55)	.10	.02	.03
3c	(2.50)	.45	.36	.45
5c	(4.25)	.75	.32	.40
10c	(5.25)	.95	.20	.25
1907, Jamestown Exposition				
1c	(.30)	.06	.03	.05
2c	(.55)	.10	.02	.03
5c	(1.50)	.35	.15	.20
1909, Lincoln Memorial				
2c	(.30)	.06	..	.02
blk. (2mm, .50)				
2c imperf.	(.70)	.15	..	.15
blk. (2mm, 1.10)				
bluish paper	(3.50)	.70	..	..
blk. (2mm, 5.75)				
1909, Alaska-Yukon				
2c perfed.	(.30)	.06	.02	.03
imperf.	(.65)	.15	..	.15
1909, Hudson-Fulton				
2c perfed.	(.30)	.06	.02	.03
imperf.	(.65)	.15	..	.15
1912-13, Panama-Pacific, Perf. 12				
1c	(.25)	.04	.02	.03
2c	(.35)	.06	.01	.02
5c	(1.30)	.28	.09	.12
10c orange	(3.25)	.65	.12	.15
10c yellow	(3.25)	.65	.12	.15
Perf. 10				
1c	(1.00)	.18	.04	.06
2c		.30	.03	.05
5c	(3.75)	.60	.12	.15
10c		4.00	.30	.35
1919, Victory				
3c	(.35)	.07	.02	.03
1920, Pilgrim Tercentenary				
1c	(.16)	.04	.02	.03
2c	(.30)	.06	..	.02
5c	(.95)	.20	.12	.16
1924, Huguenot-Walloon				
1c	(.10)	.02	..	.02
2c	(.16)	.04	.01	.02
5c	(.60)	.12	.08	.10
1925, Concord-Lexington				
1c	(.08)	.02	..	.02
2c	(.16)	.04	.01	.02
5c	(.50)	.10	.08	.10
1925, Norse-American				
2c	(.40)	.10	.07	.09
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1926, Sesquicentennial				
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5c Ericsson	(.32)	.08	.04	.05
1926, White Plains				
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1927				
2c Vermont Sesqui.	(.12)	.03	.01	.02
2c Burgoyne	(.12)	.03	.01	.02
1923, Harding Memorial				
2c, perf. 11	(.16)	.04	.01	.02
2c imperf.	(.20)	.05	..	.05
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HERE AND THERE IN NEW ISSUES

By HERMANN FOCKE.

Honduras favors us with another value of the new set of postage stamps heralded some time ago, a black atrocity of the 6 centavos value, 25 x 27½mm with the facade of the Presidential Palace in a double circle, with inscription "Correos de Honduras C.A." and Casa Presidencial; in upper two corners diagonally U.P.U. and 1927; value 6 CENTAVOS 6 with the numerals in oval at bottom. Issued about February 1st.

Haiti. — To commemorate "Lindy's" visit to the Republic, a special cancellation was applied to the regular mail on the days from February 4th to 6th, consisting of an aeroplane with the word LINDBERGH printed across the entire width of the wings. I have seen this cancellation in red on all letters from Jeremie, in addition to the regular town postmark, dated, in black.

Colombia.—In the Department of El Valle in the southwestern part of this country where traffic is carried on by mule and an occasional river-craft, an enterprising Gentleman by the name of Pablo E. Tobon has established what he calls an "Express," presumably by means of a flivver, to despatch the daily mails from the interior towns of Manizales, Armenia, Cali, etc., to the port of Buenaventura on the Pacific Coast, and to make matters look more important, he created a large label in vermilion color, having in the centre an approaching train (not his own, I am sure), at top the words "El Expreso Tobon," at bottom Valor $0.06 with numeral 6 in a circle in the lower two corners and at the sides, at left "Correo" and at right "Diario" (daily mail).

A letter received from Cali recently with the above label attached fooled a faithful servant of Uncle Sam's P. O., as the missive was considered a special delivery letter, and thus handled, and even cancelled with the date of arrival in New York, and the usual mark: Fee claimed by office of first address. Considering that there exists no international special delivery service, this was rather an unusual, if not unique, procedure; still I hold the cover to prove it.

To show what the airship has done to accelerate travel and mail, I would cite the fact that mail despatched from the City of Bucaramanga in the Department of Santander on January 23d, was delivered in New York on January 31st, 8 days later, whereas by regular mail it would have arrived at best in three weeks.

It is rather strange that up to this day the stamps of the Colombian airmail service are not recognized by the American cataloguers, although by many collectors, and European catalogues; there is no other service in the world of equal importance, it works like a clock, and has been in existence for about 15 years, without one single accident save two which occurred while the plane was on a special, semi-pleasure trip.

Dominican Republic.—Also for this country the airplane has reduced the time considerably to bring mail to the outside world, a letter mailed at Santo Domingo on Thursday having been received in New York on the following Monday, or in 4 days as against 10 by the regular mail boat.

Leeward Islands. — It may interest collectors that a few days ago I received from one of the Leeward Islands a small consignment of "current" postage stamps, amongst which were L. I. Scott's Nos. 51 to 55 and 60, i.e.: the 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 2/6 and 5/-, all on paper with the old block type multiple Crown C A wmk., and also 3 copies of the 5d multiple script (No. 68) all supposed to be obsolete.

Regarding this last mentioned stamp I may state that it is sold in England for 3/-, and it actually appears to be obsolete, because the usual letter of remittance did no longer have this value mentioned in the list of current L. I. stamps.

I better not mention the name of the Island, as the P. M. might be swamped with orders, and too much work is not to the liking of the people in those quiet and warm places in the Caribbean. At the same time collectors might take notice and not pay "any old price" for the above stamps, my small investment of £1 (roughly $5) having brought stamps to the aggregate catalogue value of nearly $20.00.

Cuba. — The time for the mail to reach the U. S. from this Republic has also been reduced by the service between Habana and Key West, a letter bringing me the Lindbergh Special air-mail stamp, which left Habana on February 8th at 4 p. m., having been delivered to me in New York on the 10th at 2 p. m., or within 46 hours, as against the usual four days.

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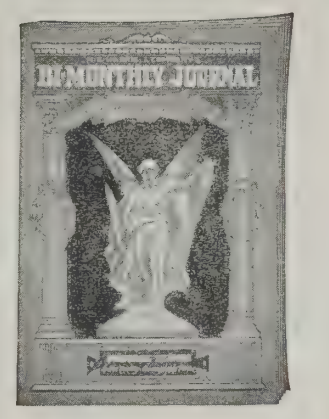
A rather ridiculous, yet obvious, error got by our printers' proof-readers in the ad of the Cortlandt Stamp Co., on page 127 of the Feb. 20 issue. The word "quality" was used when the copy was "quantity," in the remarks re the obsolete 2sh Script (No. 59) Turks & Caicos stamp.



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EDITORIAL

The Lindbergh covers, St. Louis to Chicago, and Chicago to St. Louis were used in huge numbers, and "Lindbergh Again Flies The Mail" will be the passport on many an envelope that will be retained in non-philatelic hands, judging from the public interest manifested in these souvenirs. The following statistics show how well patronized the flight was, according to an informant in the service. There were practically 100,000 pieces of mail originating in St. Louis, and with the contributions of Springfield and Peoria the number was swollen to about 175,000 units. Postmaster Lueder, Colonel Paul Henderson and others welcomed Lindbergh on his arrival at the Chicago field at 7.46 on Feb. 20, 1928; and in the group was a number of collectors.

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Our philatelic champion in congress, Representative Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey has grasped a big moment to introduce a bill providing for a set of stamps in honor of Lindbergh; and he has gained a world of publicity for his project. In sending a clipping from the Wisconsin *News* on the subject, our Milwaukee correspondent, Mr. D. G. Bigelow wrote: "Why not mention this to allow collectors to express their opinions to their congressmen."

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The advocates of a Valley Forge special stamp have been pressing their arguments and their campaign has gained a momentum that makes its influence felt. However, various statements have been heard to the effect that some of the lawmakers are opposed to general issues, and while not centering their objections on any specific case, they maintain that it is inadvisable to issue commemoratives, in view of the many requests for them. If these demands were acceded to, it is pointed out that the presses would have to work overtime, and that it would not be politic to accept any of them. No doubt these findings are subject to qualification; and it is doubted that they will prevail in each and every case.

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Speaking of congressmen, it is known that many of them are well aware of the existence of philatelists in number sufficiently large to command attention. Too, they have reason to know that collectors by no means are inarticulate and can speak for themselves. It is known that some of the senators and representatives have informed themselves of prevailing philatelic sentiment inasmuch as a few of them have taken occasion to solicit the opinion of experienced collectors on proposed legislation that may be said to affect philatelists.

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Corporal G. A. Conklin, New Jersey State Police, Trenton, writes: "It may interest you to know that the Hon. Harold G. Hoffman, congressman from the 4th New Jersey District has introduced, or is planning to do so, a bill calling for the issue of a stamp in commemoration of the Battle of Monmouth. I do not know the sentiment, as far as the passage of the bill is concerned, but should it pass, it will undoubtedly be a limited issue and therefore of interest." This battle was fought on the 28th of June, 1778, and afforded a field for the display of Washington's military genius; and General Wayne made a famous charge during the conflict. In an old history, we read that "overcome by the excessive heat, 59 British soldiers died without a wound and several of the Americans died from the same cause." Too, it must not be forgotten that the movement to commemorate the valor of Mollie Pitcher has not slackened, and that there is a possibility of celebrating this heroine by a stamp issue.

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A letter has come from Mr. Stacy G. Albright, who "as a former resident of Philadelphia" is much interested in Revolutionary lore, telling of his pleasure in reading the last editorial notice in the issue of Feb. 20th. He says: "Just at the time of Washington's birthday, the account was very appropriate, and I had more thrill in reading the description of Washington, as he opened the first congress in New York, than from anything else in a long time. You showed good editorship and I think that you are to be congratulated on the intelligence and industry of your correspondents, and that you should heartily thank the particular contributor." We are and we did.

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In translating a letter from a reader in Cuba, we find that it says that counterfeits in the form of inverted and other varieties of overprint on the Lindbergh special air mail stamp of Cuba have made their appearance, almost simultaneously with the issue of the stamp. It is probable that a clean-up on the forgeries was attempted without delay by the sharpers in Havana, who instituted their campaign for the purpose. The collector who would play safe should buy stamps in a hurry only from reputable dealers.

The day of philatelic miracles has not passed and here is an illustration that is authentic. Mr. Orville Davis Jones, Wilmette, Illinois, has just shown us five unused copies of the 15c of 1869, unused and unhinged, that he bought for 75c, much to his satisfaction and that of the seller. While in the office of a large corporation with whom he has dealt for many years, he had occasion to ask for a 10c postage stamp for immediate use. The office girl opened the stamp box and Mr. Jones saw among the stamps in it, the five stamps of 1869, fifteen cent. The girl said that they had "always been in the box" and that they were not used because of the uncertainty that they were good for postage. Certainly, she said, she would be glad to get rid of them for face; and so, everybody was satisfied.

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It was about time for an appearance of a rousing stamp article in one of the big publications of the country; and *Collier's* for February 25, 1928, toes the scratch with an illustrated story, "Stamp Followers" by Hugh Leamy. Several pages are required for elbow room by the writer. The picture of King George is shown and also that of Arthur Hind; and the first is called a "big collector, but only of British issues," while "Arthur Hind already owns millions of dollars' worth of stamps." That really unique rarity, the property of Mr. Hind is pictured is shown; the stamp is the one penny British Guiana that was found in 1872, and in due course was bought by Ferrary for about $600. Mr. Hind obtained the stamp at the Ferrary sale for something like $40,000. The article is crisply written and it has a popular appeal, although the writer does not profess to follow the psychology of the philatelist. Incidentally, it may be said that our attention to this feature article was called by a dozen correspondents.

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Mr. S. Tanner Green of Quebec City, Canada, writes: "I enclose you a cover which is somewhat unusual, inasmuch as it started from Quebec on 17th December last, left Murray Bay by airplane on Christmas day (the mail was put on board the previous night). It arrived at Seven Islands, Christmas Day, was postmarked there the next morning, that of December 26th. From Seven Islands it proceeded to Thunder River by dog-team, reaching there January 8th. Returning, it left Thunder River, January 10th and came along by dog-team to Betsiamites, arriving there February 7th, and in this city, February 16th." Needless to say, the postmarks on this 2c stamped envelope of Canada, and "Air-Mail" LaMalbaie-Seven Islands tell the story of this remarkable trip, that required so many different forms of transportation.

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A philatelist evidently had someth to do with the preparation of this ture, and it was no doubt Major G. A. Camp, president of the Society Philatelic Americans, who is quote length in the article. This is probl the biggest philatelic publicity stunt has ever been put across, taking into sideration that *Collier's* has a circula of over 1,600,000.

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ODDS AND ENDS:—

IN the New York *Daily News* of Feb. 18, appeared a very fine Lindbergh feature. Nice illustrations of the Panama stamps were shown, and a picture of Lindbergh, also the special Panama postmark, featured the article.—Clipping from C. R. GOETZ.

THE Elk Stamp Co. has taken out a contract for regular space in the WEEKLY. This firm is an oldtime advertiser in our publication, and we are very glad to have it return to our columns.

WE are indebted to Morris E. Angle for the clipping, used elsewhere in this issue, giving the particulars of the Ackerman resolution to honor Lindbergh with a special set of postage stamps.

THE annual meeting of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions is slated for March 5, at the Collectors Club, N. Y. City. The principle item of business is the election of Directors to serve for the next three years, and the following list has been made up by the nominating committee:—J. P. Benkard, J. B. Chittenden, A. W. Claflin, H. M. Clark, H. A. Diamant, J. H. Hall, Jr., J. A. Klemann, A. Krassa, H. L. Lindquist, G. M. Mosler, C. K. B. Nevin, W. S. Scott, T. E. Steinway, H. Toaspern and P. H. Ward, Jr.

WE have received from John A. Jungkind a clipping from the Arkansas *Gazette* giving some interesting data about W. E. Woodruff, recently mentioned in the WEEKLY.

E. J. MEEHAN favors us with two of the new Cuban Lindbergh stamps on fancy envelopes, and adds "for worthy shut-ins." Hearty thanks.

NO doubt several of our subscribers will send us the fine article in *Colliers Weekly* for Feb. 25, after we have gone to press with this issue. E. H. Sprangers sends in the clipping.

BRIDGER & KAY, 170 Strand, London, W.C. 2, England, are sending out their annual price-list of British Colonial postage stamps. The book is priced at a shilling, but it is well worth the amount. The price-list is a substantial book of one hundred pages, and we can recommend it to our readers.

C. S. LEINBACH sends us a clipping from a Milwaukee paper, which tells a weird story of the clearing of the reputation of one Richard Canning by the finding of two envelopes by a London stamp collector. We do not have the space to print the clipping in its entirety, but the main fact in the case is that Canning was sentenced to life imprisonment for a crime that he did not commit. The crime occurred in 1847, and a sad miscarriage of justice resulted when Canning was convicted instead of one John Ellington.

FROM Grand Rapids comes a bulletin published by the Furniture City Stamp Club. It is edited by Roland Goodman, and makes a very creditable publication. It comes in mimeograph form, but has its editorial matter, new issue notes, etc., just the same as its more pretentious brother publications.

THE Seattle *Star* of Jan. 24, contained the following news item regarding our regular advertiser W. Schwede of that city:—

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HENRY A. MEYER, Evansville, Ind., gave an illustrated lecture at the Bosse High School Stamp Club a few weeks ago, and recently gave substantially the same lecture before a club composed of the men teachers of all the city schools. His subject was "Postage Stamps and History," and the lectures were greatly appreciated.

THE Second Annual Bourse, banquet, and auction of the Flint, Mich., Collectors' Club will be held Saturday, March 24, at the Elks' Temple. The stamp bourse will be held in the afternoon, and the banquet at 6.30, after which the auction sale will be held. A fine assortment of lots has been entered. For auction catalogs and other information, address Glen R. McGuire, Sec., 1st National Bank, Flint, Mich.

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IN the February 12 issue of the Detroit *Free Press* was a reproduction of a Lincoln and Hamlin campaign button. It bears the date 1860, and is the property of our friend Herman W. Boers.

THE Philatelic Club connected with the Bosse High School of Evansville, Ind., will hold an exhibition soon. Roger C. Hackett, who is on the staff of teachers at the school, is greatly interested in this club.

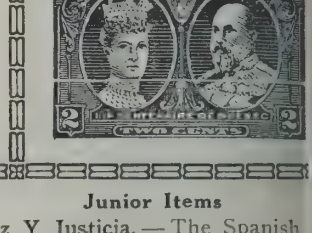
SAM T. VARY sends us several specimens of Feb. 29 covers dated 1912 and 1916. Thanks for the courtesy.

R. ROBERTS is sending out a very fine list of British Colonial novelties. In the 24 pages of interesting material there are some noteworthy contributions of a literary nature that will appeal to every collector. You may have the list for the asking, and we advise you to write Mr. Roberts at 430 Strand, London, W.C. 2, England.

W. J. CUTHBERT, of Long Beach, Cal., had to undergo a very serious operation, which will necessitate his being in the hospital for some time. I believe he has advertised in the WEEKLY from time to time, and he would like you to mention that there will be some delay in replying to correspondence."—B. W. H. POOLE.

"I HAVE just received from Cuba the special stamps overprinted for Lindbergh's visit doubly surcharged. The stamps submitted to me were rather well forged, and great care should be taken in purchasing varieties of this stamp."—HERMAN TOASPERN.

Stamp News for the Juniors



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Kralyevina Srbija.—These words in Slavonic characters are shown on the 1904 stamps of Servia and mean "Kingdom of Serbia."

Kran.—The value in which many of the stamps of Persia are expressed. A kran consists of 20 shahi and is equal to about 8c in our money.

Kreuzer.—The value in which many of the stamps of Bavaria, Wurtemberg, and other German states until 1875, those of Austria until 1899, and of Hungary until 1900, were expressed. In the German states the kreuzer was worth about ½c, in Austria until 1858, it was worth nearly 1c, and after 1858 in that country, and also in Hungary, it was equal to only about two-fifths of a cent.

Kriegs-Beschaedigte. — This inscription is found on certain stamps of Bavaria and means "War Damaged." The stamps thus overprinted were sold at an increased price over the nominal face value, the extra amount being used for those who sustained not only physical but pecuniary loss from the world war.

Krolestwo Polskie — (Kingdom of Poland).—Stamps bearing this inscription were prepared in 1918, but never regularly issued, though on the stamp market they have no postal standing.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

MERCURY
Greece A12
5 lepta, green

The set of Greek stamps, issued in 1901, is a most attractive addition to our albums. The stamps are all alike as far as the main feature of the design goes—a figure of Mercury, the messenger of the gods whom Greece has immortalized in her literature. In fact Mercury has always been the "motive" in the designing of the Greek stamps, with the exception of the Olympian games issue, of course, which was devoted to a particular subject. All of the other stamps of earlier issues have borne the head of Hermes, as the Greeks called him, wearing his petasus or winged cap. But this design is a representation of the particularly graceful statue of the god of Giovanni da Bologna. Here we behold him in full exercise of his commissions, not only wearing his petasus, but also the wings attached to his ankles, and bearing the caduceus, or serpent entwined and winged wand, which denotes his office of herald.

The frame of the picture varies through three different designs, each being labelled HELLAS in Greek letters and bearing figures with values in *lepta* or *drachmai*. The prettiest design is the one illustrated. The high values are all in the long narrow type which shows off well in the black of the 1 drachma, but does not appear to advantage in the metallic inks used for the other three values.

Saar

A territory famous for its coal mines, ceded to France by Germany, and governed by a commission appointed by the League of Nations. In 1934 a plebiscite will be held to ascertain whether a continuance of administration under the League of Nations is desired in preference to union with France or union with Germany. Stamps were issued consisting of the overprint "Sarre" on Bavarian and German stamps, also Saargebiet, which see.

Dr. K. & Co. Stamps

These are the 1c, 2c, and 3c postage stamps of the United States, current in 1898, overprinted "Dr. K. & Co.—I.R." and date in three lines. They were used provisionally by the firm of Kilmer and Company, of Binghampton, N. Y., manufacturers of patent medicines, in lieu of the regular ⅝c, 1¼c, and 2½c proprietary stamps owing to the fact that the proper stamps were not procurable at the time. The stamps were only used between the 6th and 13th of July, 1898, and they form an interesting side-line to a collection of regular revenue stamps.

Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo, now more generally known as the Dominican Republic, was formerly the Spanish portion of the island of Hayti. It is the oldest settlement

of European origin in the American continent, having been founded in 1494. Postage stamps for the use of this republic were first issued in 1865.

Lindbergh Stamps Suggested

(Clip. by Dr. G. M. Guido (Eliz. "Journal.")

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—A series of postage stamps to commemorate the good-will flights of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh to thirteen republics of Central and South America was proposed to-day by Representative Ernest Ackerman, of Plainfield.

Representative Ackerman, one of the most ardent philatelists in the country, introduced a resolution authorizing the Postmaster General to issue the set of Lindbergh stamps in denominations ranging from one-half cent to $1, made from appropriate designs "suitable for perpetuating the benefits and recording in a permanent way this epochal flight and series of good-will visits."

"A stamp caused the World War; a stamp may bring about world peace." Representative Ackerman said, in telling how a Servian stamp portraying the death mask of the murdered king cleverly represented upside down in the profiles of King Peter and Kara Beorge stirred up feeling in Servia.

Aitutaki

The northernmost island in the Hervey or Cook Archipelago. It is of volcanic formation, is surrounded by dangerous reefs, and has no harbor of any importance. The island was annexed to the British Empire in October, 1900, and in the following June it was included in the

boundaries of the Dominion of New Zealand. Its government is administered locally, under the direction of New Zealand, by the Federal Council of the Cook Islands. In 1903 postage stamps were first issued, these being formed by overprinting the then current stamps of New Zealand with "Aitutaki" and values in the local equivalents.

Hindenburg Aids A Junior

(Clipping from Robt. E. Dunlop.)

BERLIN, GERMANY, Feb. 18.—President Von Hindenburg, who is a friend of children and always ready to consider their wants, sent a new year's greeting to a small boy of eight in Loebau, Saxony, with a fine assortment of foreign postage stamps.

He thereby reciprocated for the congratulation he had received on his eightieth birthday from the youngster who, with an eye to his stamp collection, had asked the venerable president kindly to let him have any foreign stamps he might receive with his birthday letters from abroad.

"Country" Etymology

Victoria.—After the Queen of Great Britain.

Costa Rica.—"Rich coast."

Dominica.—Is the Spanish for "Sunday Island," so named by Columbus, because he landed here on Sunday, November 3, 1493.

Equador. — Is the Spanish for Equador.

Falklands Islands.—Were taken possession by the British in 1765 and named after Lord Falkland.

Guatemala.—Shortened by the Spanish, from the Indian name Quauhtemallaux which signifies "rotton tree."

Hayti. — Indian name for "rough land."

Honduras.—From the Spanish hondo, i.e. "deep."

—*Ill. Briefmarken Jour.—Am. Jour. Phil.*

Junior Items

Paz Y Justicia. — The Spanish r dering of the same motto on the st of Paraguay.

P. D. — I. A postmark applie many old letters on the address both before and after the introdu of postage stamps. It means "Pa Destination," i.e., paid to destination, was, of course, only affixed to fully paid letters.

II. These letters and the numa "5," "10" or "15" struck on plain are listed as an issue for the Fr colony of St. Pierre and Miquelon seems more than probable, however, these are merely marks applied to le that were fully prepaid during a te rary shortage of ordinary postage st They are, therefore, best describe "paid postmarks."

PE. — A contraction for "Pia egiziane" or "Egyptian piastre" s upon some of the early stamps of E

Peace and Commerce Type. — name by which the design of the Fr stamps used from 1876 to 1900 is kn It was drawn by M. J. A. Sage.

Postmark Advertising

(Clipping from M. R. Lampson.)

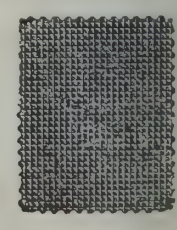
The British Government Economy passed by Parliament enables B commercial firms to advertise their g by means of post-office cancell stamps. Heretofore these stamps been used exclusively for official slo such as "Visit Wembley" or "B Goods are Best." Now the post-department has given a contract to a of London advertising contractors the letting of this privilege. The a tisements may appear for any perio time that the advertiser desires, and may be postmarked on letters origin in a particular district or throughou United Kingdom.—*N. Y. Coml. and World.*

Finland Independence Issue

With reference to the new Indepen stamps, we are now able to state tha nine roses round the lion represen nine provinces of which Finland formerly composed, these province now styled "counties," but the n have been somewhat altered. The cu weapon at the foot of the lion repre the Scimitar of the East, which trampling down; in the right fore p the Western Sword, and it faces we the Land of Culture.—*Whitfield K Bulletin.*

Grill

A pattern of small, square, emb dots, usually arranged in the form small square or rectangle and occa ally covering the whole of the stam is found upon some of the stamps o United States and Peru. The obje this grill (or "grid" as it is some called) was to act as a discourage



to the stamp cleaner. The embo had the effect of weakening the stance of the paper and thus maki absorb a more or less uncertain qua of the cancelling ink. In theory it w excellent idea, but in practice it found somewhat cumbersome and a comparatively short trial by the U States Government it was abandone

V. AFRICA, THE RARE 1d POST DUE

S.G. No. D13, Scott 321/322.

his stamp is one that has been sought diligently and fruitlessly by many n collectors and students of this, in- sting Colony and until recently I had unable to see an unused pair, and I only been able to get the sight of one pair which had been divided.

was previously, therefore, rather btful of its existence in the true e of the word, thinking that the pair d seen might have been a spacing va- on the sheet of D6, Scott 306/6, as ad previously discovered a similar rrence on the 6d slate, S.G. No. D5, which the spacing between South st and Africa in the 3rd line was m, whereas the spacing was 14mm ll the rest of the sheet.

ut I have now seen, had and broken nto pairs and sold a mint block of t of this very rare item. This formed of a somewhat larger block which a it in the East was kind enough to me, he having kept the other part his collection, and this is the only ed block I have seen or heard of.

had at first the intention of illus- ng this rare piece by a photo, but on nd thoughts refrained, thinking that ould only give away the peculiarities etting in this particular stamp to the rious forger who is ever active and ne lookout to turn a dishonest penny. photo remains in my reference Book. s, however, very gratified to see and ess this block and to be convinced out doubt that there was a genuine of this setting on the 1d rouletted p, and that it was not merely a ng variety of another sheet as had supposed by some and others.—

rts Price List.

FORUM

(*Continued from page 159*)

y nice genuine cover. There are tests that you may apply yourself ne half a stamp in question.

.) As paper gets older it loses its nal snappy texture and this permits o percolate readily enough. So that applied later than the original ink sometimes penetrate the paper of h the envelope is made. It will do to many stamps. You know how a page will tear in a real old album! , try to write in ink on one of those s and see what happens. That is No. 1.

.) Does the cancel "tie the stamp e cut, to the cover?" In the faked s this is a positive "Yes." I have many beautiful pen cancelled "splits" were not "tied on" and which were lutely authentic. So a split has as right not to be tied on, as a single p. For example, the Chicopee stars usually hit smack in the center of 3c 1851 stamp on covers from that . The town pmk. is about as scarce d as the neat little double triangled If you find one yourself in a h of old correspondence, you feel in that it positively is as mailed, gh some of your friend collectors say that it is not very much used, as not "tied on." This gives the lis- the idea that the speaker sure does his onions—but there are many ns, too.

.) Is the cut edge of the split stamp and fresh appearing? It should be t the same age in appearance as the of the edges with the perfs on them. ne perfed edges are dull looking, the edge should be. If the newness of ssors cut has been smudged down to off the "newness," you can easily it with a glass if you have a high ered glass.

.) Is the depth, if ink, same on the erator as on the postmark? Of se the pmk. generally appears of er ink than the obliterator, as the aces inked are bigger as a rule on killer and carry more ink than the l lettering and numbers in the pmk., you make a little allowance for this.

.) Does the cancel that covers the edge snuggle right up close to the edge, or is there a tiny white open e where the cancel jumped off the p onto the cover. Look at any p that is imperforate to get this idea in your mind.

I once saw a very pretty split on cover that had been "touched up" in ink where the canceler had jumped off the stamp onto the cover, and it must have left a small line of white between the cut edge and the cover. This had been filled in with ink, more to prove by the owner that it was OK than with any thought of harming the cover I suppose, yet everyone saw this little glossy filling of ink, and no one wanted such a cover. It was absolutely genuine; yet the little shiny line of added ink looked like open water in a frozen river. Dangerous. Keep away, and they all did.

If the sender of a letter in the sixties had a pair of BJs and no 3c stamp handy, he slapped the pair of 2s on, instead of hiking off to the P. O. for a 3c stamp. This pair stuff is the fakir's meat. He selects a nice looking pair on cover, raises up the side, if it is to become a bisected vertically, or the corner, if to be cut diagonally, and then the stamp is cut away so that the better half stays on the cover, generally in pair with the other stamp. The gum is carefully blotted off the cover, and then the cancel is extended onto the cover as it should appear if it were so struck originally.

This sounds easy. It is not an easy thing to do. It often passes a beginner; but nowadays there are no beginners, they all either know a lot, or they take nothing for granted. All the talk about faking of antiques, and glass, is eagerly read by the philatelist, and he stores away many points in his own brain for reference. The lifting of a cancel mechanically, and transferring it to some other stamp of cover would cause plenty of confusion if it could actually be done in a perfect manner. Think of what would happen to all these unused patriotic covers: they sell for ten cents "mint," and as many $ used. I suppose many a patriotic cover is sitting pretty right now with a natty stamp on it, where its original stamp was a poor old scarred battered up thing that was rather unsightly.

The telling of faked splits is merely the putting together of all you know about covers, added to all you know about cancellations, and their application to the stamp. Do not leap at one small detail that looks bad; but start at the time the cover left the sending P. O., then follow it in detail through its trip. There should be a full stop at that receiving end, and if you can visualize all of these points correctly, you will be well able to draw your own conclusions as to the genuineness of the document in hand, be it a split stamp, or an unusual cover of any sort.

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47	.71	105	.61	407	.18
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52	.37	110	12.10	412	*.04
53	.16	110a	14.70	413	*.04
54	.31	111	.06	414	*.06
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6a	**Argent. Rep.** 1862, 10c grn.	17.50	6.90
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* 6	3c dark blue	2.00	.75
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8	1858, 3s black	5.00	1.90
9	3s green	4.00	1.65
* 19	1861, 15s yel. brn., o. g.	20.00	6.50
14	**Bahamas** 1862, 4p	3.50	1.40
* 68	**Barbados** 1882, 5sh, o. g.	9.00	4.00
* 83	1897, 5p, full o. g.	2.00	.90
14	**Bavaria** 1862, 18kr red	7.00	2.90
21	1868, 6kr bistre	2.50	.90
1	**Belgium** 1849, 10c brown	4.00	1.60
2	1849, 20c blue	1.50	.70
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4	**Bremen** 1856, 5sgr, v. fine.	30.00	7.50
* 10	1866, 3gr blue	8.50	2.75
34	**Bolivia** 1890, 100c yellow	2.00	.65
26	**Brazil** 1850, 180r	5.00	2.00
*129	1898, 100 on 50r, mint	1.75	.70
* 72-80	**Br. E. Africa** 1896, ½a to 7½a, o. g.	5.95	2.40
86	1896, 5 rupees	6.00	2.50
* 9	**Br. Honduras** 1872, 3p brn., o. g.	10.00	4.00
11	1872, 1sh green	5.00	1.75
13	1882, 1p blue	2.50	.90
2	**Brunswick** 1852, 2sgr, outer line cut at B., v. l. cancelled	25.00	3.25
3	1852, 3sgr verm.	30.00	10.75
5	1853, 1sgr yellow	4.00	1.30
6	2sgr blue	3.50	1.65
8	1856, ¼sgr brown	20.00	7.50
9	¼sgr black, close at L.	15.00	5.50
19	1863, 1sgr yellow	10.00	3.75
18	3sgr rose	30.00	10.75
1-5	**Bulgaria** 1879, 5c to 1fr.	16.75	8.00
21	1884, 15s on 25s	4.00	1.60
5	**Canada** 1852, 6p, full margins, but sl. tear at T	35.00	8.50
8	1857, ½c rose, fine	15.00	7.50
* 44	1882, 6c red brown, o. g.	1.50	.75
* 45	10c brown red, o. g.	3.00	1.50
2	**Cape of G. H.** 1853, 4p on blue	7.00	3.00
* 22	1877, 1p on 1sh, o. g.	4.00	1.60
40	1882, ½p on 3p	2.00	.75
* 45	**Ceylon** 1863, ½p, o. g.	4.00	1.25
*120	1885, 15c on 16c violet	2.50	.90
*128-31	1886, 5c to 28c, o. g.	2.33	1.00
*155-61	1899, 2c to 75c, o. g.	3.60	1.45
13	**Chile** 1862, 20c green	7.50	2.75
* 61	**Crete** 1900, 1dr gray viol.	2.50	1.10
* 1	**Cyprus** 1880, ½p rose, o. g.	3.00	1.20
* 7	1880, 30pa on 1p red, o. g.	7.50	3.00
* 9	½p on 1p, o. g.	6.00	2.20
20-4	1882, 30pa to 6p	3.35	1.25
25	12pi	5.00	2.00
* 28-9	1894, 9pi, 18pi, o. g.	4.00	1.90
* 30	45pi, o. g.	6.00	2.90
31-6	1896, ½pi to 6pi	2.27	1.00
1a	**Dan. W. Ind.** 1855, 3c	10.00	3.65
2	1867, 3c	4.00	1.50
* 3	1872, 3c, o. g.	6.00	2.10
14	1887, 1c on 7c	2.25	1.00
8	**Denmark** 1858, 8s green	2.50	1.10
24	1870, 48s, fairly gd. copies	10.00	2.65
506	Official 1871, 16s green	8.00	2.90
8	**Dominica** 1877, 6p green	6.00	2.40
10	1882, ½ on ½ of 1p	10.00	3.85
11	½ on ½ of 1p	7.00	2.70
* 13	1886, ½ on 6p green	2.50	1.00
* 1	**Dutch Indies** 1864, 10c lake, part o. g.	12.00	4.80
*260c	Dues, 1882, 40c, o. g.	3.50	1.65
*261c	1882, 50c, o. g.	7.50	3.50
*262c	75c, o. g.	3.00	1.45
* 15-19	**Falkland Isl.** 1892, 2p to 1sh, o. g.	6.00	2.75
1	**France** 1849, 10c bistre	10.00	3.50
2	1849, 15c green	15.00	5.25
7	40c orange	7.50	2.75
9	1fr carmine	7.50	2.75
* 38	1870, 2c, o. g.	5.00	1.75
* 39	4c gray	5.00	1.50
* 40	5c green	3.00	1.10
45	30c brown	4.00	1.50
* 47	80c rose, o. g.	7.00	2.80
807	**Alsace** 1870, 25c brown	5.00	1.75
814	1870, 25c, inv. network.	20.00	7.10
12a	**Port Said** 1899, 50c, type I	4.00	2.00
* 13	1899, 1fr	1.50	.65
14	2fr	5.00	1.90
8	**Zanzibar** 1894, 5a on 50c.	3.00	1.20
10	1894, 10a on 1fr	3.50	1.60
* 19	**Fr. Colonies** 1872, 80c, o. g., infinitesimal thin spot, otherwise v. fine	15.00	3.50
* 16	1872, 15c bistre, o. g.	7.50	1.90
13	**Fr. Congo** 1891, 15c on 25c.	4.00	1.25
19	**Germ. E. Afr.** 1900, 1r claret	1.50	.75
* 22	**Germany** 1872, 2kr orange, o. g.	8.00	4.00
26	1872, 18Kr bistre	7.50	3.00
1-6	**China** 1898, 3pf to 50pf	2.50	1.25
* 1-6	**Morocco** 1899, 3c to 60c	2.40	1.20
1	**Turkey** 1884, 10pa on 5pf	1.75	.75
* 6	1884, 2½pi on 50pf, o.g.	10.00	4.00
8-12	1889, 10pa to 2½pi	1.70	.80
* 3	**Gibraltar** 1886, 2p, o. g.	8.00	3.20
* 5	1886, 4p, o. g.	10.00	4.00
13	6p violet	7.50	2.75
14	1sh bistre	15.00	5.50
* 15-21	1889, August, 5c-75c, o. g.	12.75	4.95
* 28	Nov., 1 pes. bistre, o. g.	2.50	1.00
* 36	1898, 1sh, o. g.	2.50	1.00
56	**Gt. Britain** 1867, 5sh rose	4.00	1.60
90	1882, 5sh, **superb**	22.50	10.00
* 96	1883, 2sh 6p, full o. g.	3.00	1.30
*108	5sh, full o. g.	3.50	1.75
6	Turkey 1896, 4 pia on 10p	?	5.75
* 39-46	**Grenada** 1895, ½p-1sh, o.g.	10.12	4.40
* 11	**Guam** 1899, 50c, o. g.	8.50	4.25
1-5	**Haiti** 1881, 1c to 7c	11.25	4.40
6	1881, 20c	10.00	4.25
22	**Hanover** 1859, 3g or, yell.	5.00	1.75
36	**Hawaii** 1875, 12c black	2.00	.70
* 49	1883, $1, o. g.	9.00	4.25
33	**Hong Kong** 1880, 48c	4.00	2.00
40	1885, $1 on 96c	2.50	1.00
* 48	1891, 2c rose, o. g.	2.00	.75
45	$1 on 96c	1.75	.75
53	1898, $1 on 96c	1.50	.65
* 8	**Iceland** 1876, 5a blue	5.00	2.00
2-6	**India** 1854, ½a to 4a, good copies	21.25	6.50
* 36-46	1882-87, ½a-1 rup., mint	7.60	2.90
* 52	1895, 5 rup., mint	5.00	2.50
* 33	**Lagos** 1887, 5sh, full o. g.	6.00	3.00
* 35	1893, ½p on 4p	1.25	.55
* 1-7	Leew. Is. 1890, ½p-1sh, o.g.	7.85	3.00
* 8	1890, 5sh, o. g.	10.00	4.10
* 9-11	1897, ½p to 2½p, o. g.	3.50	1.30
* 12	4p, o. g.	5.00	1.75
* 2	**Luxemburg** 1852, 1sg red	10.00	4.00
8	1859, 12½c rose	5.00	2.00
12	40c, red or.	9.00	3.50
12	40c, nice horiz. pair	18.00	12.00
3	**Madagascar** 1889, 25c on 40c	7.00	2.75
44	1900, 25c blue	2.50	1.00
* 18	**Malta** 1899, 10sh, full o. g., slight back crease	15.00	4.50
16	**Mayotte** 1900, 10c red	6.00	2.20
17	1900, 15c gray	10.00	3.50
* 1	**Meckl. Schwerin** 1856, 4-4s.	15.00	5.60
2	1856, 3s	7.00	2.50
5	1864, 4-4s	4.00	1.25
* 7	1865, 2s	10.00	3.65
* 21a	**Monaco** 1891, 5fr pale rose.	6.00	2.40
15	**Natal** 1864, 1p red	1.75	.60
31	1869, 3p blue	5.00	1.75
50	1876, 1sh green	1.50	.55
71	1885, ½ on 1p rose	3.00	1.15
1	**Netherlands** 1852, 5c blue	2.00	.80
3	1852, 15c orange	6.00	2.25
4	1864, 5c blue	1.50	.55
6	15c orange	8.50	2.95
9	1867, 15c or. brown	1.50	.60
11	25c dark viol.	2.75	1.10
12	50c gold	6.00	2.20
* 5	**Nevis** 1861, 1p lake rose	3.50	1.20
15	1876, 4p orange	9.00	3.10
* 19	1879, 1p violet	2.50	.90
* 22	1882, 1p violet	4.00	1.40
* 28-31	1884, 1p to 6p	5.25	2.00
* 32	1sh violet	9.00	3.25
1	**New Brunswick** 1851, 3p red	17.50	6.45
* 1	**Newfdld.** 1857, 1p br. viol.	7.00	2.70
1	1857, same used	12.50	4.40
* 5	5p viol. br., o. g.	7.00	2.70
* 18	1862, 4p rose	1.50	.60
* 19	5p	3.50	1.50
20	6p	5.00	1.50
* 21	6½p	6.00	2.45
* 22	8p	6.00	2.75
24	1866, 2c green	2.50	1.00
25	5c brown	20.00	7.10
26	10c black	3.50	1.25
33	1868, 5c black	15.00	6.00
* 30a	1c brown lilac, o. g.	3.50	1.50
31	3c vermilion	6.00	2.10
36	1876, 2c grn., lightly canc.	3.00	1.25
* 41	1880, 2c yell. green	2.00	.75
2	**New So. Wales** 1850, 1p red	50.00	16.50
6	1850, 2p blue	30.00	10.50
25	1854, 3p green	4.00	1.30
11	**New Zealand** 1856, 6p	10.00	3.40
* 20	1862, 3p br. lilac	15.00	4.90
35	1864, 2p blue	6.00	2.10
33	1sh, small margins	12.00	1.90
* 77a	1898, 5p viol. brown	3.50	1.20
10-13	**Niger Coast** 1893, 2p-1sh	7.25	2.90
* 11a	**Nova Scotia** 1860, 8½c, white paper, mint	10.00	2.50
1	**Oldenburg** 1852, 1-30th blue	3.00	1.00
2	1852, 1-15th rose	10.00	2.60
3	1-10th yell.	10.00	2.70
6	1858, 1g blue	7.00	2.25
7	2g rose	75.00	12.50
8	3g yellow	60.00	9.25
12a	1861, ⅓g red brown	45.00	6.10
20	1862, 3g bistre	4.00	1.40
21	1867, ⅓g green	12.00	3.25
10	**Or. Riv. Col.** 1878, 5sh green	2.50	1.00
53	1900, 5sh on 5sh	1.75	.85
10	**Peru** 1860, 1p rose	7.50	2.75
13	1862, 1p brown	7.00	2.25
38	1881, 1s rose	8.00	2.80
* 68a	1883, 5c ultram.	5.00	1.50
*158	1899, 5s orange red	1.50	.60
* 2	Pasco 1884, 10c grn., o. g.	10.00	2.25
35	**Philippines** 1873, 2rp carm.	7.00	2.10
36	1873, 5c red	12.00	4.20
211	1898, 2p slate blue	2.50	1.00
* 7	**Porto Rico** 1875, 1p brown.	10.00	2.75
23	**Portugal** 1866, 100r lilac	3.50	1.40
24	1866, 120r blue	3.00	1.10
* 23-7	**Prussia** 1867, 1kr to 9kr.	9.00	2.90
6f	**Queensland** 1860, 1sh	17.50	5.75
77	1882, 10sh	5.00	2.00
80-83	1886, 2sh 6p to 1 pound	8.50	3.75
*117-22	1897, 3p to 2sh, o. g.	3.20	1.25
* 45	**Rhodesia** 1896, 2p, o. g.	1.50	.55
* 46	1896, 4p, o. g.	1.75	.65
* 47	6p, o. g.	3.25	1.25
* 48	1 shilling, o. g.	7.50	2.75
14	**Roman States** 1852, 1sc rose	60.00	11.50
44	**Roumania** 1871, 10b	3.00	1.20
1	**St. Christopher** 1870, 1p	4.00	1.40
2	1870, 1p	2.50	1.00
* 5	1875, 2½p red brown	15.00	5.60
10	1882, 1p lilac rose	10.00	3.60
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* 18	1885, 4p on 6p, o. g.	10.00	4.50
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* 23	1sh, o. g.	8.00	3.40
* 75	**St. Pierre** 1900, 25c blue	2.50	1.00
* 76	1900, 50c brown, off center	3.00	1.00
15	**St. Vincent** 1871, 6p	8.00	2.95
6	1863, 4p blue	15.00	5.75
* 55	1885, 1sh, o. g.	1.75	.80
13	**Saxony** 1855, 5 n. g, rose red	3.00	1.20
24	**Shanghai,** 3ca red brown	8.50	3.00
2	**Sierra Leone** 1859, 6p	10.00	2.65
* 6a	1872, 1p rose	3.00	.90
19	1876, 1sh green	4.00	1.25
* 20	1883, ½p bistre	3.00	1.10
* 21	2p magenta, o. g.	7.00	2.30
* 45	1896, 5sh, mint	10.00	4.50
3	**So. Australia** 1855, 6p deep blue	10.00	3.10
* 45	1867, 3p on 4p, o. g.	8.00	2.90
*272-83	**Spain** 1900, 2c-10pcs, o. g.	12.61	6.00
10-18	**Straits Settl.** 1867, 2c-96c	12.25	4.60
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* 39	**Selangor** 1895, $5, o. g.	7.50	3.25
* 8	**Surinam** 1873, 2gld 50c	7.00	3.50
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* 14	30c red brown	2.25	1.15
* 15	40c dark br.	2.00	1.00
* 41	1900, 50 on 1gld	3.00	1.00
23	1892, 2½c on 50c	4.00	1.75
3a	**Sweden** 1855, 6s gray brown, v. sl. thin spot	35.00	4.25
14	1862, 17o red viol.	6.00	2.40
27	1872, 1rd	2.25	1.10
319	**Switzerland** 1883, Dues, 100c	10.00	3.40
6	**Tasmania** 1855, 4p	6.00	2.10
12	1857, 2p	6.00	1.75
59	1871, 5sh	5.00	1.85
5	**Togo** 1897, 25pf orange	3.50	1.75
* 22-3	**Tobago** 1885, 6p, 1sh, o. g.	1.50	.60
29	1886, 2½ on 4p	2.50	1.00
* 67-72	**Trinidad** 1883, ½p-1sh.o.g.	2.60	1.10
* 74-80	1896, ½p to 1sh, o. g.	5.42	2.40
151-9	1885, Dues, complete	7.13	2.65
* 1	**Turks Isl.** 1867, 1p rose	5.00	1.50
* 45	1882, 1p or. brown	4.00	1.35
* 1-7	**Turks&Caicos** 1900, ½p-1sh	4.85	1.85
* 10	**Two Sicilies** 1859, ½g	30.00	9.50
11	1859, 1g olive brown, rare.	10.00	4.50
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18	50g brown red	125.00	27.50
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*116	**Angola** 1912, 25r on 75r	15.00
*145	1914, 130r on 50r	7.50
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970	1915, 5k violet	4.50
*1401-7	**Austria Occ.** 1918, 3h-20h	14.45
*1408-12	1918, 25h to 60h	21.50
*1413	80h	12.00
*174-85	**Brazil** 1906, 10r to 5000r.	8.34
* 67	**Brit. Cent. Afr.** 1903, 10sh	10.00
* 79	**Cape Verde** 1903, 65r	2.50
* 94	**Chile** 1910, 1 peso	2.50
112	1911, 10 pesos	1.75
146-53	1923, 2c to 5 pes.	2.82
*133	**China** 1912, $5	12.00
*170	1912, $1 brown red	2.50
*176-93	1913-18, ½c to $5, mint	21.85
223	1923, $10	?
*124-7	**Cilicia** 1920, 5pi to 100pi.	5.55
*201-4	1919, Dues, 5pa to 2pi	4.50
*205-8	Dues, 5pa to 2pi	5.00
*209-12	5pa to 2pi	4.25
*519	**Col. Rep.** 1919, Too Late, 2c	3.00
*445-7	**Costa Rica** 1903, Official, 4c to 25c	3.35
70	**Crete** 1901, 2dr brown	6.00
*118	1909, 1dr	3.00
*156-63	**Danzig** 1923, 5pf to 75pf.	2.55
*164-5	1923, 1gld, 2gld	3.50
*166	3gld	3.50
*167	5gld	5.50
*301	**Denmark,** P. P. 1919, 10o red	1.75
*304	P. P. 1919, 50o	7.00
*152-67	**Fernando Po** 1907, cpl.	15.70
701-3	**Fiume,** Dues 1918, 6f-50f.	4.50
704-12	Dues 1918, 1f to 30f	5.70
* 48	**Georgia** 1923, 15.000r on 15k	2.50
* 51	1923, 200.000 on 5k	4.00
* 52	300.000 on 20k	4.00
45-6	20,000 and 40,000r	1.85
* 38	**Germ. E. Afr.** 1906, 60h lake and black	4.00
*599-604	**Germany,** Official 1923, 3pf to 100pf	1.35
*838	Eupen, 5fr	2.50
* 18-25	**Gt. Britain, China** 1922, 1c to 25c	3.70
*175-8	**Greece** 1901, 1dr to 5dr.	2.10
*213	1911, 25dr deep blue	6.00
*286	1923, 5d on 5d	5.00
1020-33	1913, 1l to 5d	9.85
*192-201	**Guatemala** 1922, 10 diff. surcharges	1.40
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*1445-7	1920, 20f to 1k	3.10
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*176-88	**Lithuania** 1923, 1c to 5l.	8.00
*139	**Luxemburg** 1923, 10fr black	2.00
*307-10	Charity 1924, 12½c to 5fr.	3.60
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72	**Seychelles** 1912, 1r 50c	2.50
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* 83-4	**Sierra Leone** 1904, 4p & 5p	2.25
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* 85-9	1909, 1c to 10p	2.25
*102-13	1911, 1c to 4p	13.35
* 30-2	**Turks & Caicos** 1913, 4p. 5p, 6p	1.00
301	**Turkey in Asia,** Greek Occ., 50l on 20pa, rare	?
* 85-103	**West Ukraine** 1919, 3h-10k.	2.75
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"Detroit Free Press" (by H. W. Boers).

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United States

Washington Notes

Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey, kindly sends me a copy of House Resolution, No. 205, which he introduced February 16th, and which has been referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads. The joint resolution reads as follows:—

"Authorizing the Postmaster General to issue a set of stamps relative to the good-will flight of Colonel Lindbergh.

Whereas the Nation and the world have followed with close interest and admiration the good-will flight of Colonel Lindbergh to our South American and Central American sister Republics; and

Whereas the national understanding thus produced between the Government of the United States, and the Government of the countries visited, may be extended and made more complete and enduring: Therefore be it—

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he is hereby, author-
4 ized to issue a set of thirteen stamps,
being the number
1 of countries Colonel Lindbergh visited, as well as the num-
2 ber of the original States in the United States, the stamps
3 to be issued in denominations from one-half cent to $1 from
4 dies to be specially made in appropriate designs suitable for
5 perpetuating the benefits and recording in a permanent
6 way this epochal flight and series of good-will visits."

The Committee has before it at the present time, at least three other bills authorizing special issues, but as yet none of them have been favorably reported. It is to be hoped that if this bill will meet with the approval of the Committee, that it will carry an appropriation with it, for otherwise, I believe it is optional with the Postmaster General.

As to the Valley Forge issue, I now learn that Senator Reed of Pennsylvania will accompany Congressman Watson of the Valley Forge District to see the Postmaster General on his return from Florida. Letters are continually arriving at Washington, and if the good work is only kept up, no doubt this variety will appear.

It is doubtful whether any other of the suggested stamps will receive favorable consideration at this time, unless they are especially authorized by Congress, and money is appropriated to cover the expenditure in connection with the issue.

Air Mail Notes

"LINDBERGH AGAIN FLIES THE AIR MAIL" is found on a new postmark, horseshoe in shape, which was applied in the case of upward of 225,000 letters, which were carried by Lindbergh and other air mail pilots on his trip, February 20th, from St. Louis to Chicago, and return on the following day from Chicago to St. Louis. In addition, this postmark in the upper part of the horseshoe reads, "Chicago-St. Louis C.A.M. 2." Below, we find the name of the town and date in figures. Chicago and St. Louis both applied the postmark in black, Peoria in green, and Springfield used two colors on each postmark, the upper portion being in red and the lower in blue. Dr. H. P. Macnamara kindly sends a cover from Springfield.

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The Second Assistant Postmaste eral announced that effective Mar Waco, Texas, will be embraced f ply on C.A.M. No. 21, on a s leaving Dallas daily at 7.45 A. M reaching Galveston 11.30 the sam The return flight leaves Galvesto P. M. and reaches Dallas 7.37 P. special postmark will be used occasion, similar to the postmar by Waco when it was placed on No. 22, a few weeks back.

Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Assistant Postmaster General, ann on February 18th, that he would tise for bids for the operation of mail route between New Orlean and Laredo, Texas, via Houston.

The announcement followed rec a telegram from Cosme Hinojos rector General of Posts of Mex the effect that the Mexican Gove is preparing to inaugurate an a line between Mexico City and Laredo, across the Rio Grande Laredo, Texas, and inquiring w American Government will be p to connect at that place for intern operation. Mexico also plans a s from Mexico City to Tampico, t gram advised.

Mr. Glover replied that the A Government would be ready to with the Mexican system as soon planes come to the border.

To meet this situation he is inst the Texas Air Transport, operatin Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, and A San Antonio, to be prepared to rate service at a moment's notice b San Antonio and Laredo in acc with the terms of that company tract with the Post Office Depart

This route connects at Fort with the National Air Transport, holds the contract for mail rou tween Dallas and Chicago, and and New York.

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A part of this route, extendin New York to Atlanta, Ga., is e to be placed in operation April Department of Commerce has an that the lighted airway under co tion over the entire distance fro York to Atlanta will have bee pleted by that date, and assuranc been received from the Pitcairn A Company, the contractors, that it ready to operate then.

The Department of Commerce ever, will have no funds availabl after July 1 for the erection of ne beacon lights between Atlanta a bile to maintain the schedule mapp The line between Atlanta and N leans is already under contract, a be placed in operation as soon as t way is lighted for night flying.

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land early in the morning, the air mail carried thereon could be dispatched via train to all Willamette valley cities and towns, as well as those in the Umpqua and Rogue River Valley.

The Postmaster of San Francisco is using a special printed notice, of which two thousand were printed, stating that—

"This office has received information from the Second Assistant Postmaster General to the effect that it is understood the special airplane flight from San Francisco to Australia has been abandoned, and instructing that mail being held for it should be returned.

Pursuant to this instruction the attached mail is returned to you."

It will be recalled that some months back, announcement was made that there would be an air mail flight from San Francisco to Australia, at which time letters would be carried for the public.

Mr. M. D. Olmstead has kindly submitted for inspection covers carried during the New England Flood, from Concord and Montpelier, bearing a circular postmark in violet reading, "First Flight Emergency Contract Air Mail Route, Concord, Montpelier, Burlington, Nov. 10, 1927." A further cover showing a diamond shape postmark in green reads, "First Flight Emergency Contract Air Mail Route Concord-Barre, Nov. 16, 1927." These covers show in addition the regular postmark of the post office using them, and are back-stamped by the receiving office.

Cuba

Mr. Eugene Klein informs me that he has had submitted a block of four of the recent issued Cuban Lindbergh stamp, with double overprint. The same party has also sent similar blocks to several other dealers. On close inspection, Mr. Klein finds that the second overprint differs from the first, hence, is not a genuine double variety. It is to be regretted that these fakes have been produced, but it is hoped that they will not reach any unsuspecting collector or dealer.

Afghanistan.—It is expected that the new Afghan stamps will be issued perforated before long. The 60 poul stamp comes in sheets of eight, consisting of two blocks of four, *tête-bêche* in relation to each other.

The use of Official stamps has now been discontinued. Official letters now come through unstamped. Mr. Faqir Hussain Zaid is our informant.—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

British Solomon Islands.—Whitfield King & Co. have received the 5p, 6p, 1sh, 2sh6p and 5sh, current stamps on script watermarked paper.

Bulgaria.—The 50st in the type of 1881 issue has been placed on sale in brick red and black. Copies are to hand from the Economist Stamp Co.

China.—This unhappy country is about to issue a commemorative set with the portrait of Marshal Tchang So Lin, comprising four values, 1c, 4c, 10c and $1, which will be sold at Chinese post offices and also, with a distinctive overprint, in the provinces of Turkestan and Manchuria. According to a correspondent of M. Th. Champion, there will be 4,600,000 dollars' worth for China, 370,000 dollars' worth for Turkestan, and 1,500,000 dollars' worth for Manchuria.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Cuba.—We are indebted to Mr. John G. Kunz for copies of the current 5c aereoplane stamp with the two-line surcharge "LINDBERGH FEBRERO 1928" in two lines in black. Mr. Kunz advises that 500,000 were issued.

Czechoslovakia.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 40h brown, design as Scott's A14, on unwatermarked paper. Also the following values of a new type postage due stamp: 10h, 40h, 50h, 60h, all scarlet in color and 1kr and 2kr, in blue. These stamps are oblong format with the country's name at the top, figures of value in the centre and "Doplatne" at the bottom.

Greece.—A few thousand of the 1½ and 5dr of the new Navarino issue were put on sale at Pylos on October 20th, and then hurriedly withdrawn, as it was discovered that the higher value, with portrait of Admiral Codrington, was inscribed simply "Sir Codrington." The full set should be issued shortly, and collectors who hold specimens of the first 5dr are eager to know whether the inscription has been corrected, in which case their specimens should be valuable. —*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

Guatemala.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a 1c de quetzal, olive-green stamp with a view of a large building as the central design. It has beneath this inscription "Edificio de Correos y Telegrafos Nacionales."

Haiti.—Mr. E. A. Colson sends for chronicle a new 35c, stamp in green with two sprigs of coffee in original form for a central design. The stamp is long oblong format with the name of the country and "Postes" at the top, figures of value at each side about half distance from top and bottom. Beneath the central figure in small type is the word "Cafe" with "Centimes de Gourde" beneath. The stamp is the work of the American Bank Note Co. Mr. Colson also calls our attention to a special cancellation that the letter bears. It is in the shape of an airplane and in red, and is in honor of Col. Lindbergh who was expected on Feb. 6th.

Netherlands.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise that they have received the ½c grey and 1½c magenta, design of A24, watermarked circles.

Palestine.—We are informed by Whitfield King & Co. that the new postage dues were expected to be issued about the first week in February. The following values will make up the set: 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 13, 20 and 50 mils.

San Marino.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the appearance of the 60c violet surcharged "Expresso" with the further overprint "Lire 1,25" in black at the base of the stamp.

Siam.—Two provisionals are foreshadowed by M. Champion, viz.:—5 sat. on 15 sat. carmine, and 10 sat. on 28 sat. purple-brown.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Sudan.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 2 pias, on "S.G." watermarked paper.

Tunis.—The Economist Stamp Co. send copies of the 25c, type A11, in red-violet, and 75c, design as A12, in a shade of dull red-violet.

Uruguay.—The Economist Stamp Co. send for chronicle copies of the 12c blue, type of A100, with the surcharge "Inauguricion Ferrarril SAN CARLO a ROCHA 14/1/1928" with new values overprinted over the former one. Those submitted are the 2c, 5c, 10c and 12c, and appear with the new figures over the original ones with "Cts" between. The surcharges are in red, in six lines.

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On February 1st the Government of Cyprus issued a set of postage stamps in commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the British Occupation of the Island by virtue of the Convention with Turkey of 1878. These stamps have already been chronicled in detail in our New Issue columns, but the following descriptive notes, kindly supplied by the Trade Commissioner for the Colony, will interest all our readers.

As already explained, the ten denominations represent persons, objects, and incidents of interest in a history proverbially rich in traditional associations. For the ¾ piastre design an archaic Cyprus coin has been chosen, presented in high relief. The 1 piastre gives a late contemporary marble portrait of the philosopher Zeno, founder of the Stoic philosophy, who was born in Kitium (the modern Larnaca) towards the close of the fourth century B.C. The design of the 1½ piastre stamp is based on a map of Cyprus in the medieval style drawn for Mr. H. C. Luke's "Anatolica," showing the six principal cities and Mount Olympus (6,400 ft. high): in the south-western corner will be observed a miniature presentment of Aphrodite rising from the sea before Paphos. The 2½ piastre is a reduction of the early eighteenth century fresco in the Orthodox Cathedral of Nicosia, showing the finding at Salamis in the fifth century of the body of St. Barnabas, the Patron Saint of the Island. In this connexion it will be remembered that Cyprus was the first country in the world to be ruled by a Christian Governor, the Roman Sergius Paulus, who was converted by Paul and Barnabas. The 4 piastre stamp gives a view of the thirteenth century Cloister of the Premonstratensian Abbey of Bellapaise, close to Kyrenia on the northern coast of the Island. The 6 piastre shows the Badge of the Colony, as approved by His late Majesty King Edward VII, borne on the Governor's flag: the two lions which Richard Cœur de Lion displayed on his banners at the taking of Cyprus. The 9 piastre stamp is taken from a pen and ink drawing of the Tekke (Hospice) of Umm Haram, nurse of the Prophet Mohammed, who died in Cyprus. The subject of the 18 piastre will be familiar to Londoners, as Sir H. Thorneycroft's bronze equestrian statue of Richard Cœur de Lion, the first English King of Cyprus, outside the House of Lords. The 45 piastre or 5s stamp gives the facade of the thirteenth century French Gothic Cathedral of St. Nicholas in Famagusta, now a Turkish Mosque, and the £1 a portrait of King George V.

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Since publication of my price résumé, in the November 28 and December 5th issues of MEKEEL'S, I have received communications from revenue enthusiasts upon many divergent phases of the subject, but while each of these has been interesting in itself many are so disassociated, one from another, as to make it impracticable to endeavor to link them for general reading.

The current notes therefore will cover such worth while items as have been brought to my attention in the past few months, and in thus departing from the policy of secrecy, so pronounced during earlier periods, it is hoped that others who can contribute their chapter will do so. Failing in this, at least have the goodness to communicate with the writer and don't be a shrinking violet through a feeling that your presentation is probably unimportant. It may be, but again it may be real meat, so kindly let me be a self appointed judge.

1c Express
Part Perf.

Although strips of this stamp, imperforate horizontally, are of little moment and there are vertical and horizontal blocks of sixteen each, and another block of twenty-four, I am pleased to record a piece of seventy-nine subjects on a document recently sent to me from Idaho, where it was used in a small mining camp in September, 1863. The usage of real large blocks of any of the low values may seem surprising, but it appears clear that such stamps were the only ones available in many of the smaller centers, and conversely such points are not the places to look for an original find of the $500 second issue. As a matter of interest it may be noted that only nine concerns handled the 204 issued copies of this latter stamp, and that but two specimens were used west of the Mississippi. Regarding the present block of 1c, I would classify it as interesting, but unimportant since almost half of the stamps are damaged, and the largest perfect block that can be salvaged is one of twelve stamps. Others would be of four, six, and eight subjects, respectively. Imperforate vertically the stamp is much scarcer than horizontally, and as the admittedly tentative specialized catalog is expanded and revised, cognizance presumably will be taken of this established fact.

2c Bank Check
Imperforate

An interested and helpful reader of earlier articles directs my attention to his vertical block of eight of this stamp, which reminds me to ask any holder of a piece larger than twelve to proudly proclaim the news to your correspondent. There are several blocks of four, six and eight, and one each of nine and ten, but although more than ten years have passed since Mr. Elliott Perry publicly mentioned the four by three block as the largest known, no one has arisen to question the statement and produce supporting evidence. Who can do so?

3c Foreign Exchange
Part Perf.

Always considered a real rarity in the form of a pair, two more pieces developed locally in 1925, since which time a dealer has had five pairs submitted, accompanied by the advices that more are available. Consequently, until such time as the situation is clarified, book quotations of value may be misleading. To date all pieces are imperforate vertically.

3c Playing Cards
Perforated

The quite recent discovery of another block of four prompts expression of the opinion that $90.00 net is about the right level for a fine block, and confirmation is offered by the transfer within four years at a well known and very spirited and highly competitive auction sale of a fine block of ten, a strip of four and a pair on document at a price of $205.00. The catalog lists a block at $150, and an Imperforate block of the $1.00 Passage Ticket at the same figure. Obviously there is only one answer. The P. C. is too high and the P. T. too low for a list that carries 20% discount.

3c Proprietary
Part Perf.

The only piece of this value and title in the Eagle collection was a vertical reconstructed strip of three, but the Stromberg property contained an unused pair which subsequently came to the writer, who has since secured a strip of three used together with a single, on a note originating in Ohio. The beauty of these pieces, as well as the Foreign Exchange just discussed, is that they cannot be manufactured, and this obviously is true of the 2c P. C. and 2c Proprietary, and the 70c, other high priced items in the

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10c Certificate

Imperforate

In the December 5th issue mention was made that a block was generally unknown, but likely to occur, and strange to say the edition was on the press when a beautiful block of four, found in Bath, Maine, was submitted to me and purchased at my published appraisal of $150. Possession of the piece has not altered my ideas of worth, but does, I believe, justify expression of the opinion that the specialized catalog quotation for the block of 10c Inland Exchange is too high, and to rate it on an equality with the 10c Power of Attorney block is ridiculous. Corrective measures will no doubt be evidenced in later editions. Of one thing I feel reasonably confident, i.e., further blocks will eventually appear of both Certificate and Inland, and probably if some complacent reader of these notes would only take his pen in hand, as I have frequently requested, some real light could be shed on the subject right now.

It is true I have received complimentary, encouraging and truly helpful communications from many sources, but not enough to justify further burning of the midnight oil, and like the race that has "won every nations battles but their own," I want some arguments, or at least to draw from his tent any who can correct any of my published assertions. Otherwise, the revenue notes are likely to die of dry rot.

10c Contract

Part Perf.

Again soliciting co-operation to further general knowledge, will any reader informed of a strip of five of this stamp kindly come to the front, or if facts concerning a block larger than four are available they will be doubly welcome. It is reasonable to believe there must be several strips of five, for this seemed to be the form in which many of the 10c Part Perfs were employed, and even the great rarity, i.e., the 10c Bill of Lading was found in this shape in Illinois, by Mr. Stromberg. Certificate also is moderately scarce in multiple (P. P.), but offhand I can account for four strips of five.

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From Mr. T. J. Gridley, Springfield, Mass., comes an odd one on the 1909 TWO CENTS. It is a magenta oval cancel 37mm on the major axis with upper legend C. H. GOODNOUGH and curving with it So. LONDONDERRY, VT. The lower legend is So. LOND. & BRATT. R.P.O., a center legend JUN 19 Tr. 53. As for the postmaster, good enough. But for the rest of it, we're at a loss, and Mr. Gridley is at a gain. Fire when you're ready, Gridley.

And the "waffle iron" cancel on registered mail from the New York West 43rd Street Station, which Mr. Gridley submits, is one of those cancels referred to previously as one of the beautiful current cancels which are appearing on registered letters. The ellipse is 27mm by 20mm with four evenly spaced lines thru the cancel. No legends or datings appear, which is intricate. Oddly the Springfield, Mass., postmaster is counting on the future as he cancels SEP 1, 1928 on the reverse of the envelope. We wonder what he was thinking of, counting nine months ahead?

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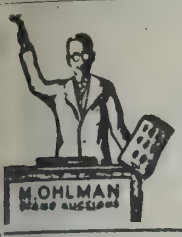

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Part I. The Illustrations

Valley City, N. Dak.—So seldom does a new North Dakota electroplate appear that it is with distinct pleasure we illustrate this month the overprint produced from the new plate received at Valley City. Mr. Vernon Gale informs me that the following stamps were printed in December: ½, 1, 1½, 3 ,4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 20. As only two sheets of the ½c were printed, this will be the best of the series. The 5c and 20c exist with double overprint, and the 4c and 7c with the overprint inverted.

Newark, N. Y., is using the popular U-12 style in contrast to the thick, heavy U-2. It will not surprise me to see Newark, N. J., follow with a similar change.

Glens Falls, N. Y., appears with the same style as Valley City. Mr. H. A. Nordquist has shown it to me on several values. Glens Falls has had several handstamps, which produced inferior looking precancels, so the new plate is truly to be appreciated.

Part II. Miscellaneous

Our opinion of commemorative precancels as a whole has not abated in severity one whit, but once in a while some come along that we know were not issued primarily for collectors, and we feel these deserve recognition. Birmingham, Ala., reading up on the 5c Ericsson, and Philadelphia, current electro, reading down on the 2c White Plains, are two worthwhile items. Seattle mail order handstamp on the 5c Ericsson has also been noticed.

Jackson, Tenn., are always desirable because of their rarity. It was my fortune to pick up a superb 11c and 13c in the electro.

Grand Forks, N. D., added the 13c and 14c to the set, for use during the holiday rush.

Rochester, Minn., is out with the U-12 type. Prof. Gamber recently showed me a 11c perf. 10, from this city in an unchronicled handstamped style—the U-81. The overprint reads down.

Danbury, Conn., has a new handstamp similar to U-54. I have it on the 5-cent, current.

Alhambra, Calif.—Since chronicling the 1½c last month, I have seen the 3 and 13c.

Sawtelle, Calif., is using precancels for the first time. The style is similar to Fresno, being all caps, with serifs and handstamped.

Camden, N. J.—Bureau precancellation on the 2c coil has just come to hand. The style is in line with the standardization recently agreed upon at the Bureau. This style was illustrated for Dallas in my last article.

Ocean City, N. J., is a newcomer to the precancel fan. The current 2c before me bears a handstamped overprint of large plain caps between lines. Jackson, Miss., is also using this style at present.

Fairmont, W. Va.—In two lines of heavy caps between bars, reaches me on the 10c. The handstamping is done with jet black ink, which probably led the cataloguers to believe this type a printed one. Such is not the case.

Venice, Calif., has another handstamp in a surprisingly short time. Type II is the U-75, and identical with Bell, Calif. I have the new Venice overprint on the current 30c reading up.

Janesville, Wis., has used up its stock of commemoratives by precancelling them. The White Plains was handstamped, while the Lexington-Concord set, and 5c Ericsson was printed in the U-1 style.

Augusta, Maine.—Type V is very clearly U-54. Two worthwhile items in my possession are the 13c apple-green, normal, and double normal, in this style. Speaking of 13c apple-greens, I happen to have a fine block of Canton, S. D., that came through the mails in the regular course of business.

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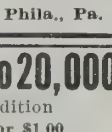
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U. S. 24c CONTINENTAL 1873

By ELLIOTT PERRY.

(*Continued from page 146*)

If mention is made of the 24c with Continental grill, which is listed and priced in the Standard catalog, I suggest this has nothing to do with the case. One copy of this stamp in which the Scott Co. has confidence, but which I believe they do not own, is in existence. I examined it when it was in the Worthington collection, and again when the Worthington collection was broken up, and with all due respect to good friends and recognized authorities, I do not think this copy is of value in determining the shade used to print the 24c Continentals delivered in 1875.

In this connection reference may be made to the addenda in Mr. Luff's book where the following will be found:—

"In June, 1876, a stamp cleaning case was tried in the courts. The Continental Bank Note Co. . . . suggested putting the grill into use once more. They were ordered to prepare 1,000 copies of each value then current. . . . The order was duly executed and perhaps slightly exceeded, since it included the 2, 7, 12 and 24 cents of the 1873 series, which had ceased to be issued to the public. The grilled stamps were forwarded to Washington and put into circulation; . . ."

Taking this statement at its face value I find myself quite unable to decide whether any 24c stamp of the lot of 1,000 referred to was specially printed for the purpose some time after June, 1876, or was made by grilling a stamp printed in 1875. Certainly if these one thousand 24c stamps with Continental grill were printed after June, 1876, none of them are of the slightest use in determining the shade of stamps printed more than a year earlier. If the Worthington copy, or the other 999, were in the exact shade of a 3c Justice on soft, hard, medium, thin, thick, porous, pelure, onion skin, parchment, bank-note, or any other kind of paper, neither it nor they would prove anything whatever in regard to the shade of the 24c stamps "printed and delivered" in 1875.

But if these one thousand 24c stamps were not specially printed they must have been made by grilling remainders. If so, what remainders? Who will readily believe that after unloading 365,000 of the 24c on the stamp agent only a short time before that value went out of use—a quantity just 364,950 more than apparently were needed—the Continental Company still had more 24c stamps "up their sleeve," so to speak, more than a year later.

Did the Continental Company obtain 1,000 remainder 24c from the stamp agent on which to try their grill? If so, how do we know he did not give them some of the old National stamps? Unless the lot of 364,950 remainders were all Continental 24c, some of them must have been National prints and the instant we realize that fact we are confronted with a most interesting supposition; i.e., the Worthington specimen may be a perfectly genuine 24c National bearing a perfectly genuine Continental grill. Worse than that; the stamp agent might have mixed the prints in the 1,000 copies, and both National and Continental 24c bearing genuine Continental grills may still be in existence! This is why I think the best way to handle the 24c with Continental grill is to ignore it.

The strongest point advanced by Mr. Behr refers to a special paper, very white in tone and bearing silk fibres, which he recognizes as characteristic of the Continental 24c stamps. In my opinion the most valuable and perhaps the only original idea advanced in the last twenty years, which might solve the problem of what happened to the 24c Continental prints should be credited to Mr. John J. Klemann of the Nassau Stamp Company. Several years ago in working with the periodical stamps he that some of the Continental printi those stamps had silk fibres in the and remembering that none of thos ticular periodical stamps had ever printed by the National Bank Company, it occurred to him that could find 24c purples on similar with silk fibres they would probab certainly be the product of the Con tal Bank Note Company. His notes published, but at this writing I c state just when or where.

Mr. Klemann's conclusions hov only partly agree with those of Behr. Instead of finding only a percentage of 24c stamps with silk Mr. Klemann found them to be nea plentiful as those without the fibr if the presence or absence of these indicates the difference between Na and Continental prints, instead of a rare stamp, the Continental 24c is plentiful.

In this connection it might be w turn to page 299 of Mr. Luff's There we find listed the quantiti periodical stamps of the issue of received by the stamp agent fron Continental Company in the years 1875 and 1876. During the year 1 supply of all denominations from $60 was received, the quantities va from 5,000 each of the high value st to nearly a million each of the 2c a stamps. In the year 1875 only thre nominations were received by the s agent. These were 90,000 of the 19,500 of the $1.92, and 5,000 of the The 24c general issue postage st printed by the Continental Co. wer delivered in this same year, 1875 1876 further large quantities of the odical stamps were delivered, and denominations included all except t 4c and 6c stamps.

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ithout any desire to belittle the value Ir. Klemann's research, or to carp at Behr's conclusions, I think it will pparent to anyone who gives the sub- much thought that failure to find fibres or other characteristics in the ional prints is not absolutely conclu- evidence that such peculiarities are e found exclusively in the products he Continental Bank Note Company. copy of any National stamp printed uch paper will upset the entire theory. derstand Mr. Fred R. Schmalzriedt Detroit discovered a National stamp ?) bearing silk fibres some time ago. he foregoing part of this article was ated and typewritten "in the rough" een December 26, 1927, and January 928. Since then it has been partly rranged and re-written. The conclu- s arrived at are not affected, in my ion, by statements contained in the le entitled "How Can We Prove Up 24c Continental?" written by War- Bates. The first installment of this le appeared in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY January 23, 1928, but Mr. Bates lly sent me a copy of entire article re it was published. Mr. Bates' con- ions are not based upon a succession improbable coincidences fifty odd s ago, but are based upon observa- of material in existence today, and efore can readily be checked. He us what kind of silk fibre paper is mon to both National and Continen- prints and hence is worthless in dis- uishing 24c Continentals, and also t kind of silk fibre paper is appar- y confined only to Continental prints, hence can be used to determine if of the 365,000 twenty-four cent pur- stamps printed and delivered by the tinental Bank Note Company were r sold at post offices and used.

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A member of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, also the A.P.S. for many years, he has held office in both, and always one with plenty to do. He is also a member of The Collectors' Club.

As Recorder for the Board of Vice-Presidents of the A.P.S. he worked out a system of indexing and filing that if adhered to since must have greatly lessened the labors of this office.

In his philatelic research he brings to his aid his knowledge of foreign languages, and thru following up the work of our European experts has acquired a wide knowledge of the early stamps of many countries, his favorites being first issues of Netherlands and Denmark, of which he has an extensive collection.

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OTTO F. MOSES, Secretary

it—yes, we usually have a full attendance at all Directors' Meetings.

Otto is engaged in the Insurance business, being Division Manager of the Federal Insurance Co.

COLLECTORS CLUB, NEW YORK

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

On several occasions, I have heard of "Out-of-Town" Collectors who were in New York on one of our meeting nights, but who did not know that a meeting was being held.

For the benefit of such of my readers who may contemplate a visit to New York I would like to say a few words about our 1928 Program.

This season it was part of my work as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee to plan our program. The chief innovation, this year, has been visits by the members of the Collectors Club to other Clubs in the vicinity and their return visits to us.

On October 28th, eight members of the Collectors Club went to Springfield, Mass., and had a wonderful reception. Each member gave a short display and talk. On January 3rd, in like manner, nine members of the Club went to Philadelphia. On January 18th, nine members of the Springfield Club came to New York and gave us one of the very best shows we have ever had.

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26	1850, 180r black, average	2.25
27	1850, 300r black, average	3.00
28	1850, 600r black, superb	5.75
28	1850, 600r, good	4.00
39	1861, 280r red, good	4.25
74	1878-79, 260r dark brown, fine	.85
* 76	1878-79, 700r red brown, no gum	3.50
77	1878-79, 1000r gray lilac	.85
*198	1917, 5000r red brown	3.00
	BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA	
15	1892-93, 4sh on 5sh, superb	6.00
16	1892-93, 3sh/4sh, good. Cat. $25.	13.00
18	1893-95, 3sh, brown & green	1.15
* 19	1893-95, 4sh, gray & vermillon	1.60
* 22	1895, 2p green & black	1.25
* 24	1895, 6p ultramarine & black	1.25
27	1895, 3sh yellow & black, superb	1.35
37	1896, 2sh 6p lilac & black	6.00
* 32-36	1896, 1p-1sh	6.00
* 43-50	1897, 1p-4sh. Very scarce set.	16.00
* 60-66	1903-04, 1p-4sh, King Edw. Iss.	10.00
	BRITISH EAST AFRICA	
* 4-9 & 12	1890-91, ½-4a & 8a—average. Cat. $34.00, Special	15.00
	BRITISH GUIANA	
34	1862, 12c gray lilac, superb	4.25
45	1863, 1c black, superb	1.25
49	1863, 12c lilac, fine red canc.	3.75
50	1866, pair 1c black	1.65
* 51	1866, 2c orange, mint	1.85
52	1866, 4c blue, superb	1.30
58	1875, 1c black, superb	1.10
63	1863, 24c green, perf. 12	2.00
68	1866, 24c green, fine	1.35
69	1896, 48c rose red, perf. 10	3.00
* 82	1878, 1c on 6c chocolate	2.00
84	1878, 1c on 6c chocolate, superb.	4.50
92	1881, 1c on 48c red, fine	1.50
* 93	1881, 1c on 96c bistre, no gum	.75
* 97	1881, 1c on 48c red brown, no gum	3.25
*101	1881, 2c on 24c green, no gum	4.00
103	1882, 1c rose, fine	1.25
105	1882, 2c yellow, type I	1.35
106	1882, 2c yellow, type II	1.25
*147-51	1898 Complete, 1c to 15c	5.00
*147-54	1898-99 Complete	6.00
*160-68	1905-07, ordinary paper	8.50
	BRITISH HONDURAS	
* 9	1872-74, 3p brown, no gum	5.00
11	1872-74, 1sh green, fine	3.25
11	1872-74, 1sh green, good	3.00
12	1879, 4p violet, good	3.10
12	1879, 4p violet, fine	3.25
* 38-42	1891 Complete, 2c to 24c	2.50
* 38-47	1891-98 Complete, 2c-25c incl.	7.00
* 46	1895-98, 10c violet & green	1.60
* 54	1899, $2.00 green & ultram., mint.	7.00
* 62-67	1904-06, 1c-25c, very fine	3.25
* 69	1904-06, $1.00 green & carm., mint	3.25
	BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS	
* 1-7 ($2 used)	1907, ½p-1sh compl.	10.00
8-15	1908, ½p-1sh	2.60
	BULGARIA	
1-5	1879 Complete, 5c-1fr. Scarce set	11.00
3	1879, 25c black & violet, fine	1.35
5	1879, 1fr black & red, fine	1.10
19	1884-85, 3s on 10c rose	3.00
20	1884-85, 5s on 30s, superb	2.50
21	1884-85, 15s on 25s, fine	2.75
351	1884, 5s orange, superb	1.25
351-53	1884 Complete. Scarce with this perf.	3.25
353	1884, 50s blue, superb	1.10
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14	1863-64, 6p violet. Fine tho P.C.	7.50
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	CHILE	
12b	1862, 10c blue, good	1.10
* 68-78	1905-09 Complete, 1c-1p	3.25
* 98-112	1911 Complete, 1c-10b, incl.	7.75
*146-53	1923, Pan American Issue cpl.	4.50
315	1907, 20c orange brown on black, superb	4.00
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2	1878, 3c red, superb	1.25
3a	1878, 5c orange, fine	1.75
* 18-30	1897 Complete	9.50
* 40	1897, 10c on 9c, mint	1.75
* 41	1897, 10c on 12c, orange	1.60
* 49	1897, $1.00 on 3c. Straight edge at bottom	2.00
* 50-58	1897, ½c-50c incl.	5.50
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* 31	1864, 10c blue, no gum	1.50
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	DANISH WEST INDIES	
* 4	1872-73, 4c dull blue	6.00
13	1873-96, 50c bright purple	2.10
* 13a	1873-96, 50c dull purple	2.10
	DIEGO SUAREZ	
7	1890, 5c black, imperforate	2.50
8	1890, 15c black, imperforate	1.25
9	1890, 25c black, imperforate	2.10
	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	
*100-08	1899-1900 Complete, 1c-2p	6.50
	EAST AFRICA & UGANDA	
* 17-24	1904-07, ½a-8a, chalky paper.	3.75
	ECUADOR	
6	1865, 4r red, good	4.75
*221-36	1920, 1c-60c	3.50
	EGYPT	
312	1888, 1pi blue, fine	1.10
	ERITREA	
* 1-10	1892, 1c-1L	4.00
	FALKLAND ISLANDS	
2	1878, 4p gray. Straight edge at top. Cat. $12.00	6.00
8	1886, 4p olive gray, fine	2.00
* 13-19	1892-96 Complete, ½p-1sh	4.50
* 20	1898, 2sh 6p dark blue. Judged one of world's handsomest stamps	10.00
	FERNANDO PO	
* 89-105	1901 Complete. A very desirable set	13.50
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	FIJI ISLANDS	
21	1874, 2c on 1p, average. Cat. $20.00	9.00
* 45	1878-83, 1sh yellow brown	.85
* 46	1878-83, 5sh black & red	1.65
	FINLAND	
6	1866-67, 5p brown, superb	2.00
13	1866-67, 10p buff, good	2.10
19a	1875-82, 8p blue green, superb	2.10
44	1889-90, 5m green & rose	1.00
45	1889-90, 10m brown & rose	1.00
	FIUME	
* 86-99	1920 Complete. Attractive set	4.50
	FRANCE	
1	1849-50, 10c bistre, good	6.00
9	1849-50, 1fr carmine. Close at left	3.25
*103-10	1917-19, Charity issue complete	16.00
*604	1870, 15c black	1.15
*607	1871-78, 30c black	1.50
	Occupation—Alsace & Lorraine	
801	1870, 1c olive green, superb	3.00
*802	1870, 2c red brown	2.25
*804	1870, 5c yellow green	1.50
804	1870, 5c yellow green, superb	1.25
*806	1870, 20c ultramarine	1.00
807	1870, 25c brown, superb	3.00
814	1870, 25c brown, fine. Cat. $20.00	10.00
	Offices in China	
* 1-9	1894, 5c-1fr, incl.	7.25
8	1894, 75c deep violet, orange, good	3.50
10	1894, 5fr red lilac, good	3.00
* 57-64	1907 Complete	3.50
	Offices in Morocco	
* 11-12	1902-10 Surcharges complete	4.25
	Offices in Turkey	
8	1900, 8pia on 2r, superb	2.75
	Offices in Zanzibar	
* 17-27	1896, 11 varieties	7.00
	FRENCH COLONIES	
* 6	1859-65, 80c rose	2.00
19	1872, 80c rose, fine	4.75
* 28	1877, 75c carmine, rose	2.50
36	1877, 35c orange, superb	1.00
40	1879, 4c claret, superb	1.20
	FRENCH GUIANA	
* 50	1902-04, 2fr	2.50
	FRENCH GUINEA	
* 63-79	1913-17 Complete	7.50
	FRENCH OCEANICA	
* 14-20	1900-07. These two issues complete, scarce	13.50
* 21-38	1913 Complete, 1c-1fr incl.	7.25
	FUNCHAL	
* 1-12	1892-93 Issue complete	7.50
	GAMBIA	
18a	1886-87, 6p olive green, fine	2.20
* 28-39 ex. 37	1902-05, 1sh Edward set.	17.50
* 40-52	1904-06 Complete, 2nd Edw. Set	28.00
* 57-68	1909, 3rd Edward Set	17.00
* 70-82	1912, George Set, ½p-1sh 6p	4.50
	GERMAN EAST AFRICA	
* 11-20	1900, 2p-2r incl.	4.25
*151-58	1918, Charity Issue	4.25
	GERMAN SOUTH WEST AFRICA	
* 13-23	1900, 3pf-2m incl.	7.50
	German Offices in Morocco	
* 7-17	1900 Surcharges	4.75
* 20-30	1905 Surcharges	6.75
	Offices in Turkey	
2	1884, 20pa on 10pf rose, good	2.75
* 31-42 ex. 41	1905, attractive set	8.25
* 43-54	1906-12 Issue complete, scarce	19.50
* 55-59	1908 Issue complete	3.00
	GIBRALTAR	
* 3	1886, 2p violet brown, no gum	4.50
* 5	1886, 4p orange brown, no gum.	5.00
5	1886, 4p orange brown, superb	5.50
* 6	1886, 6p violet, mint	8.00
* 12	1886, 4p orange brown	4.50
* 14	1886, 1sh bistre, no gum	8.50
* 15-21	1889, August issue complete	8.75
* 21	1889, Aug., 75c on 1sh	2.50
* 22-32	1889-95, two issues complete.	7.00
* 28	1889, Nov., 1p bistre	1.60
* 29	1889, Nov., 5p steel blue	2.00
* 32a-36	1898 Complete, ½p-1sh	5.00
* 37-45	1903, ½p-4sh incl., scarce	17.00
* 48-54 ex. 51	1904-08, Chalky paper.	14.00
* 48-54 ex. 51	1904-08, ordinary paper, complete	7.50
* 83-86	1924 Complete, incl. the rare 8sh. (The 8sh has sold in a New York auction for $75.00.) Our price for the set	50.00
	GOLD COAST	
* 4	1876-79, ½p bistre	1.50
* 6	1876-79, 2p green	2.50
21	1887, 1p on 6p orange, superb	7.00
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	GREAT BRITAIN	
2	1840, 1p black, superb	1.25
3	1840, 2p blue, fine	3.25
56	1867, 5sh rose, good	2.50
72	1878, 10sh slate, average	13.00
110	1883-84, £1 brown violet, fine	13.00
124	1891, £1 green. Str. edge at left.	5.00
428	1883-86, 9p green, average	1.25
	Offices in China	
* 18-27	1922 Complete, 1c-$2.00	7.75
	Offices in Morocco	
1-6	1898, 5-50c incl.	4.25
1-8	1898, Morocco Agency Set	6.25
* 20-24	1903-05, Morocco Set	4.25
* 26-32	1905-06, Morocco Set complete.	7.00
* 51-62	1907-10, Complete issue	14.50
74-83 & 83a ex. 80	1914-18 Issue	11.00
	Offices in Turkey	
* 11-12	1903-05, 12pi+24pi	4.80
	GREECE	
*117-28	1896, 1st Olympic game compl.	10 50
*159-63	1900 Surcharges on Olympics.	6.50
*184-97	1906, 2nd Olympics complete.	11.50
*198-212	1911, 1L-10d incl.	
*1020-34	1913, Macedonia, 1L-10d incl.	
	GRENADA	
5a	1863-71, 6p dull red, average	
15	1883, ½p orange & green	
* 20-26	1883 Complete, incl. scarce 1sh	
* 20a-25a ex. 21a	Set of 4 tete beche	
35	1891, 1p on 2sh, average	
* 36	1891, 1p on 8p bistre, mint	
36	1891, pair of 1p on 8p, fine	
* 37	1891, 2½p on 8p bistre	
* 45	1895-99, 8p lilac & black	
*107	1922-23, 5sh	
	GUADELOUPE	
*208	1884, 15c violet	
	GUATEMALA	
31-42	1886 Complete. A few used others unused. No. 32 damaged. Cat. $9.88. Special	
* 58-71 ex. 69	1897, 1c-500c incl.	
	GUINEA	
* 32-43	1893-94 Complete, 5r-300r incl	
* 59-66	1902 Surcharges	
* 69-80	1902 Surcharges	
	HAITI	
1-6	1881, Imperforate Issue complete. All superb copies	
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* 3	1881, 3c bistre, mint	
* 4	1881, 5c green, no gum. Cat. $7.0	
5	1881, 7c blue, superb	
6	1881, 20c red brown, superb	
* 67-81	1902 Surcharges complete. No 80 very lightly cancelled	
*125-36	1906, Foreign Postage Set cpl	
*158	1910, 20c yellow green & black	
*174	1914, 8c carmine, superb	
*181-90	1914 Surcharges on 1906	
*505-09	1902 Surcharged dues complet	
*510-13	1906 Dues complete	
	HANOVER	
4	1851-55, 1-30th salmon, superb	
12	1856-57, 1-30th black & rose, fine	
	HAWAII	
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* 70	1893, 15c red brown	
	HONG KONG	
206	1890, $5.00 on $10.00, fine	
	HORTA	
* 1-12	1892-96 Complete, 5r-300r	
* 13-26	1896, Set complete	
	HUNGARY	
4	1871, 10k blue, good	
6	1871, 25k bright violet, fine	
6	1871, 25k vio., average. Cat. $10.0	
12	1871, 25k lilac, fine	
	INDIA—Bhopal	
* 45	1890, 8a blue, fine	
	Gwalior	
* 13-23 ex. 14	1885-91, ½a-1r	
* 35-50	1903-07, Edwards complete	
*51-63	1912-14, Georges complete	
	Indore	
* 8-13 ($9 used)	¼a-4a	
	Kishengarh	
* 27-33	1904-05, ¼a-1r	
	IRELAND	
* **1-14**	**1922 Complete, ½p-10sh. Becoming very scarce**	
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	IVORY COAST	
* 42-58	1913-17 Complete, 1c-5fr	
	JAPAN	
*138	1914, 5 yen green, mint	
*533-49 ex. 544 & 545.	Nice set	
	KENYA	
* 18-31 & 33, 34, 35	1922, 1c-10sh incl.	
	KIAUCHAU	
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* 14-20	1905, 1c-50c incl.	
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* 1-13 & 16	1923 Issue, ½a-5r	
*101-11 & 115	1923, Service Issue, ½a-5	
	LABUAN	
7	1880-82, 8c carmine, good	
* 8	1880-82, 10c yell. brown, no gum	
* 16	1883, 2c green, mint	
* 28	1885-86, 16c gray blue	
* 33-39	1892 Complete, 2c-40c	
* 39	1892, 40c ochre, mint	
* 49-57	1894 Issue complete	
* 72a-84	1897-98, 1c-24c incl.	
* 99a-109	1902-03, 1c-$1.00	
	LAGOS	
* 7	1875, 1p lilac, no gum	
13-17	1882-85, Good set, No. 17 unused	
* 21	1884-86, 4p violet, mint	
* 26-34	1887-91 Complete, 2p-10sh	
* 40-46	1904, 1st Edward Set, ½d-1sh incl.	
* 50-59 ex. 53, 57, 58	2nd Edward set on ordinary paper	
* 50-59	1904, 2nd Edward Set, complete chalky paper	
	LATVIA	
*645-58 ex. 657	1919, Rare Occup. Iss.	
	LEEWARD ISLANDS	
* 6	1890, 7p violet & slate	
* 9-15	1897 Surcharges, ½p-1sh	
* 36-43	1907-11, 3rd Edward Set	
	LIBERIA	
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*115-25	1909 Complete, 1c-75c	
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By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

'he purchase of the "Telfer" collec- of early Canadian stamps makes the :h big collection of the stamps of that ntry that I have bought since I left gland and settled in the United States. am often asked why I have put so :h money in Canadians, and I can y answer that after some forty years mate knowledge of the stamp business do not know of any other country ose stamps are such a "good buy" at sent prices as those of Canada. I am asked for some of my reasons for optimism. I will try and give some them.

Ve must bear in mind that the early ada stamps were not issued for col- ors, but for the population of the ntry. Let us form some idea of the tive number of the populations of ada and the United States in the y days of postage stamps.

n 1881 the population of Canada was 4,000, in 1880 the population of the ted States was over 50,000,000. In 1 when Canada stamps first were is- d the population of the whole of Can- was probably less than 3,000,000, t of the United States in 1851 was r 23,000,000. On the basis of popula- Canada called for only one-eighth many stamps as were required by the ulation of this country.

Ve can go further than this and com- e the actual number of stamps printed he two countries for any period from 1 to 1880, and the difference is still re marked.

Now let us look at the matter from ther angle. What supplies of issues m 1851 to 1880 are in the hands of trade of either country. In New rk, Philadelphia, Boston, etc., etc., we visit many dealers and find that most them have large stocks and often fine lections of United States stamps on d, in quite a few cases running up to ny thousands of dollars in one stock. w ask all these dealers what stock of Canadians he has. The answer is almost always practically none. A noted Canadian collector was down here last month, he told me he spent a couple of days hunting the trade for Canada stamps. Result, only a few dollars and he gave it up in disgust.

Now let us take another angle. The question of demand. The demand for United States is, and will always be, enormous, when we look to the United States only. As far as my experience goes United States stamps are not *generally* collected outside the United States; true it is there are a few big buyers in England, and one or two others here and there, but as I have said they are not *generally* bought except here in the country of origin.

It is quite different with the stamps of Canada. First we have the great Canadian demand, which as Canada is growing richer is increasing by leaps and bounds. Next we have a really great demand for Canadians here in America. Here we have the largest and most valuable Canadian collection of the whole world, also many large collections, and hundreds of smaller ones. Then we have a great bulk of keen Canadian collectors in Great Britain, and whereas a few years ago the British dealers used to send large stocks abroad, now they have very little on hand and I am continually asked for supplies. Strange to say I am also finding a good demand for early Canadians in Brazil, Montevideo, Buenos Aires, and even from Japan.

Another fact is worthy of consideration. The Collectors Club of New York is working on a new Handbook of Canada stamps. The first volume is well advanced. It will probably contain the issues prior to Federation. That is those from 1851 to 1864.

I am not going to give away my secrets, but I do say that this will be a very valuable work, full of new information, and when it appears towards the end of this year we shall see and learn a whole lot about Canadian stamp varieties and relative rarity.—*Philatelic Classics.*

LINDBERGH-STO. DOMINGO AIR MAIL

By HARRY E. HUBER.

In his flight from Santo Domingo City, Dominican Republic, to Port au Prince, Haiti, on Monday, February 6, 1928, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh carried the regular weekly air mail (weighing 9 kilos 500gr) of the West Indian Aerial Express. This Company operates from Santo Domingo City to Port au Prince every Monday, returning on Tuesday, and resuming the flight to San Juan on Thursday.

The regular 12c air letter rate was charged, the stamps used being the 2c red Arms type (flat topped shield) of 1924, and the 10c blue, Entrega Especial, of 1920 (plane in flight), both lithographed locally and perforated 11½. These were postmarked in blue-green with a single lined circle, 23mm, lettered "Correo Aereo, Sto. Domingo," with date in the center in three lines, "FEB—6—1928," and at the right five horizontal lines, 45mm long, and spaced 4mm vertically. As Col. Lindbergh was carrying the mail, the Santo Domingo City Post Office prepared and applied in blue-green, a special cancellation in the form of a horizontal rectangle, 55x26mm, with four lines of lettering "Correo Aereo Especial —por—LINDBERGH—Espiritu de San Luis."

This mail was backstamped on receipt at Port au Prince with the ordinary "Port au Prince, Haiti" single lined circular marking, 27mm, with date in the center in three lines "6—FEV—28." To the face were applied in red the AVION marking of two concentric circles (enclosing an outline plane and "AVION") introduced on Sept. 13, 1927, and the special "Lindbergh" plane marking prepared for his visit.

THE FLOOD CANCELLATION

I have noticed two references during the past couple of months in your interesting magazine concerning the cancellation stamp used by the postmaster of Becket, Mass., after that memorable flood on November 4, 1927, and as I live about 12 miles from that town, I decided I would investigate the story for my own benefit.

For the benefit of those who do not know the tale of that morning's disaster, let me briefly summarize. After two days of extremely heavy rainfall, a dam about three miles above the town broke, and the resulting flood of water tore a huge gulley through the very center of the town, carrying away eight dwellings, together with 20 barns, garages and business houses. There were also 21 partly destroyed homes and four partly destroyed business places.

The Post Office was one of the buildings to suffer. Now let me quote the postmaster, Mr. Tower, of Becket: "Business was established during the day on the second floor of the fire station. On that dark Friday night, I went to Pittsfield for stamps, and the next two days my daughter and I carried the mail to Pittsfield. On Monday, the 7th, we had bus service going to Pittsfield, with two mails a day. This continued until the 15th, when the railroad service was established."

All mail the 4th, 5th and 6th was taken to Pittsfield, and the cancellation of the stamps took place there. On Monday, the 7th, Mr. Tower received the rubber cancelling stamp he had ordered in Pittsfield, and used that until a regular Government rubber stamp was received. This was the so-called "Flood Cancellation" stamp.

I was able to get track of some of those November 7th cancelled envelopes through my acquaintance in that town, and consider these to be very unique. I am enclosing herewith one of these "first day flood covers," and would be glad to hear from any interested in these covers.

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The authorities of the Treasuary Department, Narcotic Division, have directed that dealers offering unused narcotic stamps be called to account. Not only are the unused stamps the subject of inquiry, but also the status of used narcotics as a dealing commodity is brought into consideration by the operatives of the department. It is learned that the unused stamps are being confiscated, but evidently there is some uncertainty as to the procedure in the case of the used stamps that are found in the possession of dealers. The understanding has been that the used narcotics are exempt from the prohibition, and it has been said that they were not banned as objects of collection, and consequently as proper stock for the dealer. However, a different view has been taken, it becomes evident, and the question is now in abeyance. A reading of the narcotic laws indicates that only the unused stamps may not be held by authorized persons, and it will occasion surprise if the department decides that the used stamps are contraband as specimens for the collectors' albums. For apparent reasons, the unused stamps should not circulate generally, but used stamps should not be denied the collecting right of way. They would seem to fall under the class of tax paids, which when used for collecting purposes only, do not fall under confiscatory measures by the authorities, according to an opinion once given by an officer.

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We learn from President A. H. Wilhelm, president of the American Philatelic Society, that the date for the Toronto convention is set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 23-24-25, of this year. Incidentally, the opening date of the Canadian National Exhibition is August 25th. The King Edward Hotel has been selected as the headquarters of the convention.

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Mr. Alvin Good, Cleveland, informs us that the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition Company has found it necessary to lease the 26th and 27th floors in their entirety from the Terminal Tower Building, Cleveland's new depot, and adjoining the Hotel Cleveland. It has become evident that the original space in the Hotel Cleveland, as planned for occupancy, has been outgrown, and under the new arrangement, adequate room is at the disposal of the managers of the Exhibition.

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Under date of February 11th, Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley, Birchircara, Malta, writes: "I have just received the new set of Cyprus commemorative issue, which was issued February 1st, for one year only. The stamps are printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson of New Malden, England, and are in sheets of 60 stamps (5 rows of 12), and are on the ordinary colonial watermark multiple script paper." The set of nine stamps is of most imposing appearance and represents pictorial stamp art in its highest development. The designs are of historical and antiquarian interest, the 18 piastre showing the statue of Richard Coeur-de-lion in black and brown; the 45 piastre, the façade of the Cathedral of St. Nicholas at Famagusta, in blue and purple, while the one pound depicts the head of King George in brown and blue.

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Mr. J. Lynn Avery, Long Beach, California, whose discovery of the Hawaiian Missionary stamps was duly chronicled in the WEEKLY, has shown us examples of co-operation on the part of the local newspapers with the collectors there in advancing philately. For instance, in the *Press-Telegram*, we find the head-lines: "Philatelist Plays in Luck. Plane Stamps Come From Canada," followed by a story telling of two envelopes that have been acquired by Mr. Frederick T. Norris, Bay City, Michigan, who is spending the winter at Long Beach. One of the envelopes made the flight from White Horse to Dawson City, and the other was mailed at Mutton Bay, Labrador, December 2, 1927, and arrived twenty-four days later at Natashquan, Labrador, having been carried by dog team, ice-breaker and rail. Mr. Norris who formerly was vice-president of the Detroit Philatelic Society well says: "Collectors gather stamps from the countries that appeal to them most. The field is so broad that hardly anyone can collect stamps of the world and make a good showing. Some collectors want stamps unused, some used, and still others, envelopes."

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From Mr. E. M. Ash, Cuba, to whom we have been indebted for many favors, we have had word that he is contemplating starting "a miniature weekly, but it is to be in Spanish, and edited and printed in Cuba. It will appear every two months." Mr. Ash submits an interesting commentary on philatelic conditions in Spanish-speaking countries. He says that there are many collectors in them, but few publications that may be regarded as permanent. While almost each of these countries has some sort of review, it is insufficiently supported, and certainly the "Pan-American" paper has not yet emerged. Mr. Ash has lived long in Latin American countries, and is familiar with conditions from the Magellan to Mexico. We feel that he will provide a publication that will fit admirably in the philatelic journalistic pattern, and much success will attend his venture, if editorial ability reaps its reward.

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Under date of February 25, 1928, Mr. B. F. Myers, Traffic Agent, Chicago, sends the announcement that Waco, Texas, will be included in the Chicago-Dallas Route, C. A. M. 21, beginning March 5th. We quote: "A special first flight cancellation stamp will be furnished Waco for March 5, to be placed on Air Mail, forwared *via* the north and south bound planes. The size of the cancellation is approximately two by three inches, and it is suggested that you leave sufficient space on your envelopes to insure clear imprints. As the time is short, it is advised that you forward your covers to the Postmaster at Waco, as soon as possible, with an explanation as to the routing desired." This information was received too late to be of service to our readers.

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That energetic exponent of air mail, Wm. H. Conkling, postmaster, Springfield, Illinois, has mailed a circular dated February 25th, in which he cites that this year, "will be first time in history of the Air Mail that mail will be flown on February 29th," and that it will not be carried again on that date for four years. He has prepared a special envelope with "a printed cachet, 'From the Home of Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois,' encircling a small print of Lincoln's Home and the American Flag placed on the envelope." Mr. Conkling says that he merely makes the suggestion that a leap-year cancellation of the kind may be an addition to a stamp collection. Again, this news comes almost after the fact and cannot be taken advantage of by those who did not receive it direct. Our supposition is that Wm. H. Conkling, postmaster, Springfield, Illinois, and B. F. Myers, Traffic Agent, Air Mail Service, Chicago, Illinois, will place the names of collectors on their mailing lists, upon request.

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Several covers carried by Lindbergh on his St. Louis-Chicago flight are known to have been signed by Lindbergh; and one of them signed by him as pilot, and Mr. Conkling as postmaster, has been shown us by Mr. J. Max Golding of Chicago.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

On December 13-14, 1927, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh made a successful non-stop flight of 2,031 miles in 27 hours and 10 minutes, from Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., to Mexico City, in the Ryan monoplane, "The Spirit of St. Louis," in which he flew from New York to Paris on May 20-21, 1927. Leaving Mexico City on December 28th, he visited in turn, Guatemala, British Honduras, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. On Monday afternoon, January 9, 1928, he landed at Campo Lindbergh air field, newly named in his honor, some few miles east of Panama City. Two days of festivities were held in Panama City (January 9th and 10th), one in Balboa, Canal Zone (11th), and one in Colon, on the Atlantic side (12th). On Thursday, January 26th, he resumed his tour, by flying to Cartagena, Colombia.

At a meeting of the Panama National Cabinet on Friday, December 23, 1927, approval was given to a proposal originating with a group of officials of the Post Office Departments of Panama and the Canal Zone, to issue special postage stamps in commemoration of Col. Lindbergh's visit. An issue of 500,000 2c and 250,000 5c stamps was contemplated, but on recommendation of the Post Office Department, the quantities were reduced to 300,000 and 150,000, respectively. The 2c was for use on letters within the Republic and to countries of the Pan-American Postal Union, and the 5c, for Universal Postal Union service.

The cost of the stamps, estimated at $1,000, was borne by the Panama Post Office Department.

The stamps were placed on sale Monday, January 9, 1928, the day of Col. Lindbergh's arrival at Panama City, and any remaining unsold at the end of three months will be recalled and destroyed.

Designs for the two denominations were prepared by Pallete Varas, and the printing plates were zinc etched in the plant of the *Star & Herald*, Panama City. The actual printing took place at the Panama Canal Press, Mount Hope, Canal Zone, on colored safety papers (such as used for bank checks and other negotiable papers), ungummed, and rouletted, in sheets of 100 (10x10), with margins on all four sides—the sheets measure 12″ x 17¼″. The safety paper is horizontally lined, and bears the maker's imprint—on the 2c "Exchange—SAFETY—Paper," in three lines, and on the 5c "Cashier—SAFETY—Paper." In the upper left corner of each sheet of the 2c appears the imprint "MR 8484—PANAMA CANAL PRESS—1-6-28.—300,000." A similar imprint appears in the upper right corner of the 5c, "MR 8485—PANAMA CANAL PRESS—1-6-28.—150,000." The significance of "MR" is "Manufacturing Request."

The design of the 2c (printed in red on salmon) is treated in a vertical rectangle 23x36mm, and consists of a circular medallion showing indistinctly a plane (intended for "The Spirit of St. Louis") descending at the Matias Hernandez flying field, with the Cathedral at Antigua Panama in the background. Curved at the top is "Correos," and at the bottom in colored letters "Homenaje a Lindbergh." At the top of the stamp design in three lines is "Republica—de—Panama," while shields in the lower corners bear the numeral "2," with "centesimos—de balboa" in two lines between. Just below the central circular medallion is another larger numeral of value "2." This stamp was overprinted in black "Homenaje a—Lindbergh," in small caps, in two lines, as this inscription in the stamp design is very indistinct.

The 5c printed in dark blue on green, has its design treated horizontally, 36x23mm, and being less complicated is in much better appearance than the 2c. It shows a map of the Republic (Inscribed "PANAMA") with "The Spirit of St. Louis," superimposed upon it. Just under the vignette is "Homenaje a Lindbergh" in colored letters. "Republica de—Panama—Correos" appears in three lines at the top, and at the bottom, in the corners, are large numerals of value "5," with "centesimos—de balboa" in two lines between.

On the day of Col. Lindbergh's arrival, a special cancellation, applied in red, was used by the Panama City Post Office, consisting of the usual single lined circle, lettered "Agencia Postal, Panama," around the inside, with date in four lines in the center "ENE—9—PM—1928" ("28" does not always print clearly), and at the right between two horizontal bars, "Llegada de—Lindbergh a—Panama" in three lines. Subsequently at Panama, and the other Post Offices in the Republic, another special marking in purple was brought into use, lettered "Los Correos—Nacionales en—Honor a—Lindbergh," in four lines.

The sale of these stamps was permitted by the Canal Zone Post Office Department, at Balboa Heights and Cristobal, but as they were not valid for postage use in the Zone, letters mailed at these two offices were forwarded to Panama City or Colon, respectively, for cancellation, and dispatch.

It was at first reported that the remainder stock of a 10c stamp, "3 de Noviembre de 1903" Map of the Republic type of 1905, would be overprinted. The 10c gray Map stamp, overprinted for use in the Canal Zone in 1913, was never brought into use in the Republic of Panama.

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K. u. K. Militar Post.—The inscription carried by the stamps of Bosnia since 1912. It signifies "Kaiserliche und Koenigliche," etc., which means "Imperial and Royal Military Post." The mails in Bosnia and Herzegovina were handled by the army (ostensibly) as the two provinces were subject to a military occupation by Austria after the treaty of Berlin, 1878.

K. u. K. Milit. Verwaltung.—A surcharge applied to the 10 & 15h Austrian Fieldpost stamps used in Montenegro. It signifies "Kaiserliche und Königliche Militär Verwaltung," which means "Imperial and Royal Military Administration."

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

QUETZAL
Guatemala A8
1882, 1c blk. and gr.

The 15th of September, 1821, so prominent on Guatemalan stamps, is that country's July 4, 1776. The quetzal or long tailed trogon, equally prominent, is the national emblem of the Republic. The selection is a happy one, as the bird is peculiar to Guatemala, so that the country has been called the land of the quetzal. It is well qualified, too, to be called the bird of liberty, as it is difficult to catch, and so the story goes, will destroy its own life rather than live in captivity. The Guatemalans say it is typical of their country and people. It is a gorgeous bird and must appeal to a people so fond of show. It is described as having "an emerald-green silky plumage, dashed with a golden lustre above, with a lovely purple hue beneath, and a tail three feet long."

Hungary Triangle Perfs.

Shortly after the war, when the depreciation of Hungarian currency was at its height, the post office officials discovered that many people were sinking their funds into postage stamps. They were laboring under a delusion that they couldn't lose their money by depreciation, if they bought stamps. The purchasing of stamps for this purpose got to be such a nuisance that post office clerks could not keep any stamps on hand for sale for legitimate uses. Accordingly the post office department issued an order that no stamps would be sold from the post office windows for philatelic purposes. Philatelists would have to buy their stamps from a special post office set aside for them. (Incidentally paying an extra tax for this service). All sheets of stamps on sale at the regular post offices were punched through the center with a row of holes. Each stamp receiving three holes arranged as the points of a triangle.

But "the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglee," as Robert Burns has said, and woe to the post office! Philatelists began to collect sheets of stamps with the punched holes and became more of a nuisance than ever.—*Scott's Monthly Journal.*

Duttia

A State in Bundelkund, Central India, having a population of about 190,000 and an area of 820 square miles. It is now

more usually known under its modern spelling, Datia. Postage stamps for use in this State were first issued in 1893.

"Country" Etymology

Jamaica.—From the Indian Krainca, meaning "the island of springs."

Martinique.—Was named after the Indian word Mautinino or Mantiquo.

Mexico.—Was named after the temple of Mexitli, the mass of the Mexicans.

Monserrat.—From the Spanish Mont Serrato, i.e., "Carved Mountains."

—*Ill. Briefmarken Jour.—Am. Jour. Phil.*

Stamp Accessories

La Ley.—These two words are shown upon the book which forms the chief part of the design of the 1878 stamps of Bolivia. Their meaning is "The law."

Land-Post, Porto-Marke.—The only inscription shown upon the rural post stamps of Baden. It means "Rural Post—Postage Due Stamp." The rural post was established in 1859 for the purpose of connecting villages which had no post office with the nearest state post office. In 1862, the organization of this post was much improved and these stamps, inscribed as above, were issued for collecting postage due upon unpaid or short paid matter delivered by it and also to denote the commission on collecting money on its routes.

Landstormen.—The Landstorm (plural Landstormen) is the general levy for military purposes among the male population of a country—in other words, the "Reserves." In 1916 the Swedish stamps were surcharged with an additional value over the postal value to collect a general fund for equipping this body of men for possible military duty.

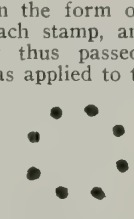
Langemarck.—Found on one of the values of "Trail of the Caribou" set, and has reference to the World War engagement in which Newfoundland forces took part.

Duty-Plate

The plate used in the production of bicolored stamps upon which the particulars of denomination are engraved. Thus in the case of the current Nyasaland stamps the frame portion is printed from the "duty-plate," while in the case of the stamps of the Cayman Islands the details shown in the name and value tablets are printed from the "duty-plate."

Douglas Patent Paper

This was a double paper consisting of a thin surface paper adhering to a thicker and harder paper. The surface paper was punctured by small holes so arranged that eight, in the form of a circle, appeared on each stamp, and part of the printing ink thus passed through the holes and was applied to the backing paper. Any attempt at cleaning was, therefore, certain to result in the tearing and removal of the thin surface paper. Some of the 2c and 3c United States stamps were experimentally printed on this paper in 1882 or 1883, and these were placed on sale at the city post office at Washington. It was ultimately decided not to permanently adopt this paper.



Albania

The western division of European Turkey, bounded by the Adriatic on the west, and extending from Montenegro on the north to the boundaries of Greece on the south. It is an ethnological rather than a geographical division; its inhabitants being given to intertribal wars and brigandage. The Italian Government maintains consular post offices at some of the more important towns and in 1902 ordinary Italian stamps overprinted "Albania" and values in paras have been used in these offices. In 1909 the towns of Durazzo, Janina, Scutari and Valona were all supplied with separate sets surcharged with their own names and values in Turkish currency.

Since the last Balkan war Albania has been made a separate territory by agreement of various governments and since 1913 it has issued its own distinctive stamps.

NATURAL HISTORY AND STA

By Louis W. P. Renouf, B.A

As is well known to the majori readers, Ruminants, or animals "chew the cud," are usually charact by the following among other fea they have horns of some kind or their "stomachs" are four-cham and their upper jaws are devoid cisor or cutting teeth.

While the stamps of many cou show us ruminants of the more or kinds, those of some African state of one South American country duce us to one family of this great of animals—the Camelidæ—the me of which are completely hornless, their "stomachs" are only three- bered and their upper jaws carry in —three pairs in the young, one pai in the adult.

This family includes not only the known Camels of Asia and No Africa, but also the so-called Llan Peru and Bolivia, the latter being cally humpless camels.

Of the two species of Camel—the bian and the Bactrian—only the has as yet been portrayed on s but the two have so many pri features in common that no ac however cursory, can justly exclu latter. Any of the issues of after the first in 1897, give a very

idea of the one-humped Arabian in action, while the high values o assa, 1901, show it in its very cha istic position of rest with its lon tucked under it.

Camels and "Llamas" agree as r not only the three main cha already mentioned, but also in poss a long neck, relatively long legs, bi toed feet, and a very useful cover hair; while the rumen of their achs" is lined by the unique ce chambers in which the animals ar to store up upwards of a gallon half of water, and from which the ation of sphincter or ring-like m allows it to pass into the stomach as required.

Camels possess other "devices" enable them to survive in desert tions, which would be fatal to an nary ruminant.

The well-known hump of the A and double hump of the Bactrian consist of a mass of store-fat which the animal derives its heatir driving power in the absence of its toes are partly joined together large cushion-like pad which sprea when pressed upon by the weight animal and prevents it from sinkin loose sand, its eyes and ears ar tected from blown sand by long and its nasal openings by freely valves.

The Bactrian camel has longer, gier hair, as well as a double hum is used as a beast of burden fro Crimea right through Asia to Peki is found in a feral condition in so the desert districts of Asia; the A camel is used for the same purp India, Arabia and Northern Afri well as parts of Australia, while is one feral herd in Spain.

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20	.72	50	.24	80	*5.80
21	14.15	51	.28	81	.22
22	2.16	52	1.22	82	2.69
23	7.28	53	.54	83	*.02
25	8.00	54	.96	84	*.04
26	.04	55	4.38	85	*.04
27	.10	56	.04	86	*.06
28	.54	57	.10	87	*.06
29	.31	58	.16	88	*.08
30	.37	59	.39	89	*.16
31	.44	60	.18	90	*.31
32	1.29	61	.61	91	*.61
33	4.00	62	.65	92	*.72
34	6.04	63	.84	93	*1.44
35	.22	64	2.69	95	*4.38
36	.22	65	7.28	97	*11.75
37	1.35	66	.04	201	.04
38	.06	69	.04	301	.78
39	.06	70	.04	302	*.04
40	.48	71	.12	303	*.06
41	.78	72	.12	304	*.08

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26	.06	40	.04	209	.48
27	.02	41	.08	210	.61
28	.04	43	.10	211	.71
28a	.10	44	.14	212	2.04
29	.08	45	.26	213	3.38
30	.10	47	.02	214	7.28
31	.14	48	.08	216	.04
32	.18	49	1.62	217	.06
33	.24	202	.08	218	.08
34	.31	203	.08	221	.16
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s there is a general misunderstand- as to what exactly a Dromedary is, ay be useful to finish this brief h by explaining that the name refers special race of fast riding as op- d to the ordinary slower pack camels e Bactrian species.

e American representatives of the el tribe are seen on most of the ps of Peru, including all those on h the arms of the country figure, he so-called "Llama" occupies one- er of the shield of Peru.

the word "Llama" is used popu- it embraces four different kinds nimals; two of them, the Llama the Alpaca, being the domesticated s of the wild species, the Vicuña he Guanaco.

these the Vicuña is a little the er and stouter in build, and lives rds in the mountain ranges of Peru, up amongst rocks and precipices g the wet season, a little lower in the high valleys during the dry n. This apparently is the animal ed on the arms and many of the s of Peru, the 10 and 20 centavos 66 showing it in its haunts; but the ossed" stamps of 1873 and some s appear to portray the somewhat and leggier Guanaco, which ranges the highlands of the Andes to the of Patagonia, and even to the of Tierra del Fuego, swimming be- ne of its accomplishments.

e domestic forms are used for much ame purposes as the camels, the a being bred for its "wool," while ull Llama is used as a beast of n, and his mate yields milk and er's meat.

animals defend themselves by ing" with their "knees" and by g, and a further point of interest the fact that they are the only e" American domesticated mam-

er stamps introduce us to members very different group of even-toed ants—the Pig Group. For phila- purposes this includes the Wild and the Hippopotamuses, the latter te of their name—River Horses— related to the pigs and not to the

tributed over Europe, Asia and ern Africa wild boars of many s occur, differing from each other nor details. The ancestors of the is races of domesticated pigs, boars o well known to need any descrip- eyond a very general one. The long snout, large tusks—especially in nales—with their upward curve, ng teeth with "knobbly" crowns, ach with four toes, of which only vo middle ones reach the ground, nong the characteristic features of animals. A large boar may stand feet at the shoulders, weigh three ed pounds, and have tusks eleven half inches over the curve, and makes a very formidable foe, the so that he is possessed of very pluck.

turnal in habit, boars frequent and marshy country, making their in tall grass, reeds and the like, the young, which are usually l, are well concealed.

European wild boar is distin- d from his Indian cousin by the e of the crest of long bristles adorns the nape of the neck of

tter. Of the many Asiatic species figured on the 10 cents, 1909-22, orth Borneo, probably the long- d wild boar of Borneo.

omparison of this animal with the presented by Liberia, 1892, $1; 2 cents; 1900-5, 2 cents; 1906, 75 and 1923, 15 cents, enables us to see at a glance some of the main differences between the boars and the hippopotamuses, most conspicuous of which are the clumsy bulk and the very large muzzle of the latter, and its dentition. The latter is quite unique, comprising in each jaw a pair of huge continuously growing canines which meet slantingly so that their tips become bevelled, two pairs of incisors, the upper of which curve outwards while the lower project straight forward—these also growing continuously—and huge tuberculated molars.

With small eyes and ears, nostrils opening on the upper surface of the tip of the muzzle so that the animal can breathe while practically the whole of its head and body are submerged, hairs reduced to a few bristles on the muzzle and in the short tail, these animals are further characterized by their toes being sub-equal and all touching the ground, and by the fact that their perspiration is red in colour.

Frequenting rivers in herds and nocturnal in habit these huge creatures—up to five feet high and twelve feet long—though perfectly at home in water, are able to gallop as fast as a man runs.

The flesh provides good provender; the hide, which may be up to two inches in thickness, is used for making sjamboks and walking-sticks, and the tusks provide a good class of ivory.

The animal figured on the 75 cents, 1906, is the pigmy or Liberian Hippopotamus, which is smaller and more pig-like in habits, and in some ways like the young of the commoner larger species, and has, as a rule, only one pair of incisors in the lower jaw. The other issues bear what appears to be the larger species—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

LOOKING ROUND

By "Marquette".

Irish have again been attracting attention, and the item which is in keenest demand at the moment is the 2d Thom, blue-black overprint, Die I. Other good Thoms are the 2½d, 3d and 10d, while the high values are, of course, fetching high prices. Dollard high values seem fairly plentiful.

Care should be exercised in purchasing Thom high-value "Saorstats" as a new setting of the Government overprint shows the wide date, and is so similar to the Thom overprint that it is almost indistinguishable. If no test for separating them is found, we may have to treat them as one item for catalogue purposes, when the Thom printing will fall to "current rates." The new Government setting will supersede the "composite" setting (wide and narrow date *se tenant*), and I think pairs from the latter will eventually be good.

I have had several queries regarding Canada part perfs., S.G. Nos. 257a, 258a, and 259, and particularly the latter. As a matter of fact there are really three different 1c and 2c imperf. x perf. 8, and two different 3c. The regular coil stamps, which come sideways, can only be had in horizontal pairs and strips, while stamps from the sheets (the rare items) can be had in vertical pairs. The 3c has been seen in sheets faked by part perforating the imperf. sheets, but these fakes can be told by the gum, and (in sheets) by the fact that they bear a plate number.

The 3c in horizontal pairs, which is frequently met with, is common, and should not be confused with No. 259.

The Montserrat 5d looks like being as good or better than the same value in the Virgin Islands set. The 4d St. Helena, old watermark, is now fetching 2s6d or more, so that readers who took advantage of our publishers' Christmas offer of this stamp at a shilling secured a real bargain.

As only 300,000 of the new 5frs Charity stamp of Belgium have been printed, this stamp should be secured at once. The highest value of last year's Charity issue (double-portrait type) is also worth securing.—*Gibbon's Stamp Monthly.*

DENMARK **DENMARK**

1926, 20ö on 40ö, 7ö on 8ö, 7ö on 27ö, 12ö on 15ö, 7ö on 3ö, 7ö on 4ö, Used 7ö on 10ö, 7ö on 15ö, cat. 74c .... .28
1926, 7ö on 5ö, O. G., #192, cat. 1.75 ... .78
7ö on 20ö, O. G., #195, cat. .50 ... .25
1925-6, Air Post, 3 values, O. G. ..... .18

ICELAND **ICELAND**

1920, used, 5a, 15a, 30a, 40a, 50a, cat. 99c .42
1920-1, 20a on 25a, #131, 135, cat. 80c .. .34
1923, used, 20a on 10a, #399, cat. 20c ... .08
1926, used, 10a, 20a, 50a, cat. 49c ..... .20

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DR. CHASE'S 1851, 3c PLATES

Dr. Carroll Chase is today the foremost student of the 3c of 1851, and through his efforts the ten plates of two hundred subjects used for printing this variety have been completely reconstructed. In order to do this, Dr. Chase has examined thousands and thousands of copies, and has spent upward of twenty years in getting them together. He has reconstructed each and every plate, in its several states, and in the case of plates which were used over several years, he has gotten them together in the individual shade of the separate years. The lot further includes what he designates as his proof plates, which consist of pairs, strips, and blocks over-lapping, and conclusively proving the position of each variety.

In getting these together, Dr. Chase replaced each stamp as he found a better copy, and he states that he doubts whether material exists to duplicate such a lot at any price.

In all there are twenty-two complete reconstructed sheets of two hundred stamps each, making forty-four panes in all. Among this lot there are ten panes of the rare orange-brown shade. Such a collection contains every plate variety listed in the specialized catalogue, and many minor recuts and oddities which are not listed.

To itemize the lot, there is present the following:—Plate 0—which carries no plate number but has imprint only, and is in orange-brown. There is an early reconstruction, as well as an intermediate reconstruction of Plate 1, both in orange-brown. Plate 1 in the late state is present in a proof plate, also in the 1852 shade, as well as the 1853 shade. Plate 2 early is in the orange-brown shade. Plate 2 late is present in the proof condition, as well as in the 1852, 1853 and 1857 shades. Plate 3 is present in four similar reconstructions. Plate 4 is present in both normal and proof condition. Plate 5 early comes in the orange-brown shade, and Plate 5 late in the regular shade. Plates 6-7-8, which are the scarcest of the commoner shades, are reconstructed in their entirety.

This wonderful lot is offered at an exceedingly reasonable price — one which is slightly larger than the normal stamps would cost, when you consider the numerous orange-browns, recuts, broken plates, double transfers, plate and imprint copies, margin and corner copies, pairs, strips, blocks, and the like.

If the purchaser desires, he may have with these plates, the earliest used copy on cover from each of the above plates with two exceptions, and in the case of these two exceptions, Dr. Chase has the second earliest known cover.

Correspondence is solicited with those interested, at which time further details will be given. In fact, the collection will be shown to a likely purchaser.

May I call the attention of my clients to the fact that the finest collections of United States stamps now coming upon the market are passing through my hands. If you have important properties that you desire to sell, either outright or on a commission basis, or if you are in the market for fine United States varieties, I would be glad to hear from you.

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San Jose

—Re-organized and distinctly on the job

The San Jose Philatelic Club was recently reorganized, the adults forming one division, and the juniors another. The former meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, and the latter every Friday evening.

The officers of the Junior Club are: President, Jack Plummer; Vice-President and Treasurer, James Dennis, and Secretary, James Boyce.

The officers of the adult club are: President, Ralph Martin (A.P.S.); Vice-President, Everett Erle (A.P.S.); Treasurer, W. E. Norris (A.P.S.); Secretary, Dr. C. F. Barnes; Trustees, J. Harold Babb, H. Booksin, and A. B. De Lisle (I.P.A.).

About April 14th the adult club is going to hold "open house" for the collectors of the Santa Clara Valley and the San Francisco Bay Region. The date has not been definitely decided, but when it is I'll let you know so that you may publish it in your paper.—EVERETT ERLE.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

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United States

New Lindbergh Stamps

In this column for last week, mention was made that Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman had introduced a bill in Congress authorizing the Postmaster General to issue a special series of Lindbergh Good-Will stamps. Mr. Ackerman writes under date of February 27th, that the Resolution is still in the Committee, but that he expects to have more definite information very shortly. Our readers, through the courtesy of Mr. Ackerman, will be kept fully informed as to the proposed issue.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of February 24th the Information Service of the Post Office Department, announced that Mr. Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, is giving consideration to the advisability of advertising for bids on a proposed air mail route between St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo. Requests have come to Mr. Glover from business men and organizations in the two cities, asking that favorable consideration be given by the Post Office Department looking to the establishment of such a route. If established, this would provide an all night service between St. Louis and points in Texas and the Southwest. A plane could leave St. Louis about 11 p. m., reaching Kansas City at 1.55 a. m., and all points on the National Air Transport and Texas Air Transport air mail routes in Oklahoma and Texas the same morning. On the northbound trip, planes would leave the Southwest in the late afternoon, and arrive in St. Louis the next morning.

One city which surely seems to be asleep, in so far as air mail routes are concerned, is Philadelphia, the third largest city of the country. It shows that our Chamber of Commerce, as well as others, must be asleep to permit a city of this size to be practically ignored. In other words—we are treated as a small village, and are simply a feeder to the larger and more important cities.

The enthusiastic and energetic airmail-est postmaster of Springfield, Ill., sends out a communication under date of February 25th, calling the attention of collectors to the fact that for the first time in the history of the air mail that it will be possible to get a cover dated—February 29th. Evidently Mr. Conkling has overlooked the fact that the air mail was established on May 15, 1918, and that since then we have had a previous February 29th.

However, on February 29, 1928, a special envelope will be prepared by the Postmaster at Springfield, Illinois, on which we will find an illustration of Lincoln's Home, together with the American Flag, and reading—"From the Home of Lincoln, Springfield, Ill." These envelopes are sold at 1c each, and the postmaster obligingly agrees to place air mail stamps upon them and address them in accordance with instructions. If we had more postmasters of the type of Mr. Conkling the air mail service would be used more extensively by the general public, for he never misses an opportunity of bringing it to the attention of everyone who can possibly use it.

3c Post Office Double Transfer

Mr. Malcolm H. Ganser has submitted a horizontal block of ten of the 3c Post Office from the northwest corner of the sheet in which two distinct double transfers are noted. In both cases the entire bottom frame line is doubled. The Departments still offer one of the finest opportunities for study of any of our issues, for we have as yet to find a student who has taken these issues up seriously and studied them in the way in which most of our early postage stamps have been studied.

Philippine Islands

The Bureau of Insular Affairs at Washington informs me that due to the delay in engraving plates that it will possibly June 1st next before the Postage Due stamps for the Philippine Islands are available. The series will consist of seven denominations, 4, 10, 12, 16, and 20 centavos, with a value of 38c in American money.

Mr. C. F. Brown, the Disp Agent, states that they have not re anything new from the Phili recently.

Barbados.— Mr. R. Roberts shown us the 2½p in brilliant darl which he notes as a "remarkable s

Canada.—We are informed b W. H. Howes that according to Office circular issued to postmaste 2c green, King George stamp, is withdrawn and is to be supersed the 2c Confederation issue.

Cyprus.—Copies of the new J Commemorative series are to hand Mr. R. Roberts with his descript follows: line engraved, large f perforated 12 line machine, script mark. All upright stamps except and 6p. Upright, size of design me 25½x30¼; size of stamp between rations 28x33½. Oblong, size of measures 30¼x25½; size of sta tween perforations 33½x28. She 60 (5 rows of twelve) except stamps (6 rows of ten), plain r sheet number over right top stan scription at the foot, "Bradbury W son & Co., Ltd., Engravers, New M Surrey, England," beneath the 6 7th stamp in the upright stamps a 5th and 6th in the oblong. The 1878-1928, is inscribed in all the d

A fine set of imposing appearan good designs. The portraits o Majesty and Zeno the Philosophe something to be desired, especia former, which is rather spoilt by on a designed background instead vignette; this might be better. Th losopher's portrait seems to be centred in the design, inclining too to the left of the stamp. The wh will give food for study for li graved specialists.

Designs:—¾p violet, representi ver coin of Amathus; 1p blk. and portrait of Zeno of Kitium (p pher); 1½p red, Map of Cyprus (i shape); 2½p blue, St. Barnaba sepia, Cloister Bella Paise; 6p b Badge of the Colony (oblong sh 9p purple, Takke of Umm Harar blk. and brn., Cœur de Lion; 45p

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78, 79, 80	3 varieties	List 1.6
81 to 91	11 varieties	List 1.4
401 to 407	7 varieties	List 1.3
601 to 604	5 varieties	List 3.6
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anzig.—Whitfield King & Co. send chronicle the 15pf blue postage due numeral in black.

ungary.—We have the 8f carmine, nt design, with new watermark. tfield King & Co. submit copies for ucle.

ltvia.—Whitfield King & Co. re- that the 6s green on yellow, and the carlet have been issued watermarked tika.

exico.—Whitfield King & Co. have n us Airpost stamp in blue and red, c value and picturing an eagle in as the central view. At the top is reos Aereos" with figures of value wer corners, and the name of the ry between. The stamp bears the nt of Oficina Imp. de Higenda- co.

orocco (*Spanish*).—A handsome rial series is on the way, comprising ollowing values and subjects:—1, 2, and 15c: Mosque of Alcazarquivir. , 30, 40, and 50c: Moorish gateway, he. 1 peseta: A well at Alhucemas. : Alcazaba de Xanen. 4p: Pano- view of Tetuan. Express Deliv- 20c). Moorish courier on galloping .—*Stamp Collecting.*

rway.—Four commemoratives are sed on the occasion of the im- ng centenary of the birth of Hen- sen, viz. 10 öre blue, 15 öre brown, c red, and 30 öre green.—*Stamp ling.*

lestine.—We have received from R. Roberts and the Economist Co. the new set of postage due s. The set is from new plates, the though similar differs in many cts. The Arabic inscription on the hand side being reversed, reading instead of up. The value tablet is cted to "Mils" instead of Milliemes, diately underneath is the English then Hebraic, and then Arabic, contracted. Colors and values are own, 2m yellow, 4m green, 8m rose, grey, 13m ultramarine, 20m olive- and 50m purple.

raguay.—The Economist Stamp nd Whitfield King & Co. submit hronicle copies of a 1 peso, bright stamp, bearing the likeness of Pe- uan Caballero.

lan.—Economist Stamp Co. and R. Roberts advise of the appearance e 10 milliemes, black and carmine, piastres, orange and purple, water- d S G.

itzerland.—Whitfield King & Co. shown us the 10c in blue-green on and also advise that they exist in eche pairs. Copies of the 2½c, n buff, 7½c green on buff, and 15c ne on buff, William Tell designs, come to hand from Mr. R. Roberts Whitfield King & Co.

ion of South Africa.—The design e new 4d, which is to replace the it Triangular stamp, is to be rectan- and will depict a native kraal. Mr. Crane kindly gives us this infor- n.—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

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MBE	**Cyprus** #92, script, used	45.00	17.50
MBF	#91, script, used	10.00	4.00
MBG	Lot since 1920 incl. Paquebot	12.00	3.85
LBF	**Dahomey** #28, o. g.	2.50	1.00
MFC	**Dominica** half on 6d, #13, o. g.	2.50	1.00
LAW	21 to 23	4.00	1.50
LAJ	2/- & 2/6, #43, 44	5.00	2.50
LAF	3/- Mult., #81, o. g.	7.50	2.80
LAG	5/- Mult., #82, o. g.	8.00	3.25
MBH	**Dominican Republic** coll'n	15.00	4.60
MBI	**Ecuador** 191-193c, used	8.45	2.85
MBJ	#221-240, compl. used	11.45	4.20
MBK	Casa Complete, 501-520.	23.74	9.30
MBL	Comm. Offl., 825-44 cpl.	20.85	7.20
MGT	**Egypt** 2pi, #4, first issue	6.00	2.30
MGF	20pa and 2pi, 11 & 14	4.00	1.60
MGH	5pi 1872	2.50	1.00
MBM	44 #61 to date, fine used	12.00	3.85
MBN	#90, fine used	5.00	1.75
SBR	**Epirus on Maced.** 149-164.	8.37	3.00
LBV	**Falklands** 7, 8, 11	10.00	3.25
LAL	**Finland** 4 & 4a, extra fine.	10.00	4.00
MBO	**France**, big collection with the earlies in usual close cond'n		20.00
MBP	Another collection but all good copies to date.	35.00	11.00
MBQ	5fr, #36, usual thin spot.	10.00	2.60
MBR	**Bordeaux** 30c, fine	4.00	1.75
MBS	**Colonies** #7, fine unused.	3.50	1.20
MBT	#13, fine unused	12.50	4.65
MBU	#19, fine unused	9.00	3.80
MHN	**Port Said** #41, o. g.	6.00	2.00
MHO	#44, o. g.	6.00	2.00
MFW	**Gabon** 45c, used, #32	3.50	1.35
SBC	**Gea. on Bea.** incl. both emerald	6.85	2.65
MFE	**Gibraltar** 2½ scr., #79, o. g.	2.00	.80
MEU	**Br. Levant** 12pi, #11, o. g.	3.00	1.10
MEV	**Grenada** 6d, ship, #73, o. g.	4.00	1.50
LBQ	**Gt. Br.**, Queen, 96, 108, o. g.	6.50	2.75
LCI	#40	6.00	2.00
LCJ	#3	5.00	2.00
MGV	10/- Edward, #141	3.00	1.20
SAA	**Br. Salonika** ½d, Yvert fr. 150.		1.00
SBD	**Greece** #2, Paris, fine	3.00	1.20
SBE	#40, Paris, unused, v. fine	4.00	1.60
SBF	#43, 60l Athens	6.00	2.10
SBG	#71, 40 purple	2.50	1.00
SBH	#87, 40l perf.	4.00	1.60
SBI	#105, 40l perf. 13½	2.50	1.00
SBJ	Olymp., 2 to 10Dr	13.50	5.00
SBK	2Dr, #146, o. g.	9.00	3.00
SBL	½Dr, #162*	5.00	2.00
SBM	182, 3, used, fine	5.00	2.00
SBN	1 to 5Dr Olym., 194-7	9.50	3.50
SBO	25Dr engr., #213, o. g.	6.00	2.20
SBP	**Lemnos** 1 to 5Dr, 832-5.	6.85	2.30
SBQ	**Macedonia** 1020-30*	4.56	1.80
MBV	**Greek** collection, correctly numbered	15.00	4.30
MBW	**Greece**, 260-315 cpl., used.		17.50
MBX	**Guatemala** collection	10.00	2.50
MBY	Lot of **Guat.** 1922 surch's.	6.00	2.00
MGI	**Grenada** $3 and 5, fine	4.00	1.60
MGJ	**Gold Coast** 2d used, #6	2.50	1.00
LBO	**Hayti** 1 to 5, unused, fine marg.	15.50	6.30
LBP	Same, used	11.25	4.80
	Collection to 1914	13.00	4.40
MCA	1914 to date	25.00	6.30
MCB	Unused blocks	40.00	15.00
MCL	Lot **Hanover**, good average	44.00	10.00
SAO	**Hawaii** 48, in fine condn. to $1.00	38.00	11.00
MCC	**Hejaz**, 50 sets 4-7, o. g.	117.50	15.00
MFF	**Hong Kong** $2 & $3, 112, 3	4.00	1.40
MFG	$1, Nos. 45 and 48	3.75	1.40
MGK	**Ionian Is.** #1, unused	5.00	2.00
MGL	#2, unused	4.00	1.75
LBD	**Ivory Coast** #30, used	3.00	1.25
LBE	#34, 35, o. g.	3.25	1.40
SAY	**Jamaica**, pines compl., fine	12.75	5.00
SAZ	pines and CC, all good	75.00	18.50
MGM	6d pine, fine	2.00	.80
MGN	1/- pine, fine	2.00	.80
LAS	4d on yellow, #54, o. g.	4.00	2.00
LAT	39, o. g.	5.00	2.00
LAO	3/- mult., used	12.00	4.35
LBL	Welfare in blocks	2.88	1.00
MEW	**Labuan** 33 to 39 engr., o. g.	6.85	2.30
MEX	$1, used, #109	2.00	.80
SAM	**Labuan and No. Borneo** 52, cat.	16.00	4.80
MCD	48 **Latvia**, fine coll'n of used	9.90	2.80
MCE	23 **Latvia** Charity, used	6.16	2.00
MDS	**Lithuania** 61-68 used, guar.		88.00
MFD	**Leewards**, fine used, 5 & 6.	3.00	1.20
MHC	6d, #34	2.50	1.00
MHD	1/-, #35	4.00	1.50
LBM	Single Complete, 20-28	13.00	5.25
LBN	**Luxemburg** 30c, #10	8.50	2.75
MEY	**Malta** 1/- Queen, #13, o. g.	2.50	1.00
MCF	5/- Geo., used, #61	18.00	7.50
LAP	1922, 10/-, '98-01-09, o. g.	26.46	12.50
LAC	Postage to 1/-, compl.	5.45	2.75
LAA	Postage 10/-, #129, o. g.	10.00	3.75
SDA	**Mauritius** 50, 19th incl. high val., unusually good for these	65.00	19.30
LAU	**Martinique** 49 and 50, o. g.	5.00	2.00
MCM	95-6-7-8, 100	8.25	2.85
MCN	**Memel** Rhomb set, used		3.00
MCO	**Mesopot.** #50, used, a rarity	(50.00)	17.85
MCP	Same but Official, #227		17.30
MCQ	**Monaco** 1fr, #9, used	25.00	10.00
MGO	**Natal** #31, fine, 3d	5.00	2.00
MGP	#46, 1d, small type	4.00	1.60
LAH	**NewHebrides** 20/30, #138, o. g.	2.00	.75
LAI	1fr, #105, o. g.	2.00	.80
MFB	#133-4, o. g.	2.50	1.00
SAR	**N. S. W.** 6d, #29, fine marg.	8.50	3.00
SAS	32 and 33, 2 ea., good av.	7.50	2.00
SAT	15, 17a and 24, good av.	17.50	3.00
SAU	Dbl. line fig., 9 var., fine	12.45	4.20
SAV	#51, 5 shades	4.25	1.60
MFH	**New Zealand** #42, 1d brn.	2.00	.75
LBJ	Block 8d blue, #172, o. g.	6.00	2.00
SAF	**Nic.**, lot incl. blocks of 1st issues	72.00	8.00
MCS	420 on part cover, rarity		12.00
MCT	R de C complete	9.83	3.10
MCU	Coll'n **Nic.**, all originals	40.00	13.35
MCV	Collection of **Zelaya** issues	12.00	3.60
SCO	**Nyassa** 1 to 62, complete	22.00	7.50
MCZ	**Palestine** #1, used	20.00	8.00
MDA	50 var., incl. dues and new issue	24.00	7.90
MHE	**Papua** 2½d, #4, o. g.	2.00	.85
LAM	Fine used, #1 to 6	12.20	5.00
MCW	**Paraguay**, 225 varieties		22.60
MCX	Offls 567-8, o. g.	8.00	2.60
MCY	570 to 580 less 74a	49.00	16.50
SCC	**Portugal** #1, nicked TL	20.00	5.00
SCD	#3, close L	25.00	5.00
SCE	#15, fine	3.00	1.00
SCF	#20, fine marg.	4.00	1.60
SCG	**Portugal** #30, 80r, fine	3.50	1.20
SCH	#32, 240r, fine	10.00	3.75
SCI	#42, 240r, fine	17.50	6.30
SCJ	#44, 150r, '75	3.00	1.20
SCK	**Prince Henry** to 100R	3.18	1.20
SCL	Balance, good average, 205 incl. scarce 20th	78.00	16.00
LCF	**Pr. Henry** compl.	11.18	5.00
LCG	16, fine margins	3.50	1.20
LCH	23, fine margins	3.50	1.20
SCP	**Port. Congo** and **Africa**	45.00	13.50
SCM	**Port. India** 19th, incl. first types	34.00	7.00
MFI	**Queensland** 2, 3, 4d lilac.	2.50	.80
MFJ	49, 1/- violet	2.00	.80
SAQ	**Rhodesia** and **Union**, fine cond'n	27.00	7.00
MDB	**Russ. China** #11	18.00	6.00
MHF	**Russian Levant** #10	2.00	.75
MFK	**St. Helena** #13, 1/- used	2.50	1.00
MFL	#28, 1d br. red	2.50	1.00
MHG	**St. Kitts** 2½d, #4	2.00	.80
LBK	8 and 10, used	8.00	3.00
MFM	**St. Lucia** #24, 4d, fine	7.50	3.00
MHJ	5/- Univ., #63, used	8.00	3.00
MGW	**St. Vincent** #2, unused	5.00	1.80
MGX	Perf. 12, #35	2.00	.80
MGY	Perf. 14, #13*	5.00	2.00
LAN	6d single, #76, o. g.	2.50	1.00
SCN	**Salvador** 19th, 210 var.		8.50
MFN	**Samoa** 5/4d, #17, o. g.	3.00	1.00
LBI	**Samoa on N. Z.** to 2½d in blocks	4.80	1.75
SAN	**Sarawak** 33 & 34 in blocks	20.80	6.00
LCK	2 to 7 incl., o. g.	3.20	1.35
LCL	21, o. g.	2.50	1.00
LCM	Block of four same rate.		
LCN	33-4-5-6 in blocks	8.60	3.00
MDC	**Senegal** #31 on piece	7.50	2.65
MDE	2 and 5fr, #71-2	10.50	4.20
MEZ	**Seychelles** 2R50, George	2.50	1.00
MFA	**Sierra L.** #41-2-3, o. g.	5.00	1.75
MFO	#17	4.00	1.20
MFP	#19	4.00	1.60
MDB	**Siam** Coronation Complete, used	(66.50)	12.50
SBB	**Somali** Multiple to 3r, 51-62, o. g.	10.72	4.25
MFQ	**South Australia** #48a	5.00	1.75
LBG	**So. Nigeria** #16, o. g.	3.00	1.25
LBH	#28	3.00	1.25
MHH	**Straits** 1c, #123, o. g.	3.00	1.20
MHI	2c, #124, o. g.	5.00	2.00
MDG	**Johore** $100., 73b prob. fisc. (30)		8.00
MDI	**Sweden**, Coils nearly cpl.	8.50	2.80
MDJ	**Syria**, French Issues only, mostly o	30.00	8.80
MDK	Arab issues only	24.00	7.80
MFR	**Tasmania** 11, 1d imperf.	3.00	1.00
MFS	15, 6d blue grey	4.00	1.60
LBY	**Tasmania** 74-81, o. g.	9.17	3.75
MHM	**Togo on German** #51, used	2.50	1.00
MHL	**Togo on G. C.**, #88-91, used.	26.00	11.00
SAX	**Transvaal**, old iss., various	13.00	3.00
MFT	**Trinidad** 43, perf. 12½	4.00	1.40
MFU	5/-, fine, #81, o. g.	5.00	2.00
MHK	5/-, #73, o. g.	3.50	1.50
LAX	Single dues, o. g., compl.	13.85	4.75
LAV	Same used	8.85	3.75
MDL	**Anatolia** #4, fine used	30.00	10.60
MDM	15, 16, 17	15.50	5.00
MFV	**Turks**, 6d ol. br., #42*	11.00	4.00
LAZ	**Turks & Caicos** ship, ½-1/-	6.45	2.85
MDN	**Turks Is.** 2/-, 3/- Edw.	7.00	2.75
LCO	**Two Sicilies** #12	10.00	4.75
LCP	#16	20.00	7.50
LCQ	#17	22.50	10.00
LCR	Same but fine used	27.50	12.00
MDO	**Uruguay**, about 125 var.		3.25
MDP	Airmail 401-3, o. g.	13.25	6.50
LBA	**Victoria** 2d litho., #15	4.00	1.50
LBB	1d green, #29	7.00	2.50
LBC	2/-, 177-8, o. g.	3.50	1.25

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AIRPOST CHRONICLE

Australia.—The following data have been furnished by a correspondent.

2nd June, 1924: First Adelaide-Sydney air mail. Five sacks (about 1,400 pieces) were carried.

7th June, 1924: First Sydney-Adelaide air mail. This service was discontinued on July 19th of the same year.

1925: The first official red air label is believed to have been brought into use at Roebourne, Western Australia, at the end of this year.

Austria.—We are indebted to Mr. G. Sobetzky for the European statistics which are included in the present series of Standard Values.

Bulgaria.—The method of issue, distribution and pricing of the two air stamps, which were issued on November 11th last, have given rise to considerable discussion and, from the philatelist's point of view, much doubt as to their status. Through the courtesy of several dealers, correspondents and Bulgarian aero authorities, we believe we have collected all the essential facts that will be of interest to *Aero Field* readers.

The "Bunavad" Aviation Company of Sofia arranged to open a regular service between Sofia, Rouschouk, and Varna twice weekly in each direction. Passengers, goods, and mails were to be carried, the fares for the former ranging from 1,000 to 2,600 leva, and the tariff for mail an additional fee of 2 leva for postcards and 4 leva for each 20 grammes of letter mail.

The special stamps were placed on sale at the three cities concerned on November 11th, the day of the first flight. The support accorded as regards freight and passengers did not come up to expectations, and the route was eventually closed on about the 28th of the same month. 100,000 each of the two air stamps were prepared, 20,000 of which were handed to the postal authorities, and the balance of 80,000 to the operating concern, the proceeds to be, we suppose, as much a subsidy as payment for transport of the mail.

Canada.—The first Canadian air-mail contract has been awarded to Canadian Transcontinental Airways, Ltd., of Quebec for an all-the-year-round carriage of mails to and from Atlantic liners as they arrive in the mouth of the St. Lawrence river. The latest semi-official stamp to appear, at the face value of 25c, is that of the Yukon Airways and Exploration Co. It measures two inches by one, and is printed in blue. Winter services are being proposed for the benefit of residents of the Pelee Islands in Lake Erie, and in the more remote parts on the north shore of the St. Lawrence.

Canal Zone.—A weekly service which will expedite the delivery of American mails in Colombia, is the new S.C.A.D.T.A. operation between Cristobal and Barranquilla. The air-mail fee is 30c per 20 grammes weight of mail for the interior of Colombia and 20c for the Atlantic coastal towns.

Cuba.—In addition to the cachet illustrated in the last *Aero Field,* a special first-flight postmark was used at Havana. The first mail flight, though arranged to be made on the date given, did not actually take place until October 28th Cuba, though the first from Key was made on the 19th of that mon

Colombia.—A new service ha opened from Barranquilla along th of Uraba to Buenaventura.

Dutch East Indies.—Mr. B kindly informs us that in addition 4,342 letters and cards carried Batavia, Lieut. Koppen on his flight picked up a mail of 194 pi Palembang and 106 pieces at M At both the latter places the name town was substituted for "Batav the special postmark. There ar three varieties of this cachet.

Dutch West Indies.—The fi mail was flown from Curacao on 17, 1927, when 50 letters were car the experimental S.C.A.D.T.A. fl Colombia. Letters bore the 15c of Curacao and the 30c stamps company, both of which received dinary postmark. The backstamp Barranquilla was done on April 2

France.—In view of the enc amount of mail (527,000 bags last carried on the American service, t tal buildings at Cherbourg are to larged, and an air mail between bourg and Bordeaux is under con tion.

India.—All mail bags for the Cairo service, we are informed S. H. Smith, receive a small r label inscribed "AIR MAIL" in on a blue background. From "Monthly Bulletin" we learn tha Challe, in the course of his fligh Paris to Indo-China and back, about four letters from Allaha Calcutta, 48 from Calcutta to R 26 from Calcutta for France, an mails from Allahabad and Kara the return trip. Mr. Cossar has us the new official metal cachet applied to air mail at the Karac office, and that will shortly be illu in this journal. Mail was car Akyab, Rangoon and Singapore "Red Rose" light plane, particu which will be given in our next while the postal authorities also tioned the carriage of mail on th mania" while in India.

Ireland.—It is being suggeste the proposed Department of Civi tion (Irish Free State) shall co with Imperial Airways in the openi service between that country and E

Italy.—From April 15th next and goods will be flown by a dir vice from Milan to Munich.

Japan.—The Imperial Aviati proposes to establish a trans-Paci vice to America, for which two m are in readiness, during the Spring. It appears that mails ha flown from Corea to Mukden (M ria). A cover in our possessio the special violet airplane oblit dated "26.9.2." on the tail of wh different descriptive character fr of the Dairen service.

Kenya and Uganda.—A cove on October 17, 1927, bearing the aero cachet with the date invert been shewn us by Mr. F. Alan This is the only specimen that h brought to our attention.

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By Geo. Staplin, Jr., Mannsville, N. Y.

In the issue of Mekeel's Weekly of Feb. 14th, I saw a reference to Mr. James M. Chute. In 1877, about a year after I started my stamp collection, I obtained by purchase or trading match stamps with him many foreign stamps, but after a short time I discontinued collecting foreign stamps and confined my efforts to collecting United States stamps only.

In March, 1879, I bought the 1857-60 set of Mr. F. Trifet, also of Boston, Mass., all unused and evenly perforated except the 12-cent, which was imperforate and later catalogued as 1851.

His price was $1.00 for the set of eight, four sets for $3.50, twelve sets for $9.00, one hundred sets for $70.00. These prices were from his 1877 catalogue now at hand.

The set of ten varieties used of the 1861 issue was 40 cents. The five-cent brown had extra wide side margins, and I always thought it a part perforated variety, but I soon trimmed it to even margins as it looked much better to me with even margins. This same set unused and "marked specimen" he priced at $1.00. The 1869 set of ten unused was priced at $4.00; the 1870 set of thirteen varieties unused at $2.50; the set of fifteen State department unused at $35.00; Post Office set of ten at $2.25; the Navy set of eleven at $2.75; the Justice set of ten at $3.00, and the complete set of official stamps, including the dollar values State for $50.00, all unused. Only five of the official stamps, excluding the dollar State department, were priced as high as 50 cents. These were the 12c and 15-cent Agricultural; 90 cents Justice, State and War departments; eight others were priced at 25 cents, eleven at 10 cents, seven at 15 cents, and the rest at 8 cents down to 2 cents, with two at one-cent each. In his 1879 catalogue none, excepting the dollar State departments, were priced above 40 cents each.

The re-issues of 1875, which were catalogued as "reprinted stamps," were priced as follows:—

1847 set of two at 25 cents.
1851-60 set of eight at $2.50.
1861-6 set of ten at $2.75.
1869 set of ten at $2.75.
1875 set of fifteen, low value newspaper stamps, at $5.00.

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1847 set of two at $15.00.
1851-60 set of eight at $170.00.
1861-6 set of ten at $394.50.
1869 set of ten at $157.50.

The fifteen, low value newspaper stamps, are now priced at $224.00.

Among the first foreign stamps were five varieties for a 3-cent stamp bought of Mr. Joseph Beifeld, at that time I think located in Buffalo, N. Y. They were German Empire 1gr, Austria 5kr, France 25-cent, Italy 25-cent, and Netherlands 5-cent.

Mr. John A. Pierce, who is mentioned in Mekeel's Weekly of March 9, 1925, and later in May 18, 1925, was one of the early Chicago dealers. He was a cousin of my wife, and visited at my place about 1905. I showed him a quarter-page advertisement that he had in one of the Stamp Journals of the time when he was a dealer several years before. I am not sure, but think it was published by Charles Haviland Mekeel in St. Louis, Mo.

In the Weekly, a year or two ago, among earliest known cancellation dates of the 1857-60 issue the 5-cent brown is listed as August 20, 1859. I have one, which I submitted to Mr. Ward several months ago, cancelled plainly in blue, October 14, 1857, and probably Louisville, Ky., as the last syllable is very plain as also the state and date.

I have a 24c 1870, or later, bought of Mr. Trifet in March, 1879, which is a very different shade from others in my collection or any I saw at the Philatelic Exhibition in New York in 1913 and 1926, both of which I attended.

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Argentina.—A comprehensive series, to cover the rates between various cities, of air stamps, is expected from this country in connection with the opening of air mail services to connect with the Late-coere route across the South Atlantic.

Bulgaria.—The status of the two recently issued adhesives is discussed in the Airpost Collectors' Chronicle.

Colombia.—Since the end of last year the 2 pesos stamp of the S.C.A.D.T.A. services has appeared in scarlet-vermilion instead of orange-red.

Egypt.—New stamps are promised for use on the proposed service between Cairo and Alexandria.

Esthonia.—In January, a new currency in crowns and cents was officially introduced for all commercial and financial transactions. This change has long been anticipated, and it is possible that it will result in the issue of new air stamps when the Spring services are re-opened.

Iraq.—It has been announced that official air stamps are under the consideration of the postal authorities for use on the Cairo-Basra mail route.

Morocco.—At the end of 1927 the colour of the current 20c air stamps was announced to be changed from lilac to violet; and that of the 80c from lilac-brown to red-brown.

Newfoundland.—Of considerable interest to aero-philatelists is the 15c blue denomination in the new series of stamps which appeared in the dominion early in January. Although not an air stamp, it depicts the famous machine in which Alcock and Whitten-Brown accomplished the first aeroplane flight across the North Atlantic.

Peru.—The 50c (lilac) value of the 1925 postal series has been issued with the overprint, in two lines, in red, "Servicio Aereo."

Russia.—A variety of the recently issued 10k value has, according to *Stamp Collecting*, been found on slightly thicker paper, imperforated, and without watermark.

Saar.—A special air adhesive for this district has been foretold repeatedly in the press, but we have not yet received any official confirmation.

Tunis.—We learn that the 1927 set of four values has been sold out, and that a new series may be anticipated at an early date.—*Aero Field.*

STAMP NOTES AND NEWS

Bolivia.—In the October number of our *Bulletin* we gave a list of the forthcoming new set of stamps, and we have just received the following additional information. These new stamps have been printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, of London, and on their arrival at La Paz it was found that some of the boxes containing the stamps had been skilfully rifled and 60,000 each of 5, 10 and 15 centavos stolen. In view of this theft the Bolivian Government decided to overprint the remaining quantity of these three denominations with the words "Octubre 1927" and a small star in the centre of each stamp, thus rendering the stolen stamps without overprint invalid for postal purposes. These new stamps which are being distributed this month are the same as type 8 in our Catalogue, but lithographed instead of engraved, the colours have also been altered. We are also informed that the Bolivian Government in ordering the 5, 10 and 15 centavos stamps under-estimated their requirements in these three denominations and that a further order is being considered; no doubt if a further supply is requisitioned the stamps will be of a different design or colour without safety overprint. In consequence of the delay in issuing these new stamps two provisionals were recently made, 5c on 1c and 10c on 24c, but as the number issued was small in both cases they were all utilised for postal purposes.

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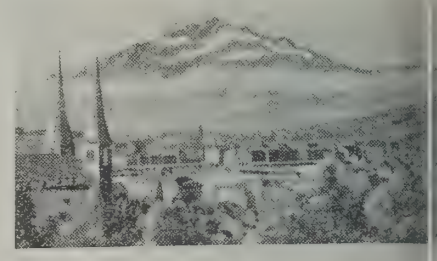

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WASHINGTON, February 28, 1928.

My dear Mr. Severn:

The tremendous success, on February 20th and 21st, when Colonel Lindbergh flew his old mail route carrying 225,000 letters for both days, has caused me to just write you regarding my observations in the Saint Louis post offce, and what the post office does to assist (and get through just as they would have it) the Philatelic mail, or first-day cover letters.

Arrived in St. Louis from Washington on Sunday afternoon, the 19th, and on Monday, the 20th, went over to the St. Louis office and talked with Postmaster A. J. Michener (who, by the way, is a real friend of the Philatelists) and, after a short while, we went out on the floor, and at 10.00 a. m., there were just mountains of mail, which had already been rated, stated and pouched, 16 of them which had been coming in for days before the date of the flight.

Engaged in the task of working this "special mail" were 15 clerks and three supervisors. One great section of the city distributing cases had been cleaned out, and the boys were working this souvenir mail up to the very finest point.

At the last moment, as usual, there was just a deluge of "Lindy Mail," and when the collectors came in, who had made their collections from the city boxes, again there were mountains of mail. The truck, to take the mail to the Air Mail Field at Anglum (14 miles from the post office), is scheduled to leave at 3.00 p. m., and to get this mail faced, specially "cacheted," cancelled, and distributed, was a real job. The Assistant Postmaster, Mr. Frank Pranger, arose to the occasion, as usual, and, knowing what it all meant to the collectors and souvenir bugs, he called upon forty more clerks for the task, and every letter, which could be dispatched, was prepared, and, by the way, some got through that should not have been dispatched, but it was "all for Lindy," and out to the field, where Slim in his new Travelair awaited, went the mail, 100,000 letters weighing about 2,000 pounds. Colonel Lindbergh, not to be involved in any false statement, flew the two Douglas ships with some of the load before he first took off for Springfield, so that each and every letter was carried by the "Lone Eagle" some part of the route.

Now, if the readers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY believe that this was an easy job, wish they could have been with me on Monday, the day of the first flight. If there was any known request for a special cancellation, marking, routing, or something else dear to the heart of the collector, that was not given attention, I would like to know what it was. Some letters had three slips of paper with instructions thereon, for the special postmarking, either pinned on or glued, and others contained fasteners. There was the small bundle with an elastic band thereon, and a slip underneath, and naturally, some letters had slipped out (and they looked for those), and there were letters with instructions about how they wanted the special cachet put on, and a thousand and one requests for the Postmaster to see that the personal signature of Colonel Lindbergh was obtained, which, of course, could not be obtained. There was the letter that wanted a different colored ink used in the cancellation, and there was nothing imaginable forgotten by the collector in the way of a request, and the Post Office Force entered into the spirit of it all and tried to give whatever service anyone wanted. Of course, we failed in some instances, but very few, I hope. And this was not only true of St. Louis, but in Springfield, Peoria and Chicago, as well. Each office had its requests to follow out, and they did their best to give the service that the collectors desired. As late as 11.00 a. m., the day of the flight, the Second Assistant Postmaster General telegraphed from St. Louis to the other Postmasters along the route to be sure about the backstamping, so, in other words, we, in the Post Office Department, tried to do the best job possible.

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Stamp collecting today is no longer a child's pastime. All ages, both sexes, and all nationalities indulge in this King of Hobbies, and Hobby of Kings. Known as "Philately," with the followers scattered all over the globe, the number runs into the hundreds of thousands. Societies and clubs, some with only a few members, and others with memberships running into the thousands, bring together these philatelists in a common bond. Lawyers, doctors, bankers, business men, heads of colleges, clerks, salesmen, laborers, housewives, movie stars, none are exempt. They all follow where philately leads. King George of England owns one of the finest collections of stamps in the world. A Chinese merchant in Singapore collects the stamps of British Colonies, and has accumulated some of the rarest. A headwaiter at a hotel in Switzerland owns a magnificent collection of Air Mail stamps. It is said that Miss Clara Bow owns a splendid collection of Air Mail covers. Even Lindbergh is reported to be interested in Air Mail covers.

In the past few years there has grown up a branch of Philately that offers more thrills to the square inch than any other form of collecting. From a few followers, the number has increased until thousands are collecting the letters that have been carried by Air Mail.

And this branch of Philately is known as Air Mail Cover Collecting. A "cover" is an envelope that has seen postal service.

In collecting Air Mail covers, those carried on the First Flight are the ones most sought after. As far back as 1910, special cancellations were used on flights carrying mail, some of these earlier covers being among the rarest. In recent years, the Post Office Department has recognized the necessity of catering to this group of collectors, and has provided a special cancellation to be applied to all mail carried on the First Flight over any route. In the past two years, 23 Air Mail routes have been put into operation, and every cover carried on the First Trips had these special cancellations applied to them in such a manner that they were readily distinguished from covers carried on subsequent flights.

That the Government has been wise in giving recognition to Air Mail cover collectors, is amply demonstrated in the flights made by Col Lindbergh on Feb. 20th and 21st. Figures given out by the Post Office Department, state that over *250,000* covers were carried, weighing 4,275 lbs., the amount of postage being about $26,000!

Covers from this flight will be scattered to the four corners of the world, for each one bears the Lucky Lindy horseshoe cancellation applied by the post offices at Chicago, Peoria, Springfield and St. Louis.

It is estimated that 75% of the mail carried on this flight belonged to Air Mail cover collectors. No wonder Uncle Sam caters to these thousands, when such a showing is forthcoming.

Col. Lindbergh's Central American tour resulted in Air Mail cover collecting receiving another big boost. Three countries honored him by putting on sale special Lindbergh air mail stamps, Costa Rica, Panama and Cuba. Other countries to the number of six, provided a special Lindbergh Day cancellation to all mail posted on the day of the Colonel's arrival. When Lindy made his U. S. tour, about twelve cities provided an unofficial Lindbergh Day cancellation for letters that went through the mail on that day, and these covers are in constant demand.

Within the next few years a large number of new Air Mail routes will be placed in operation throughout this country, as well as abroad, and the collecting of the First Flight Air Mail covers from these new lines will go on with increasing interest. Foreign postal departments provide special first flight cancellations, and some of their "cachets" (cancellations) are equally well thought out, and desirable from a collecting viewpoint.

Air Mail cover collecting can be as inexpensive as 10c per cover, the bare cost of postage, or if one wishes to go into it more extensively, a small fortune can be spent on acquiring some of the choice specimens that are offered from time to time. However, there is just as much of a thrill in securing covers from the new routes to be opened as there is in a Byrd or Chamberlin cover. Getting started is the main thing, and the following suggestions will assist you in breaking into the game.

First—Join the American Air Mail Society. All of the representative Air Mail Collectors of this country and abroad are members, as well as post office officials, Senators, air mail pilots, and operating officials. The cost is low, $1.50 per year. Included in the membership dues is a subscription to a well known philatelic publication, that will run co-incident with your membership. The magazine is published weekly, and all the Society notes, news and "dope" appear in a well edited column. Advance information covering flights to be made, reports on those recently completed, and general items of interest are among some of the recently issued numbers.

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Some Notes Concerning New And Unusual Items And Random Comments Upon The Specialized Prices

BY HENRY L. DEAN, 239 Windsor Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(*Continued from page 174*)

$1.00 Life Insurance
Imperforate

Following my price resume in the December 5th issue, a genial collector in the far West advises of his vertical block of eight of the $1.00 "Life," at the same time expressing regrets that due to heavy creases the piece had been cut down from a block of twelve. Personally, however, I approve of the action taken and commend the owner for his initiative, since a pleasing and perfect piece always ranks higher with me than an inferior one of unusual dimensions. For my part I have never hesitated to prune the unsightly, and at random can recall cutting an imperforate block of forty-two of the $1.00 Conveyance to twenty-four, a block of thirty of the 50c Mortgage to ten, a block of fifteen of the 3c Telegraph to twelve, a block of ten of the 25c Warehouse Receipt to four, and have lopped defective stamps from important strips of the 60c I. E. and $5.00 Charter Party, etc. A collection formed along such lines cannot fail to be gratifying to its possessor and can always be offered for exhibition or sale without apologies. To revert to the $1.00 Life block, whose owner incidentally inquired concerning its value, the specialized listing is, in my opinion, too low, and although I have the fine Lapham block I will back this belief with cash if anyone has sound pieces to offer.

$2.00 Conveyance
Imperforate

A revenue collector friend upon receiving his copy of the "Specialized," directs attention to the inaccuracy of rating the $2.00 Mortgage multiples as better than Conveyance, and I must agree decidedly with this view. Blocks of either one are not sufficiently numerous to justify much of a price differential, but Conveyance always has been, and is today, somewhat the better piece. When considering pairs and strips the spread is further increased, according to my data, to about the ratio of twenty to fifteen, so transposing the catalog figures for the two titles would about clear up the situation.

$50.00 U. S. I. R.
Imperforate

I have recently been informed of a block of fourteen of this stamp (6 x 2 plus two extra stamps) together with a block of six used on one document, but am only presenting the matter more as an item of information than importance. I can account for fifty per cent more blocks of the $50.00 stamp than of the $2.00 Conveyance just discussed, and in addition there is the block of twelve from the Bister collection. As I have written in an earlier article, perforated blocks of the $50.00 are much rarer than Imperforate, but the materially lower listing of them presumably is based on the lesser desirability of perforated multiples and decidedly smaller demand.

$25.00 Mortgage
Imperforate

Quite recently I received from Massachusetts a horizontal strip of four of this stamp, this constituting a new find, i.e., to the extent that although known for many years, its original possessor has just relinquished it. I have already recorded the two similar strips from the Eagle collection, but nevertheless its rarity and desirability must be apparent to all.

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In closing these notes for the moment, the writer will venture no approximation as to time of resumption, since he desires to learn whether or not this and preceding articles have been of sufficiently general interest to the readers of MEKEEL'S, and if so, whether or not they have been interestingly informative, or too cold and technical recitals. Briefly, therefore, I would appreciate expressions from all who are really interested, so that if the patient is alive the true state of his pulse can be ascertained, and I certainly have no thought of imposing "Revenues" on readers if the reaction is the winks, smiles and yawns that have been produced by recent presentations of ribbed paper Continentals.

Now most collectors today can truthfully sing the song "I love the whole United States, etc.," and considering the numberless U. S. collections between the two oceans, a good share of which contains Revenues, there must be enough items of interest to provide worth while copy for years to come. Consequently, if any reader has something which is of decided interest to him by all means spend two cents and say what it is, and don't feel injured, ashamed, or resentful if it develops to be commonplace. Likewise don't withhold information on a rare item for fear someone will get it from you. They cannot do so unless you yield to the power of gold, and while "yielding is sin," gold can be made to draw interest. During the past two or three years I have published more data concerning the rare revenues than had appeared in the previous quarter of a century, and now that the "cat is out of the bag" and pretty well defined values are known for all items, a seller need not be obsessed with the old fear of receiving five or ten per cent of the worth of a piece.

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How many of us, interested in Philately, are thoroughly familiar with the stamps of Russia used during the Revolution which followed within the period of the World War and then continued after the signing of the Treaty of Versailles? Those collectors who applied the words "Bolsheviki" and "Soviet" to their Russian stamps believed these terms meant nothing when the major varieties in the catalogues had been placed in their collections.

Let us refresh our memory by a brief outline of Russian history from 1914 to 1922. Russia entered the World War, July 14, 1914, aligning herself on the side of the Allied Powers. As early as August, 1915, Kerensky sowed the first seeds of Revolution by attacking the Royalist war policies in the Duma. Later, the Royalist majority became a minority. Changes in the Ministry occurred frequently, when under the premiership of Sturmer, an early and separate peace with the Central Powers was advocated. In January, 1917, the murder of Rasputin lighted the spark of the Revolution followed by the abdication of Czar Nicholas II. A provisional government was formed with Kerensky at its head and Trotsky as Foreign Minister. The Bolshevist uprising started and in a short time the separate peace of Brest Litovsk was signed with the Central Powers. The Kerensky regime, known as the First Republic, became unpopular and the Central Soviet Assembly (Bolsheviki) gained control with Lenine, Prime Minister and Trotsky, War Minister. Offensives started in many parts of the country against this new government. The Russian army and navy had revolted, prisoners of war liberated, different races and creeds fought amongst themselves and militarist leaders led several so called "White" armies. Many independent governments, or states, sprang up lasting for short periods only. The Lenine or Soviet Government gained the greater power and eventually restored order from chaos. In 1921-22 all the independent states and sections had been reunited into the Soviet Republic of Russia.

The postal history of this time is told very clearly by the stamps themselves. The last issue of the old Empire was undisputably the Commemorative stamps of 1913. They commemorated the 300th anniversary of the Romanoff dynasty. Money and stamp shortages in 1915 caused the reprinting of the 10, 15 and 20 kopeck Commemorative values on cardboard, thus allowing for a double purpose. The depreciation of the ruble in 1916-17 combined with the exhaustion of the 10 and 20 kopeck stamps produced two sets of the 7 and 14 kopeck provisionals, respectively, from the large remaining stocks of the old regular and Commemorative issues. These four provisionals ended the Royalist issues—when the Kerensky provisional government, or First Republic, came into power. Later in the year 1917, the complete set of the regular (Empire) stamps from the 1 kopeck to 10 rubles, omitting the 7 and 14 kopecks (now provisionals), had been reprinted from the old original plates. No introduction is needed on this issue. An acute money or small change shortage required the printing of the 1, 2 and 3 kopeck Commemorative stamps again on cardboard. The larger and more appropriate design of these stamps suited the purpose better than the regular issue. These cardboard stamps served for postal duty and when so used are quite scarce. In 1918, the provisional government issued two stamps, 35 and 70 kopecks, from an original design symbolic of the breaking of the chains of slavery. Large numbers were printed and used when the Bolshevist issues superseded them.

On page No. 1253, of our own Scott's catalogue, 1927 edition, is to be found this 70 kopeck slavery design stamp, listed as No. 150, it being the last of the First Republic issue of 1918-19; again, on page No. 1254, stamp No. 177 starts the Soviet Republic issue of 1921. Between these numbers are shown occupation stamps of the Northwest Russian armies of General Judenitch and Miller. Such stamps covered a special military privilege and usage in the particular regions within the range of their operations, and had postal value for a few months only. Obviously a gap of about two years, 1919 to 1921 or the Revolutionary period, appears, which on the face would tend to show that nothing

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42	1868-78, 6p yellow green, fine	1.00
44	1868-78, 1p orange, good	.75
46	1868-78, 2p blue, superb	.70
* 74	1882-85, 2sh ultramarine	2.00
*302	1861, dull yellow	3.25
	REUNION	
* 50-54	1900 Complete, 5c-50c	7.00
	RHODESIA	
* 1-10	1890-91 (₰7 used)	13.00
	RIO DE ORO	
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14	**1852, 1sc. Very fine copy of this rare stamp. Cat. $60.00**	**31.00**
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* 26	1865, 2pa orange, mint	1.00
35a	1868, 4b dark blue, fine	4.00
36	1868-70, 18b scarlet, superb	.75
40	1869, 15b vermilion, superb	1.10
43	1871-72 5b rose, fine	1.75
46	1871-82, 10b deep blue, superb	2.25
108-12	1891 Complete. Scarce issue	2.85
*154-65	1903, 1b-50b	4.75
	RUSSIA	
10	1858-64, 30k carm. & green, superb	.85
11	1863, 5k blue & black, superb	4.25
	Offices in China	
* 1-8	1899-1904 Complete	3.25
	Offices in Turkey	
* 4	1866, 2k rose & blue, mint	2.00
* 6	1867, 2k red & blue, no gum	4.50
213-26 ex. 223	1913, Desirable set	4.75
	ST. CHRISTOPHER	
10	1882, 1p lilac rose. P. C. Cat. $10.00	4.00
11	1882, 2½p red, brown, fine	4.00
12	1882, 4p blue, superb	3.00
* 17	1885-86, 4p on 6p green, mint	4.00
* 18	1885-86, 4p on 6p green, mint	6.50
18	1885-86, 4p on 6p green, superb	6.50
* 20	1887-88, 1p on 2½p, mint	5.00
* 23	1887-90, 1sh violet, mint	5.00
	ST. HELENA	
* 11a	1864-67, 3p dark violet	8.00
* 18	1865-68, 4p carmine, mint	8.50
* 20	1865-68, 5sh orange, mint	4.00
22	1882, 2p yellow, superb	3.25
24	1882, 4p carmine, good	3.00
25	1883, 1p brown red, good	1.50
* 26	1883, 2p yellow, mint	2.00
* 27	1883, 1sh green, mint	1.00
28	1871-73, 1p brown red, good	1.30
39	1894, 1sh yellow green, superb	1.35
	ST. KITTS-NEVIS	
* 11-15	1905-06, Multiple C. A. compl.	5.25
* 16-20	1907-18 Issue complete. ½p-1sh	2.00
* 50-61	1923, ½p-10sh. Very scarce	50.00
* 50-62	1923 Complete, ½p-£1	90.00
	ST. LUCIA	
12	1864, 4p yellow, superb	3.00
13	1864, 6p lilac, superb	3.25
14	1864, 1sh orange, fine	3.25
* 15	1881, ½p green, no gum	3.50
* 17	1881, 2½p scarlet, no gum	3.00
24	1884, 4p yellow, fine	4.25
* 40	1892, ½p on 3p, mint	3.00
* 40	1892, ½p on ½ of 6p. Superb pair	6.00
* 33-38	1886-91, 1p-10sh complete	10.50
* 50-55	1904-05, Multiple wmk., ½p-1sh	5.50
	ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON	
* 4	1885, 5c on 35c, mint	3.00
* 10	1885, 5c on 4c, mint. Cat. $20.00	10.00
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301	1892, 5c black, superb	1.75
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* 82-89	1903 Complete, 15r-400r	3.75
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2	1862-66, 1p rose, good	2.00
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3	1865, ⅓s rose, no gum	1.25
5	1865, 1. 1-3c red lilac, no gum	1.50
8	1864, 1¼s green, fine	.90
* 9	1864, 4s carmine, mint	1.75
* 10	1865, ⅓s green	1.00
* 12	1865, 1, ⅓s rose	1.50
* 13	1865, 2s ultramarine	1.10
* 14	1865, 4s bistre	1.10
17	1864, 1¼s blue & gray, fine	3.25
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	SERBIA	
12	1866, 20p rose, superb	1.65
*401-21	1916, Occupation complete	4.25
	SEYCHELLES	
* 1-8	1890 complete, 2c-96c	8.50
* 9-13	1893, Provisionals complete	8.00
* 22	1897, 1r violet and red	2.00
	SIAM	
9	1885, 1t on 1sol blue, superb	
* 12-18	1887 complete, 2a-64a	
*118-21	1908, 4 Tical values	
*145-54	1912, 2s-5b	
*176-84	1918, Victory issues complet	
*301-09	1918, Red Cross Issue	
	SIERRA LEONE	
3a	1859, 6p bright violet, fine	
4	1872, 6p dull violet, superb	
8	1872-73, 3p yellow, good	
10	1872-73, 1sh green, average. Cat. $	
13-19	1876-90, good copies, 1½p-1s	
* 19	1876-90, 1sh green, no gum	
19	1876-90, 1sh green, good	
* 23-30	1884-93 Complete	
	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	
* 81	1887, 2sh 6p, mint	
	SOUTHERN NIGERIA	
* 1-8	1901, ½p-5sh, mint	
* 1-9	1901, Queen Issue complete	
* 10-19	1902-04, 1st Edward set	
* 21-30	1904, M. C. A. Edwards, Scarc	
* 21-29 ex. 24	1904-07, ½p-5sh	
* 32-42	1907-10 ½p-10sh	
	SPAIN	
15	1852, 5r dull green, good	
20	1853, 12c red violet, good	
22	1853, 5r light green, fine	
52	1860, 19c brown, average. Cat. $	
* 58	1862, 19c carmine lilac	
* 64	1864, 19c violet	
71	1865, 1r green, good	
73	1865, 2r rose, superb	
*185	1872, 4p red brown, no gum	
*186	1872, 10p green, mint. Cat. $25.0	
*190	1873, 20c gray violet, mint	
*199	1873, 4p red brown, no gum	
*199	1873, 4p red brown	
*209	1874, 4p carmine, no gum	
*297-307 & 309	1909 issue	
*332-44	1922-25 Complete	
	STRAITS SETTLEMENTS	
1-8	**1867, Desirable set, average condition. Cat. $57.50, net**	
9	1867, 32c on 2a, good	
24	1880, 10c on 30c, good	
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* 77-79	1892 Complete, 1c-50c	
86	1898, $5.00 orange & carm., goo	
* 93-101	1902, Edwards, 1c-50c	
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	Federated Malay States	
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* 9-11	1900, 5c-$1.00	
	Johore	
* 15	1891, 2c on 24c green	
* 24	1892-94, $1 green & carm., no gu	
	Kelantan	
* 1-8	1911, 1c-50c	
	Sungei Ujong	
* 16	1881-84, 4c brown. Scarce	
	SURINAM	
* 74-90	1913-15 Complete, ½c-2½gld	
	SWEDEN	
* 7	1858, 9 ore violet, mint	
14	1862-66, 17 ore red, violet, supe	
15	1862-66, 17 ore gray. Apparent unused	
	SWITZERLAND	
22	1850, 5r black & red, fine	
23	1850, 10r black & red, fine	
23a	1850, 10r on buff, good	
23b	1850, 10r on orange, good	
24	1851, 5r blue & red, fine	
26	1852, 15c red, superb	
40	1855-62, 1fr lavender, fine	
*157-59	1914-15, franc values	
	TASMANIA	
12	1857, Rejoined pair of 2p, avera	
12	1857, 2p green, average	
12a	1857, 2p yellow, green, good	
* 14	1858, Pair 6p. Left stamp super right stp. cut into. A good ite	
15	1858, 6p blue gray, good	
16	1858, 1sh vermilion, good	
26a	1864-69, 6p red lilac, superb	
* 74-79	1892, ½p-1sh	
* 74-80	1892-99, ½p-2sh 6p	
	TIMOR	
* 22-33	1894, Complete, 5r-300r	
* 34-43	1896, Complete, 1a-47a	
* 53-65	1898, Complete, ½a-47a	
* 93a-104	1903, Complete, 3a-78a	
*156-70	1914, Complete, ½a-3p	
	TOBAGO	
* 2	1879, 3p blue, mint	
5	1879, 5sh slate, good	
9	1880, 1p red brown, fine	
* 10	1880, 4p yellow green	
17	1882-84, 4p yell. gr., av'ge. Cat. $	
* 17	1882-84, 4p yell. gr., mint. Cat. $2	
	TOGO	
* 1-6	1897, Complete, 3pf-50pf	
* 66-78 ex. 76	1915, Local Sur., ½p-10s	
* 80-90	1916, London Sur., ½p-10sh	
	TONGA	
* 6-9	1891, Surcharges, No. 9 used	
* 35	1895, 7½p on 2½p red	
*101-03	1893, Officials	
	TRANS-JORDANIA	
* 1-11	1920 Complete, 1m-20pi	
	TRANSVAAL	
* 99	1878-80, 3p claret, mint	
*100	1879-80, 4p olive green, mint	
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EDITORIAL

The following cablegram has been received in this country from Arthur Hind, dated Monte Carlo to the effect that his exhibit at Monaco was awarded the grand trophy, and that he will show the entire display at the Collectors' Club, New York, on March 21, 1928. It may be added that this exceptional aggregation was the most valuable volume, since it was transported in one book, ever assembled, as may be realized when it is said that its value was almost a million dollars.

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Mr. C. Bangs, Atlanta, Georgia, writes: "I note that in the issue of February 20th, you ask to be informed of the various philatelic agencies. While in Algiers, Africa, March 16th or 17th, 1926, I made the *first* purchase of stamps from the Agency that opened at 1.00 P. M. I bought blocks of four of all the stamps on sale. It was quite interesting, for when the clerk in charge opened his cases, several other clerks from about the office came to his desk to see the first sale made. I had not completed my purchase before people of Algiers came in for theirs, also."

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The following particulars of the Favier set of Greece have come from Mr. P. J. Drossos, of Athens: "The set was put out of use on February 1st. The 1dr had been exhausted long ago. However, the 6dr is a value that has been used scarcely at all, and the greatest part of the quantity issued is still in stock at the post office. It is said that the 3 and 6dr in stock are to be surcharged and used for air mail postage."

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Mr. Adolph Sonntag, Chicago, says: "On page 140 of the WEEKLY, dated Feb. 20, 1928, the information is quoted on the authority of the Post Office Department, Washington, that the Republic of Mexico is not prepared as yet to establish any air mail routes to the southern boundary of the United States from Mexico City. The information is evidently incorrect. My son-in-law is the advertising manager of the Gerrard Company, Chicago; and he handed me the enclosed cover recently. As you see, it bears a 50 centavos, and is postmarked, Mexico, D.F., Feb. 15, 1928, 1 P. M., and reached Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Feb. 17 at 6.30 P. M., and arrived at Chicago, Feb. 18 at 10 P. M. The impression showing the aerial handling reads: 'Servicio Postal Aereo.' Evidently, this is one of the earliest air mail covers ever flown from Mexico City to Chicago."

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An Associated Press despatch dated March 6th, announces that the bill for a special Valley Forge commemorative was in the form of a resolution introduced in the senate by Senator Reed of Pennsylvania. A correspondent in Washington in telling of the prospects for the special stamp says that they are "good" nothwithstanding some opposition that seems to have developed in a legislative way to commemorate issues generally, as has already been spoken of in this column.

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Our Cuban correspondent, Mr. E. M. Ash writes: "I have an envelope franked with the 5c air mail stamp, surcharged 'Lindbergh Febrero—1928' with slogan cancellation, and also rubber stamp cancellation in magenta. The slogan cancellation is enclosed in a box with horizontal lines, waved, divided into two sections. One of these shows an aeroplane, and the other says, in Spanish, 'Use Aerial Service and Economize Time.' The date enclosed in the circle is Feb. 13th, 6 A. M., 1928. The words Habana, Cuba, 1928, are around the circular frame on the inside. The rubber stamp cancellation is a double line circle. Between the outside and the inside circles are the words, Habana, Cuba, Servicio Aereo, separated by two stars. Inside the inner circle is the date. On the right hand side, two horizontal lines extend, and between them, two lines, the upper of which says, Lindbergh, in large letters! and the lower, Habana—St. Louis, Mo. I am informed that this last special cancellation was prepared with a view to Lindbergh carrying mail in his direct Habana-St. Louis flight, but it was finally decided against, as apparently, the full capacity was desired for fuel. This information will doubtless be of interest to airmail students and historians as showing that preparations were made in Havana for the carrying of mail on the flight."

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Mr. Vernon Smith of Indianapolis, Indiana, has addressed us on the subject of "circumnavigators" as cards or letters that make the trip around the world are called. Older readers will recall that periodically in the past, there have been flares of interest in these around-the-world missives, and recently a paragraph in our paper told of a round trip example. Mr. Smith sends a clipping from the Indianapolis *Times* picturing "Postmaster Bryson holding two letters started around the world today by the *Times*," and with the text telling of the letters that have been started on their long trip, franked with $1.75 postage, each, covering a weight of three ounces. The itinerary, as given in the newspaper, is interesting, including, as it does, several air flights. It seems that Mr. Smith, our correspondent, planned to send a letter by ordinary mail around the world, and the letter was mailed to the postmaster at New York for the start; and back came the letter with stamps uncancelled, with the following explanation: "With reference to your communication of the 28th ultimo, you are informed that the Postal Regulations stipulate that postal cards and letters addressed to go around the world are unmailable, and accordingly, the accompanying around the world letter is returned as unmailable." The letters sent by the *Times* were carried in both directions from Indianapolis, with instructions to utilize "such air mail routes as are available." Now, Mr. Smith asks why an air mail can go around the globe, while an ordinary letter cannot.

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To continue on the subject of circumnavigators, it is to be said that we knew that the authorities discouraged the souvenir seekers who wanted to have their long distance pieces, although we were not aware that the postal regulations decreed against them. A good many years ago, when around-the-world letters were the rage, they became a thorn in the flesh of postal departments generally, and on one occasion, if we remember correctly, the post office department indicated to the WEEKLY that it would look upon a friendly gesture in the paper to the effect that the traffic be frowned upon, with approval. Hence, our disposition was to tread lightly on the subject in the subsequent years. Reverting to Mr. Smith's question, why air mail circumnavigators are accepted and ordinary letters not, deponent sayeth not, meaning that not knowing, we cannot say.

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The following inquiry has come from Mr. G. P. Bainbridge, Vancouver, B. C.: "On page 116 you have reference to an inquiry from a correspondent anent a Ballou & Co.'s Caribou Express envelope. As I am n an extensive study of these inter British Columbia Express env and markings, I shall greatly ap ate being put in touch with the concerned." Will the inquirer first addressed us send his na Mr. Bainbridge at 4545 Sixth A W., if this notice meets his eye, letter was not preserved after answered. Speaking of addres the correspondent who, when the postal history was described, ask the owner's, Mr. McBean's addre questing that it be sent him, will the editor, the information may n had. The history in question is a published by the Siam gover illustrated by copies of the stamp had been issued up to the time production of the book.

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It is somewhat interesting to the comments of the Utica newsp on the publicity achieved by A Hind, philately's shining light. notices show that while somewh certain of the solidity of Mr. H fame as a result of the recent article in *Collier's*, the newsp readily grasp the interest carri wide publicity, concentrated o one man. The Utica *Call* en story with: "Stamps may com stamps may go—but collectors forever."

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I have seen a good many stamp exhibitions opened, some of them by royalty, but never before has there been so imposing an affair. A military guard of honour added colour to the beauty of the gardens in front of the Palais des Beaux Arts, and the trumpeters proclaimed the arrival of her Serene Highness in goodly style. As she entered, the orchestra struck up the Monegasque hymn, which has the cheerful strain of a fox trot, and the petite lady who advanced with M. Champion as her guide, looked as though she would have made the most delightful of partners in the dance.

The official opening was in the morning, and was attended by the committees, jury, commissaires and exhibitors, and the press. In the afternoon the place was thrown open to the public, and they came in large numbers, mostly *via* the long queue which had formed hours before. The now familiar attraction of the special exhibition stamp had weaned the gambling ladies from the Casino, and the gouty gentry from the Therapeuthingummy institutions. At one time I noticed a small group of picturesque Tziganes, temporarily released from a restaurant orchestra, patiently waiting their turn to pass the guichet and claim their set of stamps. It was a very orderly queue, policed and arranged admirably, and at no time was it allowed to interfere with the passing in and out of the more serious philatelic visitors.

The exhibition has been extremely well planned and organised, and the fullest credit is due to M. Theodore Champion, as the general organiser, and to Madame Louise Bouzonnet, who has proved herself a magnificent general secretary. The construction of the frames leaves nothing to be desired. All daylight ,was shut out, for this Riviera sun, which is burning my hand as I write, would otherwise be doing terrible damage to stamps, of which the total value is somewhere in the neighbourhood of 40 millions of francs. When I arrived, the Palais de Beaux Arts was being used for the movies, and from cinema darkness it was transformed into a blaze of light, 50,000 candle power being added to the internal lighting arrangements for the occasion. The extra lights were bracketed directly over the stamp frames, and every exhibit was equally well lighted. All the corridors and gangways were patrolled by the picturesque gendarmerie and by glittering helmeted firemen. Although not especially noticeable, there were men about who gradually became familiar, seeing them daily, but being in plain clothes, these officers of the sureté added no colour to the scene.

It has been a cinematographic week for Philately. The arrival of the Princess, her progress through the exhibition, her meeting the judges, and the other interesting events, such as the international congress of the philatelic press, have all been recorded for the cinema, and to-night, in the music room of the Palais de Beaux Arts, we are to go and see ourselves reproduced upon the screen. That may or may not prove amusing, but an additional item on the programme is the presentation of what is claimed to be the first really philatelic film drama, with French cinema stars in the cast. It is to be a dramatic comedy entitled "Sa Petite," by E. Routier-Fabre, with Maurice de Féraudy of the Comédie Francaise, Harriet Fowler, Joë Hamman, and Francette in the chief parts.

Of the exhibition proper, I hope to give a full account in due course. It is wonderfully rich in rarities, for philatelic giants like Arthur Hind, Theodore Champion, A. F. Lichtenstein, Maurice Burrus, R. F. A. Riesco, M. van Gelder, have all brought or sent of their best. The rarities class is particularly strong. There are more "Post Office" Mauritius than have ever been seen together, but more impressive still is the number of Hawaiian Missionaries, British Guiana circulars (with some glorious cut-square copies), and the first Réunions, which are to France what the first Mauritius are to us.

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A Junior Item

Benj. Lyons sends us a clipping that we cannot use, but we appreciate his favor. Master Lyons is a junior of thirteen years and resides at 208 Westcourt Ave., Norwalk, Conn. He would like to correspond and trade stamps with someone about his age. He contributed to our last Brain Teasers Contest and wants to know when the next will be conducted. Our reply is, "Right away."

From Father to Son

Something like twenty years ago the Editor learned that Anthony Fiala, on an expeditionary force to the North Pole used a postage stamp between two of the camps he had established in the Arctic region. We wrote Mr. Fiala, and he was kind enough to send a specimen of the stamp, which we picture below. The "F. J." is for Franz Josef Land, a group of islands north of Russia.

The reason we print the above is because we have just been favored by Charles Curie of New York City, with a five-year subscription to the WEEKLY for Anthony Fiala, Jr., who resides in Brooklyn, N. Y. This is an interesting coincidence in connection with our work on the WEEKLY.

Values Explained

Groschen.—A coin in general use in Brunswick, Hanover, Oldenburg, the North German Confederation, and Germany until 1874. A groschen was the thirtieth part of a thaler, and was equal to about 2½c in American money.

Grosh.—The unit of value in the newly constituted territory of Albania. The grosh is divided into 40 paras and is equivalent to about 5c in United States currency. It is the same as the Turkish piastre which is known in Turkish as "grush."

Grosion.—The value in which several of the stamps issued in Crete in 1899 by the Russians in their "sphere of administration" were expressed. The grosion was composed of 4 metallik, and it had a value of about 18c in American money.

Grote.—The value in which some of the stamps of the German state of Bremen were expressed. A grote was equal to about 1c in United States currency.

Some Explanations

Peni.—The Tongan equivalent of "penny" as shown upon many of the stamps of that British Protectorate.

Peni-e-taha, Etc.—The value in Tongan expressed on the stamps of Tonga. The word "PENI" is of course the same as the English word "penny." The last words express the numerals, as follows:—1, taha; 2, ua; 2½, ua mo koga; 3, tolu; 4 fa; 5, nima; 6, ono; 7½, fitu mo koga; 8, valu; 10, hogofulu.

Penmarked.—Stamps that have been fiscally used and cancelled with pen and ink are usually known as penmarked in contradistinction to stamps that have been used in payment of *postage* and obliterated by the same means. (See also "pen cancellation.")

Penni.—(plural "pennia")—The value in which most of the stamps of Finland are expressed. A hundred pennia are equal to a mark, and five of them are the equivalent of an American cent.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

MISSIONARIES
Hawaii A3
1851, 2, 5 and 13c

The first American missionaries arrived in Hawaii in 1820, and were the pioneers of a class which has done a wonderful work in Christianizing and civilizing the native population. To them is due the introduction of the printing press in 1822, the publication of native newspapers in 1834, the establishment of the first newspaper in English in 1836, and the introduction of postage stamps in 1851. It is thus that the first Hawaiian stamps have come to be known as "Missionaries," because not only was their inception due to this community, but they were local productions, made in Honolulu probably at the office of one of the two papers which were then published there, the *Sandwich Island Gazette* and the *Polynesian*.

These first stamps were of three values, 2c for newspapers, 5c for letters per half ounce, and 13c for letters to the U. S. This latter value was made up of 5c, the local rate, plus 2c, the ship rate or charge for conveyance to San Francisco, plus 6c, the U. S. postage.

These stamps were issued on October 1, 1851. They are type set and printed in pale blue upon a very thin and slightly bluish wove paper. The manner of printing was in pairs upon horizontal strips of paper.

About November, 1852, the 13 cent stamp was modified to read "H. I. & U. S." at the top instead of "Hawaiian," and the "dice" ornament was substituted for two loops after the numerals.

Aguinaldo Stamps

A series of labels issued by the Revolutionary Government in the Philippines under the leadership of Aguinaldo in 1898. They are, of course, locals, and though it has been asserted that they were of an entirely speculative character it seems more probable that they were issued for legitimate postal purposes and were undoubtedly used in the territory occupied by the revolutionaries until the Aguinaldo government was finally suppressed by the Americans.

Samoa

The Samoa or Navigator's Islands are a group in the western Pacific, comprising nine islands and numerous rocks and islets. In 1899 Upolu and Savaii were taken by Germany and the rest of the group by the United States. Postage stamps were first issued by the Samoan government in 1877, but since the partition of 1899, ordinary United States stamps have been used in those islands belonging to Uncle Sam. In the two

other islands the usual stamps of the German colonial type were issued until they surrendered to the New Zealand Expeditionary force on August 29, 1914. The captured German stamps were suitably overprinted with "G. R. I." and values in English currency and the permanent issue now in use consists of the contemporary stamps of New Zealand overprinted "SAMOA."

Bits of News

Pelure Paper.—A very thin tr parent paper on which stamps have casionally been printed. It is as th ordinary tissue paper, but much ha and tougher.

Pen.—A contraction for "penni "pennia" shown upon many of the st of Finland.

Penalty Envelopes.—Envelopes for carrying departmental mail in United States since special adh stamps were abolished. They are called from the fact that on the fa each is printed a warning against use for private mail with a stateme the penalty to be enforced in cas such illegal use.

Pen Cancellation.—The early st of some countries were usually canc either by writing the name of the of posting across them or merely n ing them with a few pen strokes. was the usual method of cancellati the Colombian republic until about These are, of course, proper postal cellations and stamps so obliterated not be confused with those used for enue purposes.

St. Anthony Issue

A set of pictorial stamps issue Portugal in 1895 to commemorat 700th anniversary of the birth o Anthony of Padua.

Double Paper

A patent paper invented by Mr. C F. Steel, who is better known as t ventor of the "grille" embossing a to certain United States stamps be 1867 and 1873. This paper consist two layers, a thin surface paper a thick backing paper. This paper was posed to be an absolute safeguard a cleaning, for any attempt to remov cancellation would, it was averred, in the removal of the top layer of on which the design was printe number of the stamps of the U States printed by the Continental Note Co., were printed on this pape perimentally, but the plan met with favor and was abandoned.

For the Junior

Salonicco.—The Italian renderi Salonica as shown overprinted upo stamps issued for use at the con post office there.

Salonique.—The French form Salonica as overprinted on the R stamps issued at the Russian office tained in that city.

Salung.—The value in which o the stamps of the 1883 issue of Si expressed. A salung was the quart a tical and had a value of about American money.

Salus Populi Suprema Lex Es The Latin motto shown upon the masters' stamps of St. Louis. It motto of the State of Missouri means "Let the people's safety be supreme law."

OUR REVIEW

By C. A. HOWES.

Ve have received from S. W. Hess 5th edition of his specialized cata- ue of Germany. This includes the German States, Thurn and Taxis, North German Postal District, the man Empire, and succeeding Re- blican issues, Heligoland (it seems nge to see this former British pos- sion with its "Queen's head" stamps catalogue of German issues, but it once German, and is now again), man Foreign Post Offices, includ- the Great War issues, and German onies. Besides the adhesive stamps, find the envelope stamps included, ch makes us wonder why, in such pecialized catalogue, the post cards ht not also find their place.

rices are given in three columns, sed, used and used on cover. In older and better grade stamps, es are also quoted for pairs, blocks, ps, rare cancellations, varieties, and the Empire stamps used in the onies before the distinctive issues. recognized only by their post- ks. Attention is called to the ing of the so-called "inflation nps" on cover. The prices given in Renten marks of the same value the former gold marks, viz., 24 s United States money, and all es are net.

he book is 4½ x 6 inches in size, t board covers, and includes 212 es with half-tone illustrations of ost every issue. It is replete with s and information concerning the ips and postmarks, though all in man, of course, and is naturally a t useful guide to the value of all man issues in any condition in h the specialist may be seeking n. The price is Rmk 3.75, or 90 s from S. W. Hess, Goethe Strasse rankfort A.M., Germany.

REVOLUTIONARY STAMPS OF RUSSIA

(*Continued from page 193*)

ual had happened in the way of new ips. Collectors could and did assume the First Republic stamps remained nuously in use. Other catalogues wed the same procedure, making the osition apparently correct. It will be that such was not the case, with ble exceptions of the Districts of cow (now the Capitol). Leningrad Odessa.

hich stamps then carried the Russian s during this period of internal ?

er since the entrance of Russia into World War and helped by Revolu- ry conditions, the financial structure ie nation had been toppling. In 1919, opeck proved worthless and the ru- rumbling at top speed. Nor did any stamp issues or general provisionals ar which would reflect the rapid de- ation of the national currency.

ie combatant countries of the World such as Germany, Austria and 's during their financial difficulties stood bravely behind their postage ps, either by the issuance of in- ed permanent values or by making al surcharged provisionals or by The depths to which their money descended were less of importance the impairment of their mail ces.

ssia faced entirely different condi- no organized or powerful govern- existed, the various states, districts cities had been cut off from com- cations and supplies—truly Revolu- ry characteristics. The matter of ge stamps and their currency ad- ents became a local rather than a nal question. The First Republic ps remained in the postal stocks of nany post offices throughout the en- country. They were in their original based upon the pre-War value of uble. The problems confronting the us postmasters without the time and s to print new stamps, involved aintenance of the domestic and for- mail services and to have suitable ps to conform with an ever fluctu- money exchange. It also became a to conserve their old postal stocks in certain localities where the quantities and values were limited. But one solution presented itself under these circumstances that was to alter or change the original face values into current values of the Bolshevist money and so run the mails the best way possible. Any other method would have resulted in a complete exhaustion of all stamps within a short time.

The chance of letters, commercial correspondence and other classes of mail being delivered to their destinations became doubtful and remote. The interceptance of mail can be considered as an early military duty. Censorship allowed a small percentage to carry. A noticeable reduction of all correspondence did not lessen the grave postal situation when no possibility of getting additional postal supplies presented itself. At different times and localities, the postmasters surcharged their old stamps into current provisionals, rightly named Revolutionary surcharges—either by the means of rubber handstamps, metallic type or handwritten. The latter class, pen marked provisionals, were as legitimate as the other two in their existence and usage. However, philately does not take kindly to these personal surcharges owing to the art of forgery being perfected to a high degree. The greatest number of handwritten surcharges have been banned as a result, and in this article no consideration will be given to them whatsoever.

The practice of affixing the proper amount of postage only on letters presented at the post office conserved the stamps in certain localities and also guarded against postage discrepancies. An abundant number of postal money orders issued within the Revolutionary era showed a great effort must have been made by those who tried to divert at least some portion of their dwindling fortunes. It is due to them that much official and philatelic data has been saved thereby substantiating the existence of legitimate provisionals. Philately became badly neglected in such turbulent times of financial straits and civil warfare. The world at large hardly knew what was going on in Russia, and philately practically ceased. No new issues, revolutionary surcharges, had been chronicled at the time. The largest number of these Bolshevist provisionals had either been destroyed or lost. If no state of war existed a certain percentage of mail, and incidentally stamps, would have passed out of the philatelic field anyway. The actual percentage of these Revolutionary provisionals, or in fact any other stamps, saved to philately is beyond human ability to learn. The most reliable sources as to relative scarcities of the individual provisionals either in unused or used state must come from those persons who know the postal and economic conditions of the particular country, or those who have handled and saved the stamps.

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Iceland

—The Country With the Uninviting Name

By T. E. JONSSON.

There is hardly a country saddled with a more uninviting name than Iceland. It is a name suggestive of a perpetual arctic winter, and an unending expanse of ice. How little this accords with the facts, will become clear to those who read the history of Iceland, if they are not already aware of it. Many readers will doubtless find themselves asking the question: "How was it that the country came to be called by this Chilly name?" An insignificant accident, will be the reply. When the Norwegian viking Floki Vilgardarson, after having spent the winter 865-66 on the northern shore of Breidafjördur, in the early spring climbed the nearest mountain and spied northward, he looked down into a fjord "full of polar ice." For this reason he called the land Iceland (Island). No doubt Floki found a grim satisfaction in giving the country an ill-sounding name, for he was in a sour mood after having, through his own negligence, lost all his cattle during the winter, and after his return to Norway he did his best to defame the newly discovered island, which, however, was destined to become his future home in spite of his defamations.

EGYPT

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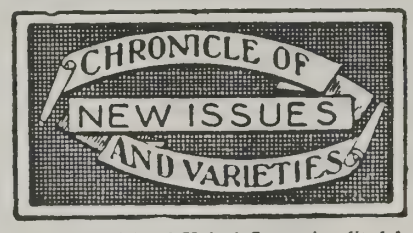

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Washington Notes

The Postmaster General has just returned from his trip South, but until he gets around to attending to routine matters, the Valley Forge proposition will not be given serious consideration. It is to be hoped, however, that it will receive his favorable approval before the end of March, so that the stamp will be available around the middle of May.

I have been informed that the Department has communicated with the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and has advised that they are not in favor of the series of the Lindbergh stamps in view of the fact that they have already honored Lindbergh with a special variety, and that at the present time they have no funds available for the purpose. It will be recalled that the House Bill carried no appropriation. It is to be regretted that they are taking this attitude, for such a series would be well received by the general public.

I am further informed that on the special flight, which Colonel Lindbergh made between St. Louis and Chicago, that he carried some few letters, which were not only autographed by himself, but by the Postmaster General as well.

Air Mail Notes

Mr. Charles E. Jandrue, Jr., kindly sends an air mail cover from Boston, bearing the normal Boston air mail postmark dated March 1, 1928, in addition to a special rectangular shaped marking applied in dark blue-black reading—"Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh and Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Honorary Guests of the National Education Ass'n, Boston, Mass., March 1, 1928. Air Mail CAM No. 1."

Mr. Jandrue also sends an air mail cover from Ashland, Ky., carried on February 29th. A similar Detroit cover comes from Mr. Herman W. Boers, who also encloses an envelope bearing postmark of the previous leap-year day of February 29th.

Mr. E. P. Gibson kindly favors me with a cover from Grand Rapids on this special day.

Postmaster General New announced on February 29th, that "He will immediately call for bids for three additional air mail routes returnable within sixty days of the date of issuance of invitations.

The first of these will run from Chicago to Atlanta, via Terre Haute and Evansville, Indiana, Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee, with a spur from Evansville to St. Louis, giving the latter city a connection with Atlanta, and later with Florida and Cuba. This route will run on night schedule with planes leaving Chicago, southbound, and Atlanta, northbound, at 8.30 p. m., with a view to arriving at the terminus early the following morning. It will give to Chicago a connection with the southeast and also with New Orleans by way of Atlanta and vice versa.

The second route for which bids are to be asked will extend from St. Louis to Kansas City, Missouri, with Texas to southwestern points and later with the projected line to Mexico City. The schedule, however, will not synchronize with the Evansville route.

The third proposed route will cover the state of Michigan like a blanket, running from Chicago to Kalamazoo, Michigan, via South Bend, Indiana; to Bay City, via Lansing, Flint, and Saginaw, with spurs branching out from Kalamazoo to Pontiac, via Battle Creek, Jackson, Ann Harbor, and Detroit, and to Muskegon, via Grand Rapids."

Canal Zone

Mr. Harry E. Huber advises that the 2c perforated 11x10½ Rotary, overprinted—"Canal Zone," was issued on June 28, 1927. In my recent Chronicle, statement was made that I was under the impression that it had been issued towards the end of the year, which I now learn is an error.

Philippines

Mr. Walter Bruggmann, as well as Mr. Eugene Klein, have shown me pairs of the current 2c Philippine, taken from a side-wise coil. These are perforated 11 vertically, and imperforated horizo and are printed from the flat bed in a light green. Mr. Bruggmann that they are sold in pairs a centavos per pair, by automatic ma located at the Plaza Lunch in M Mr. Bruggmann's letter is dated J ary first, and as he always pr advises of any new issues, I am un impression that the stamp was pla sale around that time. If these coiled at Washington, it neces their going back to the old meth coiling flat plate stamps. The marg the top and bottom are too large t been privately cut apart fro perforated sheet.

Forthcoming Issues.—The lat sue of the *Crown Agent's Bulleti* not offer us many novelties, though of the items listed last time as "(der" have now been despatched Colonies concerned, and may be ex to be issued shortly.

Malta.—The colour of the curr is to be changed to light brown, an of the 1½d to red.

Seychelles.—The colour of the 4 be changed, but the new colour stated.

Straits.—Federated Malay States. 35c is now being printed on paper Script watermark.

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tralia.—A new color has been is- in the 4p. It is an olive-yellow and the watermark is multiple A own. Mr. R. Roberts sends cop- chronicle.

tish Solomon Islands.—Copies of purple and olive-green, 6p dull ight purple, and 1sh black on green ipt watermark paper are to hand Economist Stamp Co.

na.—*Champion's Bulletin* is in- d that a new set is in preparation g the portrait of Marshal Tchang n. There will be four values: 1c, and $1, which will be put on sale na proper; they will also be over- l for use in Turkestan and Man- .—*Philatelic Magazine.*

choslovakia.—Whitfield King & ve shown us the following postage amps in the new type: 10h, 40h, 0h, all in red; 1k and 2k, both in

zig.—Whitfield King & Co. ad- at they have received the 3 gulden e due stamp in blue, same type as ronicled last issue.

pt.—*Statistical Congress — 10m L'Echo* chronicles the discovery of ety on the 42nd stamp of the sheet 10 millième value which shows a op after the words "LE CAIRE." manent series will be completed , according to the same journal, by sue of the following values:—4m reen, 20m brown, 100m lilac, 200m 500m marone, £E.1 marone and reen. The 4m will be in the small reviously illustrated; the other val- the large size now illustrated.— *elic Magazine.*

Hungary.—*Champion's Bulletin* illustrates a new type of multiple watermark which it states will be used when the present stock of paper is exhausted. The design looks rather like a double cross on the top of a mound.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Jchore.—Mr. R. Roberts sends the 2c green and 3c purple-brown, new colors for these values on script watermarked paper.

Liechtenstein.—The Flood Relief stamps picturing views in the flooded Rhine area have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. They are of four different subjects, transverse oblong format, inscribed "Furstentum Liechtenstein" at the top with "Rheinnot 1927" at the base. Figures of value are in each lower corner. Values and shades are as follows: 5+5rp, purple and brown; 10+10rp, green and brown; 20+10rp, red and brown, and 30+10rp, blue and brown.

Nabha State.—The 1a brown, multiple star watermark stamp of India, has been surcharged "Nabha State" in one line in black. Whitfield King & Co. submit a copy for chronicle.

Norway.—The 30o blue, in the Lion type, has been issued. Copies have been received from Whitfield King & Co. and R. Roberts.

Peru.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 2c blue, Tacna y Arica stamp without circles. Also the 50c mauve overprinted "Servicio Aereo."

Port Said.—Whitfield King & Co. report the following new issues for this colony: value inscribed on stamp, 15m blue, 50m red and blue-green, 100m blue and yellow-brown, 250m green and red, postage due for use in Alexandria, on Port Said, 1m slate, 2m blue, 5m olive, 20m claret, 40m mauve.

San Marino.—Mr. R. Roberts sends the 15L, 25L and 50L postage due stamps all in brown and claret.

Sudan.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us of the appearance of the 10 piastres, with the new S.G. watermark.

Tunis.—Whitfield King & Co. send for mention seven values in a new Pro Juventute set. The central design pictures a caravan crossing the desert and the inscription "De Gabes Au Tchad" above. In the margin beneath the stamp is the additional value at which the stamps are sold "Inst de Garv. Paris" at the left, and "Jean Kerhor" at the right. Values are 40+40c, brown; 50+50c, violet; 75+75c, blue; 1+1fr, red; 1fr50c+1fr50c, light blue; 2+2fr, green and 5+5fr, red-brown.

Switzerland.—Whitfield King & Co. have received the 5fr bright blue, re-engraved.

Virgin Islands.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the appearance of the 3p, 1sh and 2sh 6p script watermark colors as before.

DINNER TO GEORGE B. GRAHAM

By R. C. FISHER, M.D.

On February 24, the Buffalo (N. Y.) Stamp Club gave a testimonial dinner to George B. Graham, one of the oldest members of the Buffalo Club, and during all his life a general collector.

The dinner was served at the Elks' Club, and Mr. Graham was presented with a beautiful book in which each member had written words of friendship. Mr. Graham was very much surprised and almost speechless, but did say that it was one of the happiest moments of his life.

Frank Sleght acted as toastmaster, and short talks were made by Pres. Storer, Adolph Steeg, Harry Flierl, Ted Gundlach, John Schaeffer, and John Hall. Letters and telegrams of greeting were received from various persons.

Following the dinner an auction sale was held, and also a stamp bourse. Altogether an enjoyable evening was added to Buffalo's long list of successful stamp affairs. At the top of the menu card was a picture of the new Buffalo Club emblem, designed by Mrs. Sleght.

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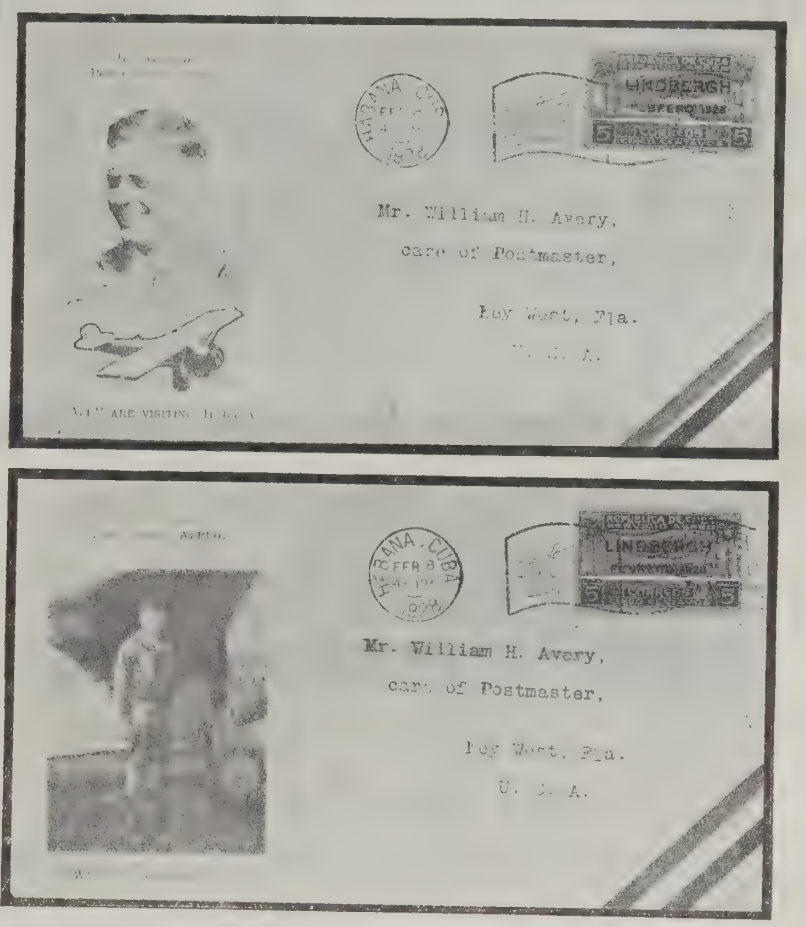

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Memel	25	"	20c	30	"	25c	50	"	45c	100	" 1.60
Poland	100	"	10c	200	"	70c					
Portugal	50	"	15c	100	"	60c	150	"	1.70	200	" 3.00
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THE Philatelic Club of Los Angeles has issued a very nice booklet giving the particulars of organization and membership list. It is an indication of the marked prosperity that this club is achieving.

H. A. REUTER, A. P. S. 7441, of Fullerton, Cal., has taken a block of fifty lines of adlet space, and will be heard from regularly hereafter. We call attention to his special line of approvals advertised in this issue.

WE have received a clipping from the Panama *Star and Herald* sent by Emil J. Rall. It gives the particulars of the destruction of the dies used in making the Lindbergh stamps. The clipping states that the demand for these stamps is so great that in less than two months after issue they were re-sold at three times their face value.

BELA SEKULA, Lucerne, Switzerland, has a number of copies of the book entitled "Short Description of the Collection of Essays of Mr. Shroeder." The book is cloth-bound and has seventy-two pages of artistic photographs. Anyone interested in this collection of Martin Schroder should write Mr. Sekula.

THE firm of Arthur Barger and Co. offer this week a very interesting historical souvenir cover. Look up the advertisement.

WE have received from Arnold J. Bauer, Wabasso, Minn., a clipping from the Minneapolis *Journal* of March 4. It deals with German stamps, and especially the varieties issued under the new Republic.

AIRMAIL Route No. 21, Waco, Texas, went into commission March 5, 1928, and a cover showing the inauguration of this airmail service has been received from A. E. Gorham. The cancellation is in purple on a design oblong octagonal in shape, and in the center is a winged circle.

WE have received greetings from the Monaco Philatelic Exhibition under date of February 24. We are indebted to Frank E. Wilson of the W. T. Wilson firm, Birmingham, England, for this courtesy. The postmark is a special cancellation appropriate to the Exhibition. On the reverse side is a handsome view of Monte Carlo and Monaco.

GREETINGS are at hand from Otto Weismann who is at Menton, on the shores of the Mediterranean. Mr. Weismann writes:—"Fine weather over here. In Holland terrible storms."

R. C. HACKETT sends us some clippings from local papers dealing with the very successful stamp exhibit recently held by the Bosse High School of Evansville, Ind. Mr. Hackett sends us a complete list of the prize winners, and it is a very extensive one. Henry A. Meyer was judge of the exhibit.

OUR friend Herman W. Boers is remembering his friends with covers bearing the leap year date of Feb. 29. Acting upon his suggestion, Postmaster Conklin of Springfield, Ill., got out a special letter calling the attention of stamp collectors to the philatelic interest attached to covers bearing this date.

HERBERT G. AHREND sends us a couple of clippings from New York papers that we acknowledge with thanks. Mr. Ahrend urges the publication of advance notices of first airmail flights. The reason why we have been unable to do that in the past has been because the flights take place so soon after announcement has been made to the public. We shall always publish news of this kind when possible, and Mr. Ward's department can be counted upon to give desired information.

WE are indebted to C. E. Jandel for a cover that is of more ordinary interest. It is postmarked land, Ky., Feb. 29, 1928, and was patched by airmail from Cleveland to New York.

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By C. A. CARROLL.

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"The plans for the establishme Mexican Air Mail are still rath lous, although the Postmaster has announced that he hopes to rate the service about May 5. N are yet available for this service, it is reported that certain Brist due shortly to arrive from Engl be utilized. It is further repor the air mail surcharge will be (approximately 50 cents Ameri rency), this to be paid in additi first class mail postal charge of vos for each 20 grams or fracti mail stamps are said now to be ration, but none of them have, s this office is able to ascertain, bee on sale."

According to a Washington to the Atlanta Constitution, dat ruary 28, the New York-Atlanta will begin in six weeks or two This is a further postponement route, which originally was ar to begin in October, and which delayed from month to mon latest information, prior to the r the above news, was to the eff the Pitcairn fliers would start te on March 1.

The Atlanta-Miami route opera been definitely postponed until The Atlanta-New Orleans route delayed for some months, probab government surveyors only beg during the latter part of towards locating emergency fields. It is probable that th route will be rushed to completi ever, in view of the announced ment intention to route the Mex mail service via Atlanta an Orleans.

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COLLECTING AIR MAIL COVERS

(*Continued from page 190*)

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Fourth—and most important—*Get Started Now!* Build up an Air Mail cover collection and enjoy all the thrills. This spring, about April 1st, the New York to Atlantic flights will take place, followed by the Atlanta-Key West and Atlanta-New Orleans routes. Several more new ones are scheduled to open during the coming summer and fall. Possibly the New York to Mexico City route will be opend. Get in on these flights. *Have a Hobby that is a Hobby!*

In the foregoing no mention has been made of the possibilities of Air Mail cover collecting from a financial standpoint. No hobby should have its foundation laid on a monetary basis. To do so, takes off the keen edge of the enjoyment of collecting. However, it sometimes becomes necessary to sell or buy covers to complete a set, or flight. It is then that the price question arises. As previously stated, you can make your Air Mail collection one of intense interest at a very small cost. The Common covers of today will become the sought after ones of tomorrow. As an example of how prices are increasing, I will give you one or two instances of how a small expenditure on postage has grown to an investment of considerable size.

On April 15, 1926, Contract Air Mail Route No. 2,—Chicago to St. Louis and return, stopping at Peoria and Springfield—went into operation. Postage on these covers cost 12c. Today they sell for from $1.00 to $5.00 per cover! The fact that Col. Lindbergh carried the first load of mail out of Chicago has considerable bearing on these prices.

On Feb. 1, 1927, the rate of Air Mail postage was reduced to 10c per half ounce, irrespective of destination in this country. Covers carried on this date, bearing unofficial cancellations of various cities on the older Air Mail routes, are selling for from 70c to $2.00.

Among the higher priced items, a cover—in this instance a card—carried by Miss Ruth Law on April 4, 1919—nine years ago—at Manila, and bearing special cancellations is quoted at $150.00!

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Numbers 714-715

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We are very pleased to enter this week for membership in our Honor Club, Henry C. Meyer, 3rd, N. Y. City, and Anthony Fiala, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Meyer is an oldtime reader of the WEEKLY. Mr. Fiala's subscription comes to us by courtesy of Charles Curie of New York City. See Junior Page.

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R. I. PHILATELISTS MEET

By C. G. BARTLETT, JR.

The 43rd annual meeting and banquet of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society was held February 21, at the Westminster Tea Room, Providence.

Thirty-eight members were present, among them being Messrs. C. A. Howes and B. L. Drew of Boston, and A. B. Slater of Bridgeport, Conn. Charles J. Phillips, of New York City, was the speaker of the evening, his subject being "Recent Studies in United States Department Stamps. A Selection of New Discoveries, Unchronicled Varieties, and Interesting Cancellations."

Mr. Phillips gave a fine talk and illustrated the same by several volumes of his Department stamps. The sheets were removed from the covers and passed around the tables in rotation, which gave everyone a fine chance to examine the various items closely while the speaker was talking about them.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Albert W. Claflin; Vice-President, A. L. Potter, M.D.; Sec'y-Treas., C. G. Bartlett, Jr.; Librarian, Henry R. Chace, and Exchange Manager, Carl A. Sylvander.

The following committees were appointed by President Claflin: *Appraisal*, Judge Robert S. Emerson, chairman, E. Tudor Gross, Frank M. Mason. *Auction*, L. E. Richardson, chairman, W. H. Colwell, W. C. Winsor. *Entertainment*, Edgar McCrillis, chairman, L. E. Richardson, W. H. Butterfield. *Executive*, Stephen A. Welch, M.D., chairman, Wm. F. Goerner, W. H. Congdon. *Membership*, A. R. Perry, chairman, Horace M. Grant, Joseph W. Lewis. *Publicity*, Wilmarth Holt Colwell, chairman, B. C. Bussey, A. R. Perry. *Official Auctioneers*, Dr. Robert F. Chambers, E. Tudor Gross, Joseph W. Lewis, L. E. Richardson.

The Society meets twice monthly, on the first and third Tuesdays, at 110 South Main Street, Providence, R. I. The "regular" meetings are held on the third Tuesdays.

MICHIGAN STAMP CLUB

By HERMAN W. BOERS.

Harry Carter has been elected president of the Michigan Stamp Club. The meeting was held March 3, and the following were chosen officers for 1928:—President, Harry Carter; Vice President, Charles C. Keller; Secretary, Alex. Livingtone; Treasurer, H. H. Hartwell; Trustees, Dr. H. Preston Hoskins, L. A. White, Lester Lodge; and Publicity Director, Herman W. Boers.

This club now has over one hundred and fifty active members, and meets the first and third Saturdays of the month, in G. A. R. Building, Cass & Grand River, Detroit, Mich. Collectors wherever they may reside, who are visiting Detroit, are urged to attend the meetings of the club.

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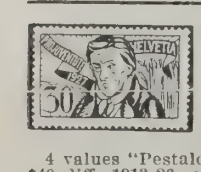

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" 10c on 3d red-lilac,	241,920	30.00
" 25c on 3d orange,	475,280	5.00
" 50c on 3d violet,	571,760	15.00
" $1 on 3d green,	117,600	40.00

The perf. 12½ were all issued and there are no unused remainders. Of the perf. 14, the 10c, and $1 are not found used and it is almost certain that they were not issued. A certain number of 5c and 25c were issued and used, but the great bulk of all these values were destroyed as remainders in 1871. Only a few copies of the 50c are known used.

Although all the "remainders" in the Colony were destroyed over fifty years ago, yet there were some small lots of stamps kept as samples by the Crown Agents for the Colonies in London, and it is believed that there was a leakage from this source between 1897 and 1900. (See article in the *Monthly Journal*, Jan. 31, 1900, by C. J. Phillips.)

The stamps that then appeared were:—

2½d imperf., under 50 copies.
Perf. 14, 10c red lilac, " $1 green, } I believe between 50
Perf. 12½, $1 green, } and 75 of each.

A few years later on most other values perf. 14 turned up in small blocks, I think from the "Haslett" stock secured by Mr. H. Griebert.

The above numbers offer no clue to the relative rarity of the Imperf. stamps as there are no records published of the numbers issued or used.

The 5c Imperf. is really rare, as rare as many stamps quoted much higher, and both unused and used prices should advance considerably.

The 10c Imperf. is, I think, priced about right.

The 2½d perf. I find rather plentiful, more so than the printed numbers indicate. I think unused are not worth over $10.00, but used, owing to the demand for the many different cancellations sell well at full catalogue and over.

The 3d and the 2c on 3d are priced quite high enough, in fact the 2c might be reduced.

Now we come to the set Perf. 12½. For some years I have known how rare these are and I have been trying to get a stock together, but with very poor results. All catalogues vary the prices of the different values, but I am almost sure I have seen nearly as many 10c and $1 as I have of the 5c, 25c and 50c in the past four years. Every value of this set can well go to $50.00 and will not then be priced at their real relative value.

As regards the set perf. 14, it is difficult to say anything until we have Mr. Hitt's work and learn what numbers were used and destroyed. Judging by the numbers I have seen of recent years, the 5c, 25c and 50c seem priced about right unused, but the 50c used, should not be priced as only 3 or 4 copies have been found.

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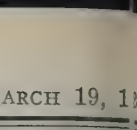

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By HOWARD LEWIS.

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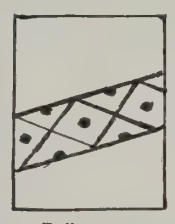

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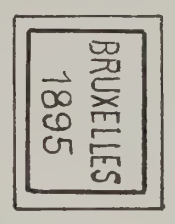

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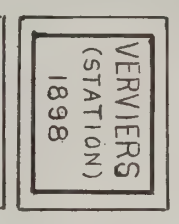

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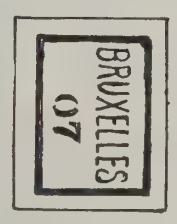

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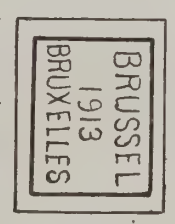

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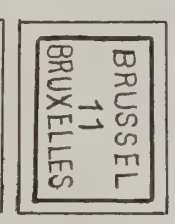

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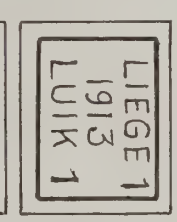

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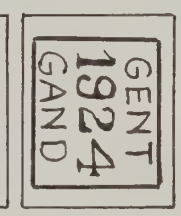

Type 26 Fig. 10

The huge number of precancelled stamps of the United States has led collectors seeking a less bulky field of precancel-collecting to work on other countries. Belgium, whose precancellations were obviously imitated in the early types of U. S., offers to the collector a field for interesting study without the difficulties inherent in handling an immense bulk of material. This article is in no sense intended as either a survey of Belgian precancels or an authoritative study, but purely as a preliminary record of the general outlines of the situation. Doubtless errors of fact and of interpretation will be found in it.

The ground must first be cleared of one misapprehension. From the 2 centimes of 1869-70, Scott No. 29, onwards and including the 3 centimes, No. 147, now current, Belgian stamps of the lower values are found with a cancellation consisting of two parallel bars connected by diamonds, with dots in the middle of diamonds and half-diamonds. Mr. Charles Metz, in his list of Belgian precancel types published in *The Stampet* last year, calls this the "General Bar Type" of precancel. Mr. J. M. Bartels has been quoted to me as authority for this not being a precancel at all, but a railway cancellation. This type, shown in my Fig. 1, must therefore be excluded from Belgian precancels until we have evidence that it should be included.

The definitely recognizable precancels begin with the year 1894. The style of cancellation then begun has been substantially adhered to ever since, but with much variation. Each variation is, of course, to be considered a type; and we therefore can list an array of types exactly as has been done for U. S. precancels. All Belgian precancels that I have seen bear both the place, name and the year: it will be obvious that this dating was imitated in the earlier U. S. precancels. All Belgian precancellations are enclosed in a rectangular frame: this also was imitated in the U. S. sporadically.

At the start, and for some years thereafter, all precancellation appears to have been done by some sort of hand-printing: somewhere it has recently been recorded that this was done with a roller.

In the first years of precancels, 1894, two types appear, much alike, but differing in size and style of the figures of date. Otherwise, the two types are identical. The rectangle enclosing the cancellation is 19 by 14mm, and has been kept this size through all the succeeding years and types of cancellation. The date is given in full, and the place-name in French only.

The first two types may thus be described:

Type 1: Place-name 2.9mm high: in French only: in one line.

Date 2.9mm high: full date: 4 closed at top; 5 wide spaced below top bar; 9 narrow.

Type 2: Place-name 2.9mm high: in French only: in one line.

Date 2.2mm high: full date; 4 open at top; 5 narrow spaced below top bar; 9 wide.

The dimensions are only approximate, and vary up to 2/10mm above and below the measurements given.

The earlier precancels come upon the 1c gray, No. 60, and the 2c red-brown, No. 77. I have not yet seen any on 62, 2c violet-brown, though Mr. Metz lists it on this stamp. 1899 is the earliest year from which I have as yet seen any except the 1c, No. 60, precancelled.

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In Figs. 2 and 3 I illustrate these two types.

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With 1896—possibly earlier, but not yet known to me—a third type appears. This is the type for branch offices or stations. This, type 3, illustrated in Fig. 4, has the place-name in two lines: the two lines are in different sizes of type; the date is always small as in type 2. As a rule the second line or name of the branch is in brackets. I note that the branch office is most commonly one end of a town, called "Nord," "Sud," etc.; and that occasionally the branch is simply called "Station." There is a chance for some student to discover just what "Station" signifies: I suspect that it means a railway-mail distributing office similar to the Erie Terminal station of Jersey City, N. J. Type 3 precancels offer nothing peculiar and do not appear to me to be scarce. I have seen this type only on the 1c, No. 60.

Description of the type:

Type 3: Place-name in 2 lines, top line 2.2mm high, lower line 1.7mm high: in French only.

Date 2.2mm high: full date, as in type 2.

Even thus early, double precancellings are found. Louvain, 1897, type 1, is the first that I have seen. Nearly all these early precancels are rather scarce on the whole stamp—that is, on the stamp with Sunday tag attached. The precancelling appears to have been done sufficiently carefully so that it is rare to find it overlapping onto the Sunday tag.

In 1900 three new types appear. These are the three hitherto used, but with the date shortened. 1900 becomes 00, 1901 becomes 01, and so forth. Apparently all that has been done is to set a short date, of the same type and style as the full date previously used, into the date-space on the rollers. Fig. 5 shows type 4, which is Type 1 with short date; it is not necessary to illustrate the others. As far as the material I have seen indicates, the short-date types completely superseded the original ones from 1900 onwards, until entirely new types were put in use in 1911.

Descriptions of the types:

Type 4: Short date: otherwise identical with type 1.

Type 5: Short date: otherwise identical with type 2.

Type 6: Short date: otherwise identical with type 3.

1900 is the date of the earliest inverted position precancel that I have seen.

With 1901 a new type appears, much like those in use, but with somewhat taller lettering. It need not be illustrated, as the description will amply identify it.

Type 7: Place-name 3.1 to 3.3mm high; in French only; in one line.

Date 3.3mm high: short date.

The earliest specimen I have seen of a type that probably comes earlier is from Sichem-lez-Diest, 02. This differs from types 3 and 6 in that the place-name, which is always a long one, is divided into two lines, of the same size type. This difference is sometimes obscured by the fact that a more extended or wider type is used on the top line than on the lower one. Otherwise it is strictly usual. Description:

Type 8: Place-name. two lines, 2.1 to 2.2mm high; in French only.

Date 2.2mm high; short date.

Beginning in 1905, a new series of stamps was issued. Nevertheless, the old issue, in the case of the 1c, No. 60, continues to be found precancelled through 1907. The earliest precancel of the new issue that I have seen is the 1c, No. 82, from Ostende (Station), 05, type 6. I have not seen it from 1906. Mr. Metz mentions it as scarce from 1907; but I do not find it so. He further mentions the 2c, No. 62, precancelled 1908, as scarce: of course it is No. 77 that he means, as No. 62 was then long obsolete. I have not yet seen No. 77 later than 1905. No. 83, 2c of the new series, I have not seen earlier than 1909.

With 1906 an innovation appears in the form of precancelling done with a plate in a printing-press instead of by roller. The sharp impression, as well as the shiny black color of the ink, makes it easy to distinguish these new precancels. From 1907 on, the border is usually about as thick as in the bars of U. S. precancels on these plate-cancelled specimens. In the first plate-type introduced, the lettering is not only heavier than in any preceding type, but is also somewhat taller. For convenience, I number the plate types from 21 upwards. In Fig. 6 I illustrate this type, using a 1907 example. Mr. H. S. Ackerman informs me that in Brussels during 1907 there are two forms of figure 7 used in the date: one somewhat straighter in the limb of the 7, and with a less nearly horizontal lower end to that limb than is found in the other. I have not yet seen the two varieties.

Description:

Type 21: Printed.

Heavy type: usually heavy border.

Place-name 3.1 to 3.3mm high; in French only; in one line.

Date 3.2mm high; short date.

With 1911 the largest change in the whole history of Belgian precanc curs. In this year the Flemish lan already found on the stamps alon French, is introduced into the celling. All bilingual precancel right up to the present, have the name in one language above a other below the date. Sometim French and sometimes the Flemish is at the top; there are never two names, but the name of the pl given in both languages. Sometim appears as if there are two places for the French Mons and the F Bergen do not appear to be id Waremme (French) and Bor (Flemish) do not appear to be si yet in this case the pronunciation gives away the similarity. Revert the case of Mons, the French n colloquial form of the French

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escription:

ype 9: Bilingual: place-names 2.2 high, Flemish place-name above

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ype 10: Bilingual: exactly like type ut French place-name above date.

1911 the full date is applied to the le-language roller type; and thence- h we find both the full and the short s in places in which the single-lan- ge precancellation is retained. This efore would give rise to a revival of s 1, 2 and 3—but does not. For are replaced by type 7, with larger ring, and we have a new type:

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The following countries and colonies have issued map stamps: Australia, Canada, Castellorizo, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Newfoundland, New South Wales, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Reunion, Salvador, Samos, Turkey, United States, Upper Jubaland, and Venezuela. Argentina, Brazil, and Liberia have also issued stamps picturing a globe. The Canadian map stamp is the most ambitious of them all. It was issued in 1898 to commemorate the establishment of Imperial Penny Postage, and contains a map of the whole world, with the British possessions in red, and with the bombastic inscription (from Lewis Morris' patriotic poem) "We Hold a Vaster Empire Than Has Been"—rather reminiscent of the Teutonic superlative, "So Big as Never Was!"

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"Flag stamps" have been issued by the following countries: Castellorizo, Epirus, Liberia, Japan, Panama, Samoa, and the United States.

Many famous buildings and monuments have been pictured on stamps. On the stamps of the United States the following are found: Huguenot Monument, Cape May, Florida; Minute Man Monument at Concord; Statue of Liberty; Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, and the Ericsson Memorial in Washington, and the Arlington Amphitheater.

Among the other famous public buildings and monuments shown on stamps are the following:

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Royal Palaces:—Schoenbrunn and the Hofburg, Vienna (Austria), the Hradschin, Prague (Czechoslovakia), the Kremlin, Moscow (Russia), and the Winter Palace, Leningrad (Russia).

Parliament Buildings:—Buenos Aires (Argentina), Massaouah (Eritrea), Budapest (Hungary), Asuncion (Paraguay), Madrid (Spain), San Salvador (Salvador), and Montevideo (Uruguay).

Castles:—Morro Castle, Havana (Cuba), Rheinstein Castle and the Wartburg (Germany), the Fortress of Sans Souci (Haiti), the Castle of Vianden (Luxemburg), and the "Castle of Europe" on the Bosporus (Turkey).

Monuments and Memorials:—Prehistoric Inca Monument (Bolivia), Statue of Columbus (Cuba), Sphinx and Pyramids (Egypt), Kaiser Wilhelm I Memorial, Berlin (Germany), Prehistoric leaning Maya Monolith (Guatemala), Pyramid of Teotihuacan (Mexico), Tomb of Lenin (Russia), Prehistoric Trilith (Tonga), Obelisk of the Hippodrome (Turkey), and Column of Constantine (Turkey).

Miscellaneous buildings and monuments pictured on postage stamps include:—Cloth Hall of Ypres, Library of Louvain, and the ruins of Termonde (Belgium), Citadel of Cairo (Egypt), Columbus Theater and Wireless Towers (Guatemala), Lighthouse of Vera Cruz (Mexico), Oceanographic Museum (Monaco), City Hall of Saarbruecken (Saar), Ruins of Hadrian's Aqueduct (Tunis), Leander's Tower on the Bosporus (Turkey), The Lions of Tuscany in Florence (Tuscany), and the National Theater of Kiev (Ukraine).

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Lakes:—Titicaca (Bolivia), Como (Italy), Lucerne (Switzerland), Wakatipu (New Zealand), and Marion and St. Clair (Tasmania).

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Other natural features shown on postage stamps include views of the Hudson and Mississippi rivers (United States), Cape Bonavista (Newfoundland), the island of Momotombo (Nicaragua), a part of the Sahara desert (Anglo-Egyptian Sudan), Milford Sound (New Zealand), the Bosporus (Turkey), the Tasman Arch, a natural bridge (Tasmania), and the Iron Gate of the Danube (Bulgaria). A Newfoundland stamp shows an iceberg. Also a number of views of the Panama Canal, hardly a natural feature, are found on the stamps of Panama. The Sault Ste. Marie is the only other Canal to be seen on stamps, it appearing on the United States Pan-American Commemorative issue of 1901.

In the realm of industry, agriculture, and the extractive industries, the following may be seen on stamps: a steel mill in South Chicago (United States parcel post stamps, 1912); harvesting wheat in the Dakotas and Hungary; lumbering, mining and fishing (Newfoundland); mining and steel manufacturing (Saar); sowing wheat (Russia); plowing (Eritrea); an oil well spouting (Azerbaijan); and gathering salt (Turks and Caicos Islands).

In the fields of communication and transportation the bicycle, motorcycle, automobile, express train, and aeroplane are all found on various stamps of the United States, as well as on those of some other countries. The United States issue of 1869 pictures one of the famous Pony Express Riders. A Mexican special delivery stamp shows a motorcycle with a side car. Ships of all kinds—sailing ships (Portugal, United States, British Guiana, and many others), felucca boats and ancient galleys (Malta), native East Indian and South Pacific boats (Borneo, Fiji Islands, New Zealand, British New Guinea), a yacht (Newfoundland), a steamboat (Congo Free State), Fulton's *Clermont*, Hudson's *Half Moon*, and the battleship *Maine* (United States, the last named on the revenue stamps of 1898), and the German imperial yacht *Hohenzollern* (stamps of all German colonies) — are featured on postage stamps.

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CEYLON AT THE COLLECTORS CLUB

Reported by Charles J. Phillips.

On March 7, Rear Admiral F. R. Harris displayed his marvellous collection of Ceylon, certainly the finest collection in America, and in my opinion, with the exception of the noted old collection of Mr. Anthony de Worms, the finest that I know. A special attempt has been made to collect all stamps in unused and used, singles, pairs and blocks, and in particular I would draw attention to the marvellous lot of stamps of the "pence issues" on covers.

No collection of purely unused stamps can possibly have the philatelic interest that one gets when a collection is built up of used and unused, including stamps on cover, which are so important for establishing postal rates to various parts of the world in the early days, and many interesting details showing how, why and where particular values were used.

I would like to draw special attention to the marvellous condition these stamps are in. Admiral Harris has weeded out time after time the poorer copies, retaining only those as near perfection as they can be obtained.

The collection starts with a page of proofs in black, followed by a very rare page of eight die proofs of the original design in colors, but without any value in the lower tablets, this being filled up with scroll work. In such a large collection it is only possible to draw attention to a few outstanding items, such as :—

1857 Imperforate

6d on blue paper unused. 3 pairs of this stamp used and a number used on covers.

½d lilac on blue, unused with gum. A rather unusual item is two single copies used on a local cover.

The imperf. stamps are arranged in the order of printing generally established by dated copies on the covers. Many of the re-entries in the 1d are here, and the only known one in the 2d, these, of course, continuing through the perforated stamps in the different watermarks as the same plates were used.

The 4d dull rose is represented by a matchless copy, with full gum, from the famous Duveen collection. In the used stamps there are two fine singles and a horizontal pair. As far as I know there is only one other pair which is in the de Worms collection.

The 8d imperf. A superb copy with part gum also from the Duveen collection, and four beautiful singles.

The 9d imperf. Four singles with exceptional margins and a fine copy used on a cover to England.

In the 1/- I particularly note the extraordinary and almost unknown ultramarine color. Here there are three copies used on cover. Two on one cover dated Sept. 15, 1860, and one on another cover dated July 13, 1860, both covers being used to London.

In the 1/9 there is a superb copy of the real yellow-green, and in the deep green a fine pair and a number of singles.

The 2/- imperf., includes a matchless single copy from the Duveen collection with the left side margin of the sheet, also a mint pair and six singles, all exceptional copies.

Wmkd. "Large Star"

In the stamps watermarked "Large Star" with the different perforations, the following are outstanding pieces :—

In the rare 4d dull rose, the exact shade of the imperf. stamp, there is a fine unused with full gum and several used. A very rare item is a 4d in this color, but absolutely clean cut perforation all round, used on a cover with a 1d blue imperf. to Calcutta, dated Feb. 1, 1862. This 4d has hitherto only been catalogued in the intermediate perforation.

In the 5d chestnut there is a fine used copy of the very rare intermediate perforation of which, I believe, only one or two other copies are known, nearly all the stamps coming in the clean cut perforation.

The 8d in both colors are a good lot both used and unused with some very scarce shades.

In the 1/- there is one copy in the intermediate perforation of the rare ultramarine exactly the same color as the imperf. I noted before.

In the 1/9 green, prepared for use and not issued, Admiral Harris divides these into two sets. He believes that the blurred prints in the darker green shade were very early sheets, possibly found by Perkins Bacon & Co., and perforated by De La Rue. The later and very clear prints with all the lines of the background sharp and distinct, and coming in the paler yellow-green, he believes were printed and perforated by De La Rue.

The 2/- blue contains a fine unused, real clean cut perforation, in a beautiful deep shade with full gum. In the rough perforation there is an exceptionally fine horizontal strip of four, used.

The no watermark stamps of 1862 include two pairs of the 5d, one being on cover, and fine unused specimens of the 9d and 1/-.

The no watermark perf. 11½, both unused and used, are very much undercatalogued according to Admiral Harris's experience. Here is a new variety to add to the catalogue. A horizontal pair perforated all round and imperf. between, believed to be unique.

Crown C. C. Wmks.

In the Crown & C. C. watermarks, all the values have been divided into the two different types of watermark. Many of these can be separated by the color. Here there are a number of values imperf., probably not issued in this form, but undoubtedly scarce. These include the

1d Prussian blue, two pairs.
2d Maize, a fine single.
5d Deep sage green, a fine single.
5d Pale sage green, a fine single.
9d Deep brown, superb single.

In the perforated stamps almost everything is here in all shades, and in many varieties, the only prominent stamp that is missing being the first watermark 2d yellow-green. Many fine blocks are included in this series.

"Cents Issues"

In the "cents issues" of 1872 to 1880, nearly all the rare varieties are included, unused, especially the 64 cents perforated 14 x 12½, and the 2r 50c perforated 12½.

In the Provisionals of 1885 rare items are :

5c on 24c green, two copies unused, absolutely passed as authentic.

10c on 16c watermarked Crown & C. C., three copies, of which one is passed as absolutely correct, and the other two being doubtful, not passing all the tests.

In regard to the 5c on the 4c rosy mauve, these are all now condemned,

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both the normal and the inverted surcharge. Gibbons have removed the inverted surcharge from the catalogue, but the normal apparently should also come out as bad, as owing to the recent researches of that fine Philatelist, Mr. Percy de Worms, the type used on these rosy mauve stamps does not fit in with any known setting, and can only be considered to be bogus.

A new variety to be added to the catalogue is the 5c on 8c orange-yellow, with a clear double surcharge passed as authentic.

Another rare variety is the 10c on 16c pale violet, watermarked Crown & C. A., one of the few genuine copies known on this watermark.

The Provisionals of 1888-1890 have been closely studied in London, and after an examination of the settings, I believe it will be necessary to remove a number of varieties from the catalogue that have hitherto been included. Where the fakers have been at work is generally as follows.

They have taken a genuine 2c on 4c worth only a few pence in its normal condition, and they have then added a forged surcharge, either normal or inverted, making a new variety, many of which have slipped into the trade and been accepted. Admiral Harris has had all his very carefully checked over and examined, and the forgeries are all marked, but are left in the collection for comparison.

Postal Rates

I think that Admiral Harris has the finest lot of "Pence Issues" on cover existing in any collection with which I am acquainted. I have made a careful list of these, and we can learn something from them as to the rates that were in use in the early days.

First we will take the stamps to Great Britain, which were naturally by far the larger proportion of those that were used. Letters came by two routes, one via Marseilles and the other via Southampton.

The covers in the collection marked via Southampton between March, 1857, and March, 1859, are all franked with 6d. Many of these are marked "Ship Letters." In March and in May, 1869, the rates via Southampton appear to have been 9d.

The first letters in the collection marked via Marseilles extend from April 5, 1858, to November, 1860. These are generally franked with 9d, but here we get some extraordinary rates, which I have heard was due to some extra charge being made for bringing letters overland while the Suez Canal was in course of construction. I record the following rates from covers in the collection:—

July, 1860, 1/-.
July, 1860, 1/9.
September, 1860, 2/0.
July, 1861, 1/9.

In 1862 the rate appears to have dropped to 10d as there is a cover in February of that year with that rate on it and other covers.

October, 1864, and May, 1865, also 10d, this rate continuing up to March, 1867, which is the latest cover in the collection marked via Marseilles.

Covers to India

There are a number of covers used to India between October, 1857, and August, 1871. The rates are somewhat curious.

A single letter October 3, 1857, is 5d.

A letter to Madras, March, 1860, is 10d.

In October, 1863, another letter to Madras is 9d.

In 1862 and 1863, several letters to Calcutta, all franked with 5d.

The last cover to India is one to Jahore, August 30, 1871, franked with 6d.

There are four covers to Shanghai in 1859 and 1860, each is franked with 5d, and in May, 1861, there is one cover franked with 4d.

There is only one cover to France. That is December, 1866, via Suez, franked with 1/4.

There are two covers to Germany, one to Prussia, November, 1857, 1/1, and one via Trieste to Hamburg, October, 1857, 2/2. This was probably a double letter.

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To New Brunswick there is one August, 1862, via Southampton, fr with 1/3.

To Barbados, West Indies, one October, 1865, franked with 1/5.

To Western Australia, one cover vember, 1858, franked with 5d.

In the collection there is a large ber of local covers mostly franked 1d, and some larger envelopes with values.

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MONTE CARLO, MONACO, March American postage stamp collector pecially several owners of notable tions in Philadelphia and New carried off prizes in the Interna Philatelic Exhibition here, accordi announcement made by the ju awards tonight.

The exhibition, which attracted in the various classes by many foremost philatelists in Great Brita Continent, and the United States opened by Princess Charlotte, act Prince Louis II, now touring An

The Grand Trophy, consisting Sevres vase valued at 25,000 franc won by Arthur Hind, of Utica, York, for his display of postage rarities, which included specimens Post Office Mauritius stamps an world-famous one cent British stamp of the issue of 1856. Mr. paid $32,500 for this one stamp, th known copy, at the auction sale Ferrary collection in Paris several ago. This is the highest price eve by any collector for one stamp.

Other American exhibitors in the class in which Mr. Hind's stamps entered, included Hans Lagerloe New York, who was given a silver for his display of twenty rarities, i ing the famous tretio error of Sv Colonel Joseph A. Steinmetz, of delphia, who received two silver for his exhibit of early United and British North America stamps original covers; James Starr, of delphia, who was awarded a silv medal for his magnificent display o nese stamps, this same collection obtained the highest award in its c the New York Philatelic Exhibit 1926 and at the Strasburg Exh last year.

Eugene Klein, of Philadelphia Herman Toaspern, of New York, s their Heligoland collections in co tion, the first award of a silver gilt being awarded to Mr. Klein, and ver medal to Mr. Toaspern.

A study of the cancellations first two stamp issues of Hungary, by Mr. Klein, also received a medal. This collection was shown meeting of the National Philateli ciety at Budapest last July, and an unusual degree of interest amo leading collectors of Hungary.

AMP EXHIBITS v. THE COUNTY FAIR

By Rev. Treverton Warren.

hen in 1926 the Lee County, Iowa, atelic Society, with headquarters at nellson, Ia., was organized, it was the understanding that once a year Society should hold an exhibit. This for a threefold purpose: (1) to in- the members by having something ork for; (2) to educate the public rally in philately, and (3) to gain members. With this end in view, a mittee was appointed to have the er in hand, and to make all necessary ngements. As the committee were perienced, and not by any means ad- ed collectors, it seemed to them that ask was well nigh impossible. Such ng had never been attempted in that of Iowa, and according to some wise people, never could be done. ever, the writer of this article, and President of the Society (R. S. e) took courage and approached the d of the Lee County Fair Associa- and asked for their help and co- ation. They were enthusiastic, and ted space in the Art Hall, and also a t in the Annual Fair Book. Having this start, the next question was how nance the thing, and give attractive s. The financial condition of the ety was not such as to undertake the of awarding prizes, so an appeal was e to several leading firms in the ty, and thru their generosity, enough were received to make the thing at- ive to the members. Certain rules and lations were drawn up, and submitted he Fair Board, and being endorsed hem were printed in their book. The etary, Rev. T. Warren, was put in ge, and things began to assume shape. members became interested, and all n working hard to get their exhibits hape. Each member's collection was led, and the exhibit so arranged that member must compete within his grade. The grades were:—Begin- Junior, Senior, and Veteran, and the les were determined by the number stamps in each individual collection. exhibits were made under the entry s of the Fair Association. Cards were ted large enough to hold about 50-70 ps, and printed with "Entry numbers," ade," "Class" and "Subject," as for mple: Entry number would be 126, uch number as was on the exhibition y card; Grade, Junior; Class, United es; Subject, Commemoratives. This le the work of the Judges so much er. These cards were handed to each nber, who was limited to eight, and d not enter in more than three ses in his particular grade. The ls when arranged were placed in a d position in the Art Hall, and was a popular exhibit during the Fair. ne member of the Society was in ge, and explained the exhibit to those were interested, and it certainly did that official busy. The exhibit was ainly a decided success, and many tors from other Fair Associations ed they had a similar exhibit. The ity of holding the exhibit was that crowd was there, good and ample e was provided, and the stamps were protected, a guard being in the ding at night. From this initial ex- ence, the committee emerged much er, and as a result of their experience, rge and better exhibit is being ar- ged for 1928. This humble effort ld be duplicated in many a County r, and only needs a little bit of acity, grit and determination to make it a success. The Secretary will be glad to answer any inquiries, providing a stamped or self-addressed envelope is sent. That the venture was a success was indicated by the request by the Fair Board for another exhibit this year; the amount of people who were always seen around the booths, and the number of new members gained.

CORRECTION

By Charles Blum, Manila, P. I.

I have read the 2nd part of "The Precancels of the U. S. Island Dependencies and Shanghai" in No. 1918 of your paper, and as a subscriber I am prompted to make the following statement:

The writer of that article, as far as the Philippine Islands are concerned, must have been utterly devoid of even the slightest grain of correct information.

The very fact that the illustration under "Philippine Islands" is claimed to be a precancellation is utterly wrong. The true fact is that this surcharge was made by the government printing office upon request of a certain commercial house, which uses large quantities of postage stamps, as a means of protection in case of theft or in order to avoid that the stamps be used by employees in an unofficial way. This surcharge, therefore, is equal to the *punched stamps* frequently used by large concerns in the United States, and even more in vogue in Europe for the same reasons, i.e., as a means of protection. It is evident, therefore, that these stamps have to be cancelled before leaving the Post Office affixed to mail matter.

It is furthermore evident that nobody would ever attempt to forge this surcharge, because there would be no benefit in any such forgery unless the stamp market were willing to pay a certain premium above face value, which would be utterly foolish, since the surcharge, far from increasing the value of the stamp, does actually reduce it to the same fraction of value as a punched specimen would be worth, although a certain preference over punched specimens cannot be denied on account of the neatness of the surcharge, which does not spoil the stamp as holes do. However, this is merely a matter of individual taste, which does not enter here at all.

To state that these stamps appeared for the first time in November, 1926, is a shot far away from the mark of correctness. I have not attempted to find out the exact date when they came into use, but for the benefit of the readers I might safely state that I had them in my collection fully 12 months earlier than that date.

It not being my intention to criticise where there is no room for it, I wish to add that the values so far surcharged are correct as stated, namely the 2, 4, 6, 12, 20 and 30 centavos and the 1 peso.

And in order to complete the records, I would add that other firms have followed suit, but as a means of distinguishing their stamps from the ones already in use, they have their initials added between the top line and the word Manila. I have so far the following specimens: "C S" standing for Camera Supply Co., and "H" for H. E. Heacock Co.

The sole fact that now private initials are added to this so-called "precancellation" proves better than anything else that this surcharge cannot possibly be a Government postal precancellation, and has nothing at all in common with the U. S. precancellations, except the appearance.

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EDITORIAL

The story of the part of the post office in contributing to the success of the Lindbergh flight from St. Louis to Chicago as submitted by the Hon. W. Irving Glover is an example of the co-operation of the department in developing the philatelic possibilities of first trips of the air mail. While this Lindbergh flight was a special trip, yet it came in the category of events that collectors wished to celebrate by covers illustrative of the flight; and consequently, the mail destined for collectors was a large percentage of the total volume carried by Lindy. We have heard of huge numbers of envelopes that were sent by individuals on this trip, but it must not be forgotten that the public, as well, was alert to take advantage of the opportunity to obtain souvenirs. It is something to know that the department is ready to afford all reasonable assistance to the collector who wishes to send covers on first or special trips.

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In the issue of March 12th, "Some Reminiscences" from the pen of George Staplin, Jr., appeared that have prompted several of the older collectors to recall their stamp experiences of a half-century or so ago. Mr. John L. Moore, Chicago, writes: "I notice that Mr. Staplin says that he thinks that he bought stamps from Joseph Beifeld, then of Buffalo. I wonder if he is not mistaken as although I knew Mr. Beifeld well, when he was alive, I am sure that he was never in Buffalo. Mr. Beifeld was issuing pricelists and his 'Centennial' stamp album in the '70's, and he had a good trade among the boys at his place on West Madison Street, as I remember it." Another reader tells us that John A. Pierce was really the first dealer in Chicago, and that he knows that his novelty store in the down-town district was burned in the Chicago fire of 1871. While he does not say that Mr. Pierce carried any considerable stock of stamps at the time, he thinks it likely that Mr. Pierce did handle them then. At any rate, "when he established himself in new quarters soon after the fire, he made a specialty of stamps for collectors." This correspondent adds that he knew something of the famous lot of Executive Department stamps that Mr. Pierce bought from Jesse Grant, the son of President Grant, after Jesse had returned to Illinois. Here, we must say that it was not said that Mr. Pierce got the stamps directly from Jesse Grant. As we remember Mr. Pierce's story, the lot came from someone who was close to Jesse. Another correspondent speaks highly of James M. Chute, the philatelic writer.

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There are so many suggestions being offered by our readers just now for the treatment of speculative issues that we are compelled to speak of the opinions of those to whom the subject by no means is threadbare. Mr. Carlos A. Vincent says that the commemoratives are propaganda for stamp collecting that proceeds independently of any philatelic motive, and that in consequence stamps of the kind must be accepted on the score of public policy. By the same token, Mr. Vincent says that the commemoratives should be received with a sense of gratitude. Mr. L. A. Murphy thinks that so long as the number of stamps already issued is such that they cannot be "kept within the bounds of a collection," the special stamps do no harm in enlarging the range of specimens that come under the eye of "the semi-specialist" as he says that almost every adult collector of to-day is to be catalogued. Mr. Burt Andrus contributes the thought that if medals are used to signalize events and anniversaries, why should not stamps be employed for the same purpose. While Mr. Andrus' question is not a new one, since it has been presented before in arguments revolving around the special stamps, it has its force.

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Some time ago, mention was made of the presentation by Mr. William J. Uihlein, Milwaukee, of his entire collection of stamps to the public museum of his city. Mr. Uihlein has been a collector of stamps all his life, as once was said, and it follows that the collection is an extensive and valuable one. He has long been identified with the philatelic life of Milwaukee, and his friends there know that any appraisal of the value of the collection would total a large sum. The newspapers, several months ago, recognized the importance of Mr. Uihlein's donation and they carried stories of the generosity of their public-spirited citizen in disposing of his stamps in a way that will make them a cynosure of the public eye. A correspondent says that this collection is one that will impress the onlooker, since it contains many of the early rarities. Preparations are under way for the adequate display of the stamps, and it is learned that a case forty-eight feet long will be devoted to the reception of the stamps.

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"Life" contains a skit in which the stamp theme crops out mildly. A friend appeared at the studio of a designer of national reputation and found the artist laboring over "an infinitesimal speck"; and the caller came to the conclusion that his friend had received a commission from the government to prepare a new postage stamp. However, it happened that the designer of parts was platting the dance floor for a new night club.

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A writer says that he does not understand why so much back-slapping is indulged in when the outside press gives space to philatelic topics. He makes the point, and not unfairly, that such material, as a rule, does not possess the element of freshness and even accuracy, and that it is not inspiring reading to philatelists, by any means. While the criticism stands that philatelic publicity in the newspaper and periodical press is not refreshing to collectors, as a rule, yet there have been carefully written stamp stories that were a satisfaction to read; they were a credit to the publications of high class in which they were printed. However, aside from this consideration, it is recognized by many who have given attention to ways and means for furthering philately that almost the only direct and practical way by which a contact with stamps may be established with the outsider is through articles in the public prints. The element of interest in such matter lies not in the appeal to philatelists, but to those who are not collectors. When the attention of a large body of readers is concentrated on a stamp story, it follows that a few non-philatelists are receptive to the idea of stamp collecting. The best means at hand for missionary work for philately seems to be through the medium of printed references to stamps as objects of collection in papers that are read by those who are not philatelists, as a rule.

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Writing from Washington, a correspondent says that the question of further commemoratives is in abeyance, but he indicates that numerous proposals for the creation of such stamps have been received. It is doubtful, he says, that any definite rule has been made by which the propriety of such stamps may be measured as may have been understood that there was, in consequence of what has recently been said on the subject in this column. The absence of Postmaster General New from Washington for recuperation has naturally checked action on some of the proposals that have been made, but if we read aright, an announcement of interest to collectors will soon be made. To those who write us about the possibility of new commemoratives, we have to say that we have no information that does not appear in print in this paper as soon as possible.

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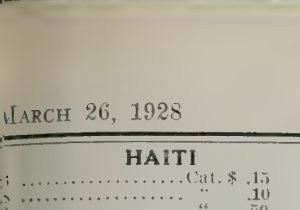

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WE are indebted to Emil Misrahi for a copy of the *Panama Star and Herald* giving the particulars of the destruction of the plates for the Lindbergh stamps. Mr. Mizrahi states that of the 2c stamp, 300,000 were printed, and of the 5c, 150,000.

B. J. DATTNER has sent us for inspection a set of the new Monaco commemoratives. The engraving is well done, and the colors are excellent, and the whole set is very beautiful.

J. D. BARTLETT, El Paso, Tex., sends us a new subscription, and incidentally asks us to boost the convention of the Texas Philatelic Association, which meets April 20-21, in El Paso. We have already noted this in the WEEKLY, but Mr. Bartlett is such a good friend that we have no hesitation in repeating the information. The exhibit in connection with the convention will consist of over seventy frames with stamps under glass as well as a large number of collections in albums. The El Paso Club urges your attendance.

THERE has been organized in Chicago an Aero Philatelic Club of more than one hundred members. The entrance fee is $4.00, and the yearly dues $6.00. Every new member receives free, during the year of membership, one cover from each point having a special airmail cancellation. Stationery and cards are furnished at cost with members' names printed thereon.

THE Missoula (Mont.) Philatelic society, composed of persons interested in collecting and owning rare postage stamps, was completed at a meeting held March 7 at the home of Prof. C. H. Riedell, 502 Connell Av. Prof. Riedell was elected president of the organization, Dr. T. T. Rider, vice pres., and Prof. F. O. Smith, sec. Following the business meeting, a general social session was held. Fifteen interested persons were present at the meeting. Congratulations.

THE Glenview Stamp Club has reorganized with about fifteen members. The club intends to have a speaker every meeting to start the collectors along the right road. This year the club instructor offers a medal to the one who progresses the most in the kingdom of stampdom. The club will be glad to communicate with any other school club, address Miss V. Lowe, Glenview Junior High, Oakland, Calif.

THE annual meeting of the Metropolitan Philatelic Society was held March 8 in the Quincy House, Boston. The following officers were elected: Pres., C. V. Farley; Vice Pres., P. A. Lasky; Sec., Mrs. J. R. Hoffland; Treas., F. H. Dodge; Directors, C. A. Davis, P. F. Denner; Auctioneer, C. C. Dürning; Sales Mgr., E. B. Elder; U. S. S. Directors, S. G. Bixby, G. G. Ryder. A very interesting talk was given by F. I. Morse on Tibet. He also exhibited rare covers from this country. This society meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Quincy House, Room 18. Visitors, both male and female, gladly welcomed.—E. S. BACON.

H. W. BOERS sends us several news items, and one of them we print in full elsewhere in this issue. We should be very glad to use all the clippings that Mr. Boers sends in, had we the space to do so. He is omnipresent when it comes to gleaning all the news matter pertaining to airmail out of the daily press.

WE are desirous of securing some extra copies of the Feb. 20 issue of the WEEKLY, and will give one of our exchanges in return for each copy of Feb. 20 received *in the original fold.* We do not want to be overwhelmed with copies, so this offer is limited to *New York and the New England states.*

WE thank the Wingo Stamp Co. for a page stamp feature from the Dallas *News.* It's great reading and great publicity. We can't reprint it now, but we will salt it down until the good old summer time comes and some of our advertisers are taking a vacation.

A "STAMP QUESTION" contest recently appeared in the San Francisco *News,* and one of our subscribers, I. J. Coontz, led all the entrants. Mr. Coontz does not hesitate in giving the WEEKLY some of the credit.

THE Yorkville Stamp Society, 1568 Second Ave., N. Y. City, held its first exhibition night on Wednesday, March 14. Dr. S. Avazon exhibited his famous collection of France and explained the various scarce cancellations.

PROF. F. S. EATON has sent us two clippings from the French publication *La Parfumerie Moderne* and shows a page of covers with the United States represented. We frequently receive papers from Europe with illustrations of U. S. stamps. The other clipping is from *L'Illustration* and consists of a page of illustrations of stamps in their original colors. Several continents are represented and it makes a very handsome feature. An article describing the illustrations appears in the magazine.

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Junior Dictionary

A. O.—An overprint found upon certain South Australian stamps signifying "Audit Office." It was in use during the period 1868-74, after which date the general "O S" stamps were used in all the departments of this Colony.

A. P. S.—An abbreviation for American Philatelic Society—the "national" stamp association of the United States—in general use in this country.

A Payer—Te Betalen.—The only inscriptions shown upon the Postage Due stamps of Belgium in use since November 1, 1895. They both mean "to pay," referring to the amount of deficient postage to be paid on the delivery of the letter, the former being the French and the latter the Flemish form.

A Percevoir.—An inscription found upon the Postage due stamps of France and its colonies, and the first set issued in Belgium. Translated literally, it means "to receive" or "to collect" and refers, of course, to the sum to be collected on the delivery of insufficiently stamped letters.

Double Lined Letters

A term usually used in descriptions of watermarks to distinguish them from similar ones in which the letters are "single-lined." The Crown A watermarks of the Commonwealth of Australia will serve as instances, some of these having the "A" formed of single and others of double lines.

JUNIOR
Stamp Studies

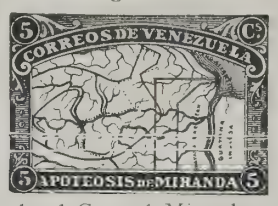
MAKEA TAKAU
Cook Ids. A2
1893-1916, 5d

This stamp helps to bring ethnology into philately. The portrait is one of that dying race, the Maoris—Makea, Takau. The Maori women, who have fine heads of hair, have the custom of plaiting it in two braids which are often worn one over each shoulder; one braid may be seen in the portrait. These stamps were engraved and printed at Wellington, N. Z., and were paid for by philatelists who contributed by buying up quantities of the previous issue. The engravers and printers were warned "not to make Makea's likeness too dark." Malietoa of Samoa was portrayed in black on one stamp, and the color was considered by him a very uncomplimentary reference to his complexion. The islands were annexed to New Zealand in 1900, and as a consequence we now have special stamps for Niue, Aitutaki and Penrhyn, all of which belong to the group.

Apoteosis De Miranda

(*Apotheosis of Miranda*)

An inscription found upon a set of Venezuelan stamps issued in 1896 to commemorate the eightieth anniversary of



the death of General Miranda—a Spanish-American revolutionist who succeeded in getting Venezuela proclaimed a republic.

Wortham, Tex., Organizes

H. Englehardt has just organized a stamp club in Wortham, Tex., with the following officers:—Pres., Leonard Haston; Vice Pres., Tom Wallis; Treas., Vernon Russell; Sec., Hal. Wallis. Mr. Englehardt was made an honorary member of what promises to be a strong junior club. Nearby collectors will be welcome at the Band Hall any Wednesday night. Grown-ups will be admitted as honorary members.

If you want to lend a hand to the boys of this club send some of your duplicates to Mr. Englehardt, Box 415, Wortham, Texas.

Guam

The most southerly and largest island of the Marianne or Ladrone archipelago. For many years it was a Spanish colony, but was ceded to the United States by Spain in 1898. It has an area of 225 square miles, and a population of about 9,000, and now forms an important U. S. coaling station. Shortly after American occupation (1899), a special series of stamps was issued, these being the then current stamps of the United States overprinted "GUAM." At the present time, as in the case of Porto Rico, ordinary U. S. stamps are used without any distinguishing overprint.

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For the Juniors

Guanacaste.—A province of Costa Rica situated in the northwest and including the Nicoya Peninsula. It has an area of 4,000 square miles and a population of over 18,000. From 1885 until about 1890 all the stamps used in this province were overprinted with the name "GUANACASTE."

Guanajuato.—The capital of the state of the same name in Mexico with a population of about 50,000. On two occasions during the unsettled times of 1913-16, it issued special stamps, formed by overprinting some of the then current Mexican issues with the words "Gobierno Constitucionalista."

Guaranda.—A town in Ecuador at which a number of 5c provisionals were issued in July and August, 1895. Their status is considered doubtful by the best authorities.

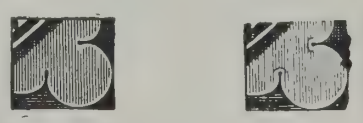
The Panama Canal

Stamp collecting creates interest in a great many things. One of these is the Panama Canal. Who can collect the stamps of Panama without becoming interested in the canal that was built by the United States. From 1915 to 1920 there are plenty of stamps bearing pictures of the canal to make one wish to make the trip through. Scott's type A30 shows the Gatun Locks. A31 is a picture of the famous Culebra Cut. A34 and A35 picture a boat going through the Culebra Cut in August, 1914, while A36 shows a steamer going thru the Gatun Locks in March, 1915. A38 and A39 also show interesting views of the canal. These same stamps were used in the Canal Zone after being surcharged with the words "Canal Zone."—A. C. LeDuc.

Secret Marks

These are small marks introduced into the designs of stamps for some specific purpose. It was at one time very generally believed that stamp manufacturers were in the habit of introducing secret marks into their work as an extra precaution against, or a help in the detection of forgeries. Where these marks are intentionally introduced they are simply meant as distinguishing marks, and there is nothing "secret" about them. Thus the "hairlines" on certain British stamps, which are usually known as secret marks, were introduced to distinguish stamps printed from certain plates. In the same way the so-called secret marks on the United States stamps of 1873 were introduced into the designs so that the Continental Bank Note Co. could distinguish between the impressions from plates of their own manufacture and those made by the National Bank Note Co.

1870—Without dash in pearl.
1873—Dash in pearl left of figure 1.



1870—Without semi-circles.
1873—With same, lower right corner.

1870—Rounded out balls.
1873—Balls of "2" crescent shaped.

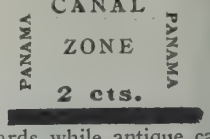
Why Are Airplane Stamps Pop

This article is not an answer t question. I am just wondering an dering, and hoping to find the a In the first place, isn't there more i than the fact of their being dif would warrant? Is it because th us who do not care to fly get som of a kick out of seeing someone e especially when it is stunt flying Lindbergh, Chamberlin and all th have anything to do with it, or ar popular for the same reasons th stamps are? Or is it entirely the desire of all of us to take a chance

If there is to be a trial flight great amount of doubt as to its s and the mail is to be carried, wa scramble to get our letters in or The rate may be high. The cha any mail getting through may be ful. But just see how much ke makes our interest in the flight. we sit with baited breath, by the listening for the reports. If the is a success and those covers of o up and up and up, is it the financi or is it the thrill? Is that the ans A. C. LeDuc.

Antique Type

A variety of printer's type son used in surcharging postage sta making provisionals. Examples o er case" letters may be found upo of the stamps of Siam from th



issue onwards while antique capit shown on some of the Canal Zone The letters in this type are, g speaking, broad, with short serifs same thickness as the body of th

STAMP ALBUM'S AUTOBIOGR

By SURCHARGE.

I originally came from Engl was sent to Canada, and beca property of a collector, who be transfer to my pages the content old MEKEEL'S Album of the vin 1893. Several small lots of m were carefully sorted and inse the empty spaces, and for severa a few more stamps were added until on Jan. 1, 1928, I had a t 12,350 different stamps located pages.

When we come to examine stamps what a variety of subjec embrace. There are portraits, horticulture, agriculture, animals, ships, buildings, maps and astronc are shown. Even the shapes stamps vary, for some are three co square, upright rectangular or rectangular.

Then there's quite a variety of a wonderful study of shades. The of the 19th Century are mostl subdued colors, but those of t Century are inclined to be bright some are simply gorgeous. The pleasure of my owner is to get microscope and examine the prin the landscapes, etc., as shown stamps of the British Colonies a Commemoratives of the United

Likewise what a fine portrait ga shown in a stamp collection. queens, princes, presidents, genera admirals, Martha Washington, a than Hale are presented to the pl world.

Are you a lover of architecture? America can offer you beautiful v

rnment buildings, etc., and if you imbued with a military spirit there battle commemoratives enough to fill g book. Are you interested in the Cross? If so, there are Charity ps enough to fill another big book then some. If you are a student of ral History, get the stamps of La- and Liberia, and you certainly will ess a menagerie of no mean extent. collection of animals, birds and rep- that are enclosed in my pages are and dandy.

ithin my pages there are examples work being performed. The Soviet blic shows a blacksmith at work. ice has the Sower. The postman is g on his rounds on a Bosnian stamp. Bulgarian stamp shows a woman has been gleaning in the harvest- In China a coolie is gathering rice. gypt is seen a man plowing a field oxen. In Eritrea another chap is ing a field. Hungary shows more labor. Jugoslavia shows the strong act, somebody breaking a chain ss his chest. Both New Zealand and foundland exhibits work in various is on its stamps. The Togo French nial Stamps show a negro climbing e.

a Stamp Album I considered my- quite tony and select, until my owner in five disreputable looking Soviet s of Hungary, which acquired the of the Rogue's Gallery. Soon after very handsome Luxemburg Grand ess stamps came to me and levelled s.

ere is a regiment of portraits of dents of South and Central Amer- be seen on my pages, not, of course, tting a host of those who have ruled destinies of the Land of the Stars Stripes.

must say a word in regard to the ancels. Three pages are filled with stamps from New York to San cisco. All the principal cities and s of this glorious Republic are repre- d on those pages, and as for the memoratives, they are present and ing for new ones to be added by by. Lots of people have turned my pages, and some have said, at good are they?" Well, if I could my own way, I'd like to be packed arefully and hid away for one hun- years, and then whoever found me d possess a fortune.

DAHOMEY TREE-CLIMBER

By A. O. CRANE.

e native tree-climber whose picture familiar to collectors of the stamps Dahomey is something more than a esentative of the inhabitants of this ch West African colony. He is an nent of the method of tree-climbing tised almost universally by natives ever palm trees flourish. At least other countries illustrate the same ct on their postage stamps, French on the current 1 franc, and Belgian go on the 15 centimes, S.G. Type There are a good many other coun- that with equal justification could likewise. The Arab date collector Mesopotamia and the coco-nut gath- of Southern India go about their ess in precisely the same manner as friend of Dahomey.

at this method of climbing palm should be so common is easily ac- ted for. It is the method which ests itself naturally to one survey- a palm with the idea of climbing it. ns originate as a cluster of fronds ting almost directly out of the nd. Successive growths of new ds are thrown out from within and e the old ones, which decay and off close to their base. These suc- ve rings of old frond stumps, rising above the other, form the rough casing of the palm trunk which so resembles the skin of a pineapple. frond stumps, being inclined up- and outward, offer themselves tingly as footholds. In young palms, are often so prominent that the tree be climbed easily by their aid alone. very old palms, on the other hand, are so worn by the weather that afford hardly any support at all.

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Harris

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Frederick R. Harris, of Philadelphia, rear admiral in the United States navy, a nationally known construction engineer and this country's greatest collector of Ceylon postage stamps, carries his last-named distinction with the same pride he shows for the first two.

Addressing a score of Detroit's leading collectors at a banquet given at the Maccabees' building under auspices of the Detroit Philatelic society, the admiral confessed that the honor of being an expert in the field of stamps is one he would not lightly forego. His collection, begun in his boyhood, is rated the second best of its kind in the world.

The admiral is here to testify as an engineering authority in the so-called Ferguson patent dock case, pending before Judge Arthur J. Tuttle in federal court.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Argentine

The following are items which have been selected from our price list of Argentine and Corrientes. These stamps are all in mint condition and can, in most cases, be furnished in blocks at a reasonable price:

Cat. No.		Cat. Val.	Net
3	15c blue	$2.00	$1.00
5	5c rose	7.50	3.75
80	40c olive green	1.00	.50
81	50c orange	1.25	.60
82	60c black	2.00	1.00
103	1p lake	2.25	1.10
119	1p 20c black	1.50	.75
120	2p dark green	6.00	3.00
124a	2c slate (imperf.)	1.00	.50
124b	2c slate (imperf. horiz.)	1.00	.50
124c	2c slate (imperf. vert.)	1.00	.50
125b	5c carmine rose (imperf. horiz.)	1.00	.50
128	16c orange	3.00	1.50
143	6c slate (imperf. horiz.) (not cat.), pair	....	7.50
152	12c yellow buff	.50	.25
157	50c black	.60	.30
158	1p slate blue and pink	1.25	.60
554	2c green	.40	.20
555	4c brown	.60	.30
556	8c lake	.40	.20
559	12c greenish blue	.45	.20
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2	.41	15	.22	27	.90
3	.31	16	.37	28	.72
4	.37	17	.04	29	.72
5	.48	18	.10	30	.96
6	11.05	19	.16	31	14.70
7	.20	20	.16	33	.16
8	.41	21	.24	34	.31
9	1.50	22	.48	37	.54
10	.37	23	.61	38	.37
11	.72	24	1.22	39	.54
12	.16	25	3.38	40	.14
13	.18				

NORTH WEST PACIFIC ISLANDS

1	.16	16	.14	33	.24
2	.10	17	.16	34	.37
3	.20	18	.14	35	.68
4	1.22	19	.24	36	1.80
5	3.02	20	.37	37	3.88
6	2.16	21	2.16	38	8.24
9	3.88	22	2.16	39	15.92
10	10.41	27	.10	40	12.72
11	.02	28	.10	41	.00
12	.04	29	.10	42	.00
13	.14	32	.22	43	.00

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33	.06	51	.18	71	.08
33a	.41	52	.61	72	1.22
34	.41	53	.78	73	.24
34a	3.38	54	1.02	74	.24
35	.41	55	2.57	75	.48
35a	.71	56	4.90	76	*.02
36	.96	57	.10	77	.61
36a	4.38	58	.12	79	*.06
37	3.38	59	.31	80	*.16
38	5.48	60	.48	81	*.31
39	3.76	61	2.28	82	*.04
39a	12.10	61a	1.92	83	*.04
40	3.38	62	1.62	84	*.06
41	.78	63	5.80	85	.20
42	.31	64	.02	86	*1.44
43	.16	65	.06	87	1.35
44	.24	66	.10	88	*.10
46	2.04	67	.14	89	*.72
47	.96	68	.24	90	*.08
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Who started to say he had goods to sell
And would sacrifice them at "Half Cat."?

Who first wanted "Blox" and must have them "Mint,"
Or "Postally Used," as might be?
Who bought his in "Sets" or sent in his name
And hoped for a "Rarity" "Free"?

Every such phrase has a thrill for the man
Who handles the album and tongs,
And praises are due to their authors, I say,
As much as to writers of songs.

Someone no doubt had a vast store of junk
Who first decided to sack it
And sell it unseen to anyone green
Who had never before bought a "Packet".

Forsooth our "Covers" mean nothing else
But Envelopes stuck onto stamps,
But that term didn't rise to its present renown
Without some poor brain having cramps.

To have stamps "O. G." and "Centered" exact
Some guys will so fume and so fuss,
They should pay their respects to their ancestral pests
Who thought of expressing it thus.

Who first dared to station himself o'er the mob
By saying, I "Specialize" now,
And WHO had the nerve to put up his sign
Saying proudly, "Philatelist"? WOW!

Some of these terms come in and go out,
And some will be with us forever.
Here's one—"On Approval"—that surely will live,
And our money from all of us will sever.

No matter how dear these words to our ear,
To others we'll thrill just as quick.
When some brain gives birth to the right idea
Like a "Peelable Hinge"—it will Stick.

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1926, 20ö on 40ö, 7ö on 8ö, 7ö on 27ö, 12ö on 15ö, 7ö on 3ö, 7ö on 4ö,
Used 7ö on 10ö, 7ö on 15ö, cat. 74c .... .28
1926, 7ö on 5ö, O. G., $192, cat. 1.75 ... .78
7ö on 20ö, O. G., $195, cat. .50 ... .25
1925-6, Air Post, 3 values, O. G. ..... .18

ICELAND **ICELAND**

1920, used, 5a, 15a, 30a, 40a, 50a, cat. 99c .42
1920-1, 20a on 25a, $131, 135, cat. 80c .. .34
1923, used, 20a on 10a, $399, cat. 20c ... .08
1926, used, 10a, 20a, 50a, cat. 49c ..... .20

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United States

Washington Notes

Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman kindly furnishes me with further copies of Resolutions introduced in the Senate, relative to new postage stamps. On January 9th, Senator Wagner of New York introduced a Resolution authorizing the Postmaster General to issue a special 2c stamp commemorative of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Government of the State of New York.

On February 27th, Senator Edge of New Jersey introduced the Resolution, which Congressman Ackerman introduced in the House, authorizing the Postmaster General to issue a series of thirteen stamps to commemorate Colonel Lindbergh's visit to the thirteen countries of South and Central America. The Resolution calls for denominations from one-half cent to one dollar inclusive.

The third Resolution was introduced on March 5th, by Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, and is similar to the one introduced in the House by Congressman Watson, authorizing a 2c stamp in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Encampment of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

Mr. Ackerman writes that seven Congressmen are going to be permitted to lay their claims before the Postmaster General, and that some of them are sure to have their requests honored.

A "Molly Pitcher" commemorative is requested, and it is thought that the personal endorsement of the women of the House of Representatives, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Kahn, and Mrs. Langley, if they could be obtained, would aid those who are endeavoring to have such a stamp issued.

Mr. Hogg of Indiana expected to have Senator Robinson introduce a Bill in the Senate on March 8th, authorizing a John Rogers Clarke Stamp.

I doubt if there was ever a time when more commemoratives have been asked for, but most unfortunately, the Post Office Department is not favoring the several propositions, although to date enough letters have been received recommending the Valley Forge stamp to warrant favorable action. Never in the history of the Department have so many communications arrived, suggesting a commemorative of this type.

Senator Reed of Pennsylvania writes under date of March 9th that he is keeping after the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and hopes to obtain prompt and favorable action on Senate Resolution No. 107, authorizing the Valley Forge Stamp.

Bureau Plate Numbers

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, we have been able to bring our list of plate numbers up to, and including those issued, to March 8, 1928. It is of interest to note that in the entire lot of plates made during the last several months, that there is not a single flat plate, but that they are all of the curved rotary type. The methods now being used by the Bureau in producing plates is such that no where near as many plates are required to produce a ga quantity of stamps as has been nec heretofore.

Plate No.	Denomination.		Class	Ordinary.	Series.
19264-267	1c			"	1922
19268-273	2c			"	"
19274-279	2c	Book		"	"
19280-283	10c	Spec. Del.		"	"
19284-285	2c			"	"
19286-289	2c			"	"
19290-295	1½c			"	1925
19296-299	6c			"	1922
19300-303	1c			"	"
19304-305	2c			"	"
19306-313	2c			"	"
19314-317	2c	Book		"	"
19318-319	2c			"	"
19320-327	1½c			"	1925
19328-335	2c			"	1922
19336-339	1c			"	"
19340-349	2c			"	"
19350-355	9c			"	"
19356	1c			"	"
19357-362	2c	Book		"	"
19363-366	1½c			"	1925
19367-370	2c			"	1922
19371	2c			"	"
19372-377	8c			"	"
19378-385	2c			"	"
19386-389	2c			"	"
19390-393	1½c			"	1925
19394-397	2c			"	1922
19398-399	2c			"	"
19400-403	2c			"	"
19404-409	2c	Book		"	"

10c Lindbergh, Double Transfer

Rev. E. M. Gearhart kindly in me that he has seen the lower hor strip of the 10c Lindbergh air stamp from the southeast pane of No. 19008, wherein two stamps s distinct double transfer.

The extreme stamp in the lowe corner shows the double transfer "0" of the left "10." The stam mediately above the plate number a double transfer in the numeral the left "10."

Mr. Gearhart states that credit f discovery should go to Mr. All Vestal. Personally, I have not h pleasure of inspecting the variet am furnishing the information j received from Mr. Gearhart.

New Provisional Envelopes

Mr. H. Clay Reed, our foremo dent of modern envelopes, advise he has just located two new va with the International, solid typ surcharged on the 1c green circul of 1916.

One of the varieties is size 5 o with low back, watermarked 25. second variety is on a size 8 on with no gum on upper flap. Thi is low back and is watermarked 2 the collector of cut-square varieties will not add new emissions, but the be new to the collector of entires.

Air Mail Notes

On March 5th, Waco, Texas placed on contract air mail route for the first time. This goes fron veston, Texas, via Houston to Wac on the occasion the usual first flight gon postmark was applied to air letters posted at Waco. These post were applied in purple and some i

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	Cat.	Net
*Cameroons 1916, 45c, $121	5.00	3.00
* 1916, 20c, $123	10.00	6.00
* 1927, $196-7, 10 and 20fr	4.50	2.25
Canada 1852, 3 penny, $4, Superb Margins	..	4.50
1852, 6 penny, fair copy	35.00	7.00
1858, ½ penny, $11, fair copy	30.00	8.00
* 1901, 20c green, $87, Mint block, rare	..	7.50
*Canal Zone 1904, 1c-10c, $4-8 cpl.	14.25	7.75
*Cayman 1907, 4d and 6d, $13 and 14, used or mint pair	..	3.00
* 1921, 5/-, $62, Rare MCA ...	..	4.50
* 1917, War Tax, $101 and 102, fine mint	4.75	1.95
Chile 1904, 3c on 5c, $63, scarce stamp	10.00	5.00
* 1907, $305	3.00	1.75
1907, $307	3.00	1.75
* 1907, 3c on 1 peso, $311	10.00	5.00
China, 19th cent. 90% compl. @ 50% disct.		
1927, Kirin, $269 and 270 ...	..	1.25
* 1915, $5.00, $718	12.50	6.75
Colombian Republic 1865, $601 and 602, fair	7.50	2.75
Antioquia, $403-6 comp.	7.50	3.25
*Congo 1898, the rare 3fr 50c, $24, superb unused	20.00	12.00
The same stamp used, very scarce	12.50	7.50
* 1918, Semi Postal, $201-7	2.50	.85
* 1918, Semi Postal 5 franc, $208, @ 2.00; 10 franc, $209, @		6.00
*Costa Rica, $23c, a rare stamp unpriced	..	10.00
Same used	6.00	4.00
* 1901, 1col to 10col, $51-54 ...	10.00	5.00
*COSTA RICA LINDBERGH, PRICE ON REQUEST		
*Crete 1901, the rare high value, $71	15.00	7.25
*Cuba 1928, Pan American Congress complete, obsolete ..	..	3.50
* 1928, 5c airmail Lindbergh, also 5c blue air, each	..	.10
*Curacao 1899, $28, best 19th century stamp	10.00	5.00
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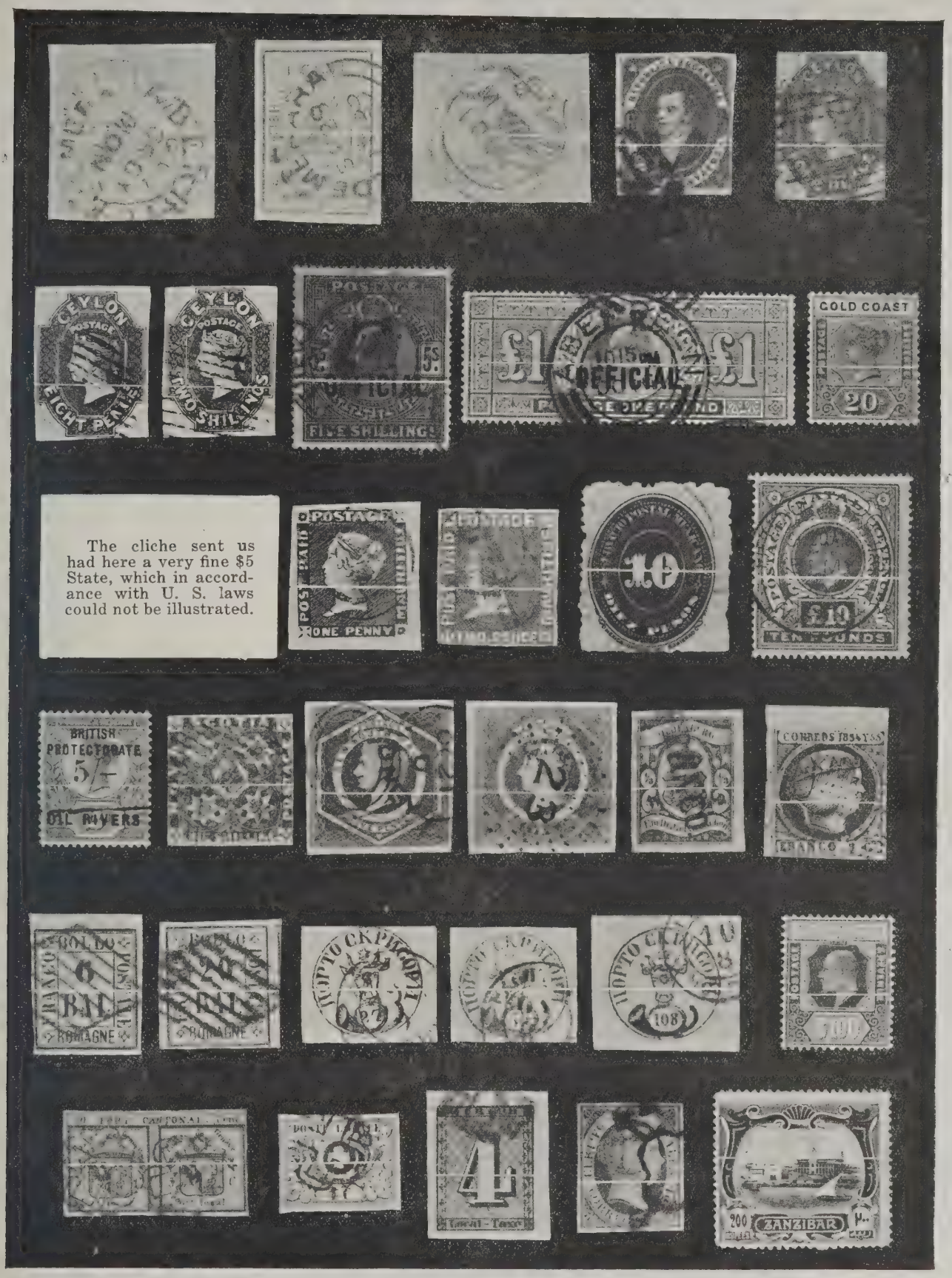

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1857. 1c blue (41), Type II 4.00
1c blue (42b), Type IIIa 7.50
1c blue (42f), Type V ..... .75
3c rose (43), Type I ..... .55
3c dull red (44), Type II ..... .06
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10c green, Type V (50) 1.25
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30c orange (53) 12.00
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1861. 1 cent blue (63) ..... .60
3 cent pink (64) 7.50
10 cent green (68) ..... .60
12 cent black (69) 1.75
24 cent red lilac (70) 5.50
30 cent orange (71) 2.00
90 cent blue (72) 7.50
1862-66. 2 cent black (73) ..... .25
5 cent red brown (75) 4.00
5 cent brown (76) 1.75
15 cent black (77) 2.50
24 cent lilac (78) 1.50
1867. 3 cent rose (85), 12x14 grill 3.75
1 cent blue (86), 11x13 grill 3.00
3 cent rose (88) ..... .20
10 cent green (89) 3.00
1 cent blue (92), 9x13 grill 2.00
3 cent red (94) ..... .06
5 cent brown (95) 6.50
10 cent yellow green (96) 1.50
15 cent black (98) 1.75
24 cent gray lilac (99) 10.00
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90 cent blue (101) 22.50
1869. 1 cent buff (112) 2.00
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6 cent ultramarine (115) 2.50
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10 cent brown (139) 8.50
15 cent orange (141) 7.50
1 cent ultramarine (145) ..... .15
2, 3 cent (146, 7) ..... .10
6 cent carmine (148) ..... .30
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10 cent brown (150) ..... .55
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*1910. 1 cent green (385), pairs ..... .35
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genta, which seems to have been mixed with an orange ink. In addition, the letters received the normal Waco postmark. Those addressed to Galveston received the back stamp of that office, in addition to a special blue rectangular postmark reading, "First Air Mail Flight from Galveston, Tex., Port and Playground of the Southwest."

Those addressed to Houston received a special back stamp that has not been noted heretofore. It was applied in blue, in three lines without border, reading—"First Flight Houston to Waco on C A M 21 Mar. 5th." In addition there were three extra postmarks, one being the normal postmark in black, the second a Star showing a statue of Houston, and below the wording—"Sam Houston Memorial." The third marking is a portrait of General Houston with his name below. The markings just described as back stamps, were used on the face of covers sent from these two latter cities. I wish to thank Mr. O. C. Rittenhouse for a first day cover from Waco.

The Postal Bulletin for March 6th, announces that bids are invited returnable April 30th at 12 noon, on three new contract air mail routes. One is from Chicago, Ill., via South Bend, Ind., Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Battle Creek, Jackson, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Pontiac, Lansing, Flint, and Saginaw, to Bay City, Mich., and return. The second runs from Chicago, Ill., to Terre Haute and Evansville, Ind. (St. Louis, Mo.,), Nashville, and Chattanooga, Tenn., to Atlanta, Ga., and return. The third runs from St. Louis, Mo., to Kansas City, Mo., and return.

Mr. George W. Angers advises that on March 15th, at 4.15 P. M., there will be inaugurated the First Motorcycle-Aeroplane Courier Service Feeder Line. It will start from Holyoke, Mass., go to Northampton, Westfield, Springfield, thence to Hartford, and arrive in sufficient time to meet the southbound plane of the Colonial Air Transport, operators of C. A. M. No. 1. This mail will be picked up by the air mail plane and carried to its destination via the regular air transport route.

A request of the Post Office Department has been made by local interests, including the Indian Motorcycle Co., as well as the Colonial Air Transport, for the authorization of a special cancellation in conjunction with this opening trip. As no notice has appeared in the Postal Bulletin, it is not likely that the request was granted. The Indian Motorcycle Company, however, contemplates imprinting upon any covers sent in their care the following: "First Experimental Motorcycle-Aeroplane Courier Service, March 15, Holyoke-Hartford, C. A. M. No. 1."

Canal Zone

Mr. George Brett states that he has received the 2c Booklet rotary print Perf. 11 x 10½ overprinted "Canal Zone" in the second type of overprint, that is the one with the sharp tops to the letters "A."

Australia. — Whitfield King & Co. state that they have received the 4p olive-bistre, watermarked small Crown A close together, and also the 1sh blue-green watermarked Crown A sideways. Only twenty-five sheets of this variety to have been issued.

Curacao.—Whitfield King & vise that they have received the 7 rent design in bistre color.

Dominica.—Mr. R. Roberts the appearance of the 2½p b black on white, and 3p red and yellow. These are both new co these values.

Dominican Republic. — *L'Ec Timbrologie* furnishes the info that a new type of Official adhes to be issued. The design shows per part of a Lighthouse in a ci mounted by inscriptions "R Dominicana—Fara a Colon," va "Correspondencia Oficial" at t The stamps are perf. 12, and of lowing values and shades: 2c green, 5c blue, 10c blue and 20c

Estonia. — We have receiv Latmarka, Ltd., Riga, Latvia, a s tenth anniversary overprints. T five stamps consists of the 2, 5, 1 20m of the current set overpr the top center in large figure 1928." Above the dash is "24" low "II" indicating Feb. 24. Th appeared on sale to the public G. P. O. in Tallin on Feb. 25. is advertising this set at 30c an correspondence.

French P.O.'s in Morocco. Change of Colour is chronicled in 1.40fr, carmine. *Relief Stamps.* to the recent floods, famine, etc lief Fund has been opened, and assisted by the issue of a series ity stamps. *L'Echo* states that of ten values will be issued sho town of Morocco. The values 5, 25, 50, 75 and 80c, 1fr, 1.50fr, and 5fr. and will be sold at dou value. 300,000 sets will be iss they will first appear at Rabat, Fair will be held in April next. *telic Magazine.*

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Luxemburg.—*Stamps withdrawn.* Mr. M. Weber informs us that the 65c and 80c of the current issue are to be withdrawn, as the printed matter rates for which they were originally intended are no longer effective. A new 60c is on order to replace the current provisionals of this denomination (60c on 75c), but should the stock of provisionals be exhausted before the new stamp is ready, further provisionals will be made by overprinting 60c on the remaining stock of the 65c and 80c.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Monaco.—R. Roberts and B. J. Dattner has shown us the new Exhibition stamps which are of three values all of the same design. They are the work of M. Henri Chaffer, an artist of the Principality, and picture the likeness of Prince Charles III (1861-89), Prince Albert (1889-1922), and the reigning Prince Louis II. The issue is given as 50,000 each printed by the taille-douce process. They are on sale at the Exhibition only, and will be limited to four or five sets to each person. After the Exhibition they will be obtainable only through stamp dealers. Values and colors are 50c+50c red, 1fr50c+1fr50c blue, and 3fr+3fr lilac.

Portugal. — Our Oporto correspondent, Mr. J. G. Graham, kindly sends us a new shade of the 64c, Ceres type, viz., *powder-blue,* which, he tells us, has lately come into use.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Russia. — Mr. Nicolas Ananieff informs us that he has received four values of stamps issued to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Red Army. The stamps are the same size as the latest regular issue, and have the dates "1918-1928" on each stamp. The values and shades are 8 kop. brown (Infantryman); 14 kop. blue (Russian Sailor); 18 kop. rose-red (Cavalryman); 28 kop. green (Aviator at his Controls).

Siam.—*L'Echo* is informed that the 15s carmine and the 28s brown-violet will be issued shortly surcharged 5 and 10s respectively. We have received copies of the 10 on 28s. The surcharge is in red.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Surinam.—Whitfield King & Co. submit for chronicle copies of the 7½c, in orange-red color.

Gibraltar.—Messrs. Yvert & Tellier announce that the rumor persists that the colors of the 1 pound and 5 pound values are to be transposed, the former appearing in violet and black, and the latter in orange and black.

Greece.—Mr. P. J. Drossos reports that the Favier commemorative set was put out of use on Feb. 1st last. The 1dr had been used up some time ago, but the 6dr is a value which has not been used

FEBRUARY SUBSCRIPTION RECORD

Our subscription contest is taking on shape in excellent manner. We have a lengthy report this month, which indicates the measure of co-operation that is being extended. W. W. Betts leads on the record for the month of February, but the Johnson Stamp Co. holds the lead for the five months with 133 to their credit, Mr. Betts following with 132.

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The significance of the above, from the financial standpoint, is that one cannot assume if a colour of a certain duty is changed in some Colonies it will be in others. The £1 value of Gibraltar recently appeared in orange and black. This is the colour used in Tanganyika, but it is not likely that all the other £1 duties are to be so changed.

Such values as the 4d, 5d, 6d, and 1/- are appearing in all sorts of fancy colours. Also, whilst the Leeward Islands (including Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Kitts, and Virgins) have abolished the 5d duty, other Colonies, such as St. Helena, are just introducing it, in which country it is the 4d that has been abolished.

Colonial Bulletin.—The latest Colonial Bulletin does not disclose anything startling. One or two expected colour changes, and new issues despatched, which had previously been announced as in preparation.

The new Cyprus set is interesting. It is to supersede the existing set for a year, and no doubt substantial numbers have been printed and there will be heavy sales, so that one cannot expect any rarities to result from it. Cyprus, which for so long managed with a 5/- as highest value, is now to have a £5 duty. The amalgamation of Postage and Revenue series is anything but a boon for the Collector. It means he is unable to complete sets, unless able to purchase such duties as £100 or 1000 Rupees. These ultra high values might well be omitted from a Postage Stamp Catalogue, when not issued or used for postal purposes. Another disadvantage of unified series is the possibility of "cleaned" fiscally cancelled stamps being offered as postally used.

The high values of Ceylon, although nominally on chalky paper, have been cleaned in very large numbers, and many of them used again on documents, etc. The loss to the Government became so large that the new high value series was introduced to prevent this.

Mauritius.—A correspondent asks me what is the current 10 rupee stamp of Mauritius, as there is none listed in Gibbons. I think the answer is that the 10 rupee Die II. on old watermark paper is still in use, or was very recently. I understand this duty has been printed on script paper, and will be issued when the other runs out. The pricing of this stamp at 35/- in Gibbons is therefore misleading. It is marked as current, however, in certain other lists and catalogues, and can be picked up at current issue prices still.

St. Kitts-Nevis.—The 2½d in blue on chalky paper may turn out quite good, as it is stated to have been issued in error. Its value largely depends on whether the catalogues, especially Scott and Gibbons, list it separately. Many of the Edwards are much scarcer on one or other of the two papers, but being grouped together, any difference in value they possess has vanished. The St. Kitts 2½d is certainly a very different colour from the first one issued before the brown stamps. Both the brown and the original blue are also quite scarce little stamps now.

Shades.—In some countries, such shades in modern issues are catalogued and in others not, and it would be an advantage if more uniformity could be secured. Thus the 6d and 2/- Gibraltar Script are listed in both shades as major varieties, whilst other Colonies, which have similar or even larger shade differences in these same duties, are not even mentioned. I rather fancy the 6d and 2/- Gibraltar 1st shade Script have been a bit overpriced, and the market price seems to be somewhat on the downgrade.

St. Lucia.—The scarcity of the 2½d orange is well known, but the fact that the 1d red and 3d blue script are also becoming quite scarce, has not been so generally recognised. The recent revision of the catalogue price shows which way the wind is blowing. Unfortunately, we have no statistics as to numbers printed. Of the 2½d orange it is stated 12,000 were printed, and of this probably about a quarter were sold by the Crown Agents in London. The 1d red and 3d blue are both still obtainable under 1/- and are good buys. There are two quite distinct shades of the 3d as listed and the dull (or paler) blue issued in 1926 must have had a very short life, as the 3d on yellow script was issued later on in the same year.

Turks & Caicos Is.—It is not necessary to remind readers that the 1922 series is worth buying. Sales have been very brisk, but it does not appear likely that there will be any very large rise in this set as a whole. There will probably be some duties that may turn out quite scarce. I rather fancy the 5d duty will be as good as any.

Newfoundland.—The new issue is an attractive series assured of good sales to collectors. It is worth noti it is to be the new permanent but that stocks of the 1923 and ous issues are to be exhauste Some criticism has been level cause complete sets were pla sale in St. John's for collectors. London for dealers, but as thi tice is quite usual with many now, not much criticism can be on this score. Of the 1923 s told collectors in my last notes values that were going to be ners." Of the new series it o mains to add that it is a credit oldest colony.—*Philatelic Maga*

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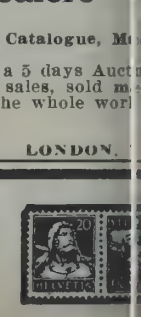

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We have received from Albert W. Draves, Milwaukee, Wis., the particulars of the death of Benjamin K. Miller, Jr., of that city. Mr. Miller was widely known, not only as an attorney and traveler, but as a studious stamp collector. He was seventy-one years old and died on Saturday, March 17, at the Columbia Hospital.

In his extensive trips abroad, Mr. Miller visited practically every country in the world. He was prominent as a game hunter, and maintained a summer home near Wild Rose, Wis., which was famous for its collection of wild game trophies. Some of his hunting expeditions were in the African jungles.

Mr. Miller was an authority on U. S. stamps, and gave his famous collection to the Public Library of N. Y. City about three years ago. At the time, Philip H. Ward, Jr., published the particulars of this famous collection in the WEEKLY, and we reprint it elsewhere.

Perhaps the most valuable stamp in his collection is a 30 cent invert used stamp of 1869, which cost Mr. Miller $1,750. The catalogue price is $2,000, and the actual amount required to gain possession of one of these treasures would be in advance of the catalogue figure.

Just as we are going to press with this issue, Charles J. Phillips of N. Y. City wires us the sad news of the death of J. Brace Chittenden, who has served efficiently as secretary of the Collectors Club of New York, the most influential stamp organization in the United States, and which he was also serving as a member of the Board of Directors. We are also indebted to J. M. Bartels for early information.

Dr. Chittenden was a general collector of 19th century, specializing in Austria and Mexico, and is the author of a handbook on Mexico. He was a member of the F.R.P.S.L., and a lawyer by profession. He graduated from Harvard in 1889, with the degree of A.B., and in 1890 received his A.M., and has also received various other degrees. He was a tower of strength in promoting the interests of the Collectors Club, and especially in his work upon the library. He was one of the Judges at the great Exhibition held in New York in 1926.

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Preliminary Notes On Belgian Precancelled Stamps

By STEPHEN G. RICH.

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At this time we also have a new type, found, so far as I know, from Charleroy only. The line with the word "Station" in brackets was removed from Charleroy Type 6 roller, and hence we have this precancel with a wide space between the place-name and date. Description:

Type 12: Type 6 with the second line of the place-name removed and a blank space left. Short date. Charleroy only, 1911 to 1922.

At this same time bilingual plate-types were introduced. At first they have short date and always the Flemish place-name above the date. This type with French place-name above the date has not yet been seen by me previous to 1922, but I list it along with the Flemish-top type in case it should occur thus early. Fig. 8 illustrates one of these types.

Description:

Type 22: Printed, bilingual.

Thin type and border.

Place-name 2.6mm high; Flemish place-name above date.

Date 3mm high: short date.

Type 23: Printed, bilingual.

Same as type 22, but French place-name above date.

With the advent of a new issue in 1912, we find no new types of precancelling; but the types in use in 1911 are applied to both series. As yet I have seen only the 1c, No. 92 (orange, large figure in center), of the new issue precancelled this year; but Mr. Metz lists the 2c, No. 93. Both the 1c, No. 82 and the 2c, No. 83, of the old issue are easily found with this date of precancelling.

A further plate-type, with full date and somewhat taller lettering in the place-names appears in 1913. In all the specimens I have seen there is a number after the place-name. This type is found only during the two years preceding the German invasion, and was not revived after the war. It comes with both the Flemish and the French place-names above the date, and hence must be listed as two types. In Fig. 9 I illustrate it. I am hoping to find it without figure after the place-name and also from towns other than Ghent and Liege.

Description:

Type 24: Printed, bilingual.

Thin type and border.

Place-name 3.0mm high, in wide type, with figure after name in all specimens seen. Flemish place-name above date.

Date 3mm high; full date.

Type 25: Printed, bilingual.

Same as type 24, but with French place-name above date.

1913 and 1914 offer us nothing especially interesting in the way of stamps precancelled. I have not seen any of the old issue that ended in 1912 precancelled from these years. All 1914 precancels are of course from that portion of the year previous to August 5, when the invasion began. Nevertheless, they are not particularly scarce.

I have not been able to find any precancels from the period between August 5, 1914, and November 11, 1918, either on the surcharged German stamps in use throughout most of the country, or on the King Albert issues in use in the little unoccupied sector. A study of the map and the places known to me, either from my own specimens or from Mr. Metz's list, as precancelling localities, shows that none of them were in the unoccupied sector.

Precancels of 1918 do exist, however. The only one I have seen is the 1c, No. 108, from Brussels, type 9.

With 1919 precancelling resumes its full swing. In this year there appear roller-types only, and all on the 1c, No. 108, and 2c, No. 109. The types in use previous to the war are continued. In Brussels, Ghent and Liege, this year finds a fair proportion of the specimens precancelled in a more or less purple ink. This ink continues into 1920, and is found sporadically, but rarely, even later. 1919 is notable also for the occurrence of erect and inverted positions of precancelling. The inverted position, in 1900, is the only exception to the normal positions, up and down, hitherto known to me. 1919 shows Ghent erect in purple and Maeseyck invert. I further note that in 1919 we find both types 9 and 10—similar, but one with Flemish and the other with French place-name above date—in use at Brussels.

In 1920 three new types appear, all rollers. All are bilingual: one type has short date; the other two have the place-names somewhat larger than those hitherto used. The double precancel, found as early as 1897, and occasionally all the time since then according to Mr. H. S. Ackerman, is found in 1920 and 1921 fairly frequently. The three new types need not be illustrated: the descriptions are sufficiently explicit.

Type 13: Bilingual: place-names 2.2 mm high. French place-name above date.

Date 2.2mm high: short date.

Type 14: Bilingual: place-names 3.1 mm high. Flemish place-name above date.

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Type 15: Bilingual: exactly like type 14, but French place-name above date.

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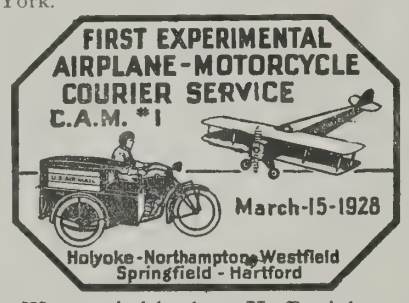

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When we talk of wonderful collections or accumulations of United States stamps, we naturally think of the east, but we find that Mr. B. K. Miller of Milwaukee has brought together one of the world's finest collections of our issues. Insofar as the covering of the whole field is concerned, I know of no collection so comprehensive, for Mr. Miller, a real student of our stamps, not only collects the adhesive postage varieties, but collects the Departments, the Newspapers, Re-issues, Special Printings and all other oddities interesting to the advanced specialist. He desires unused specimens, blocks, covers and cancellations, and in the latter case he wants those varieties which prove the use of the postage stamp in certain peculiar ways, for instance, the cancellation may indicate that the stamp has been used on Registered Mail, on Supplementary Mail, on Parcel Post, or some other special class.

In this very unusual collection is to be found practically everything in the way of general issues, from 1847 to date. This includes a partially reconstructed of the 10c 1847, numerous blocks a pieces of the 1851, including recon ed sheets of most of the 3c plates. 1861 series, Mr. Miller possess August issue complete, all of th tember varieties, and practically the rare grills, including the 30c all over. In the way of re-issu special prints, his is one of the fe lections that is complete in this l he has them all, including the ra papers of 1880, in addition to the milion and 5c blue Taylor on bot and soft papers.

Insofar as Department stamps a cerned, he counts among his treasu tire sheets of the $10 and $20 Sta

In the way of Newspapers his tion is complete, it containing th Bureau and Special Prints—the "Specimen" varieties and the in rated emissions, of which but few issued. Mr. Miller has also r added to his collection the very f of Franklin and Eagle carriers together by Dr. Chase.

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1864. All shades, an outstanding item being a mint block of 4 of the 8c salmon-red on very thick paper.

1866. The surcharged issue is a good lot, including the tete-beche 10c and some rare errors. Also a number of fine used, which are much rarer than catalogued and which sell in Montevideo up to double catalogue prices.

Jan., 1866. Imperf. A grand lot of these interesting stamps, including wonderful mint blocks, such as 5c blue, blocks of the 60, 8 and 4. 10c green, block of 12. Also many of the errors.

In the later issues I draw especial attention to one of the rarest items in Uruguay stamps. The American Bank Note Co. engraved the issue of 1877-79 and made an error in the first printing of the 1 peso blue. The arms in the oval are too small and the quarterings are reversed. This was found out and not issued and most of the stock was destroyed. A few copies are known in great collections, but is one of the great desiderata of advanced collectors.

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A FIND

By THEODORE L. BEHR.

United States collectors may be interested to hear of a find of a block of eighty-two of the 1c 1851, Type 4, among the duplicates of a collection placed in the hands of Edward P. Seebohm, the well-known San Francisco dealer for auction. The sheet was stuck down in an old MEKEEL'S album, and a part sheet of 3c 1857 had adhered to the face from age and pressure. Careful handling removed practically all trace of the 3c sheet, and a large part of the original gum has been preserved on the back of the one-cent sheet. The collector, now deceased, had cut out stamp No. 1, and put it in the regular space in his album. This has been replaced in its proper position in the sheet.

There are 81 stamps intact on the block, which is from the left hand pane. The entire bottom row is gone, and stamps 70, 79, 80, 86, 87, 88, 89 and 90 are also gone. Otherwise it is complete with full imprint and plate, and shows a great many interesting varieties, and is of inestimable value in plating. Two of the three inverted transfers are present, Nos. 71, 81. These both show the variety plainly, and there are some traces of the inverted impression in the sheet margin. Five of the cracked plates are in the block, Nos. 2, 40, 46, 50 and 60. They are rather difficult to see, requiring a strong glass to bring them out.

There are twenty-seven double transfers in the block, some are quite faint, but others are very strong. It is from a late impression and shows the recutting very plainly. The double recut at top and bottom, No. 52, is very easily seen, and all the double top recuts are present. Those most difficult to identification are the stamps of the top row, which are recut at bottom only. Being nearly a full transfer, the top line is complete and appears to be recut. However, upon careful comparison the recut stamps can be identified.

This sheet has been shown to Stanley B. Ashbrook, the well-known specialist on these stamps. In his opinion it is the largest imperforate 1c block in existence.

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EDITORIAL

In the weekly sheaf of clippings that come to us, there have been accounts of stamp exhibits in the windows of business places and institutions, latterly, to prove that telling work is being done in the direct introduction of stamps to the public. It is apparent, too, that some of these informal displays depend on air mail envelopes as a feature calculated to attract the eye of the outsider. This development is mentioned because of the growing interest of the public in all that pertains to air mail progress, and we have had proof that displays of the kind have provided the means for connecting the philatelic "prospect" with our pursuit. We have just learned that a Chicago newspaper intends to exploit the stamp side of air mail service by a striking exhibit, as well as otherwise, and particulars will soon be forthcoming, no doubt.

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The Milwaukee newspapers give prominence to the news of the death of Benjamin Kurtz Miller, Jr., of that city, on March 17th; and philatelists will regret to hear of the passing on of this distinguished student of the stamps of our country at the age of seventy-one years. His death took place at the University Club, and was due to a cerebral hemorrhage followed by pneumonia, and the funeral services were held on March 19th. As the collecting world knows, Mr. Miller gave his collection of the U. S. issues to the New York public library several years ago, when the generosity of Mr. Miller in thus conferring a public benefit was generally applauded. Mr. Miller was a thorough student who possessed a logical mind that stood him in good stead in considering the obscurer problems presented by some of the aspects of our issues; and we gratefully acknowledge his aid at different times in explaining details that were not apparent on the surface. Mr. Miller was known to some kindred collecting spirits whom he entertained on occasion, and at one time, he was an active competitor for choice specimens for his collection. Mr. Miller was a member of the oldest law firm in Wisconsin, and was the author of several works on legal procedure. He was a member of clubs in London and New York, as well as in Milwaukee. As a traveler he visited almost all of the countries of the world; and incidentally, he had won his spurs as a big game hunter in Africa. His summer home at Wild Rose, Wisconsin, contained many trophies of the chase. As the Milwaukee *Journal* says, "tracing the history of stamps of the United States, and associating them with significant events was his hobby." Philately is the better for Mr. Miller's identification with it; and his quiet, strong personality will long remain a picture with us.

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From Mr. Richard J. Schwarz, Chicago, we have received the following timely information on the subject of Mexico-U. S. Airmail, which is based on the testimony of a letter from the Post Office Director General, dated Mexico City, March 10, 1928, now in the possession of Mr. Schwarz: "On February 17, I saw an Associated Press dispatch in one of the daily papers saying that air mail service was to be established in about ten days from that date, between Mexico City, with stops at Guanajuato, San Luis Potosi, Monterey, all in Mexico, to Laredo, Texas. Promptly, I prepared several covers, and in my poor Spanish, wrote to the P.M., at Mexico City, requesting that these covers be carried on the first flight to the U. S. Fifteen days passed and I saw not even a scrap of further news regarding the proposed service. However, on March 20th, I received a large official envelope registered, containing my envelopes, which were returned with a courteous letter from Senor R. Becerra Soto, Chief of the Department of Transports, Railway Section, Office of the P. O. Director General. Since most of the information contained in this letter is of importance to air mail collectors and will settle several doubtful points, the following translation of parts of the letter is made: 'As the rate, which will be in force, is to be $0.75 Mexican, for each piece of 20 grammes or fraction, sent to points in this country, allow me to inform you to that effect for future reference. At the same time, also be advised that this service will not be inaugurated for two or three months, and the exact date on which it will become effective will be communicated in ample time through the Associated Press, no doubt. For that reason, I am returning your covers so that you may keep them until you have the exact date on which the service will become effective, at which time I ask that you please send the necessary amount for the pieces that you desire, either in bills, or by International Money Order, and by no means in postage stamps of the U. S., nor in silver coins'."

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A reader says that in one of the English catalogues "the portrait on the Guatemalan railway stamps surcharged for postal uses in 1886 is given as that of M. Rivera Paz" while "elsewhere it has been called that of General Barrios," and he wishes to be informed which is correct. When these stamps first appeared, they were described as bearing the portrait of General Don Justo Barrios, who was president of Guatemala for successive terms, but who was killed at the Battle of Chalchuapa in Salvador in April of the year 1885, and we find that Moens ascribes the bust of Barrios. This Barrios was not he who became president of Guatemala in March, 1892, and was assassinated in February, 1898, it is needless to add.

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The Moens' catalogue referred to was the 1893 edition of a work that was considered the indispensable catalogue of its day, and which was quoted with an air of finality in the solving of philatelic problems. This seventh or last edition of the monumental work appeared in three large volumes, and its scope may be imagined when it is said that 179 pages are allotted to postals and letter cards, and 352 pages to fiscals. Such is the amplitude of the catalogue that it remains a living tribute to the distinguished compiler who made his name and city, Bruxelles, Belgium, famous the philatelic world over. It may be added that this catalogue is out of print, and is to be found only on the library shelves, as a rule, of the older stamp students.

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It should be said in connection with the discussion on Mexican aerial postal service that the statement made by Mr. Ward on page 140 of the issue of February 20th, to the effect that Mexico was not prepared as yet to establish an air mail route from Mexico City to the southern boundary of the United States, was based on information supplied by our post office department. In the circular on the subject that was sent from Washington, proposed routes are mentioned, but it is evident from the text that no route had been established. However, the letter that was submitted for inspection by Mr. Adolph Sonntag, Chicago, as having been received from Mexico in Chicago, on February 18, 1928, bore the impression "Servicio Postal Aereo," and this Spanish notation evidently referred to aerial service from the American station to Chicago.

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An interesting letter has come from a reader who wishes to know if collectors are aware of the existence of a work that dwells on the philatelic theme to the extent that the book may be called a work of philatelic fiction. He refers to "A Third Person," by Mrs. B. M. Croker, published in London (F. V. White and Co.) well over thirty years ago. Further, our correspondent outlines the plot at some length, but we think it advisable at present merely to recommend the book, which is a sparkl cital of a philatelic romance in a minor key. It was duly commen the stamp journals of the time, an atelic patrons of libraries today try to resurrect it for an evening' ing.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

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Only the 2c ordinary letter rate was charged, and prepaid by means of the 2c red, Santiago de los Caballeros Exhibition stamp of May, 1927. The postmark, applied in blue-green, is "Barahona, Republica Dominicana," within a single lined circle, 25mm, with "JUL—8—1927," in three lines in the center; to the right of the circle are five horizontal lines, 45mm long, and spaced 4mm vertically. At Port au Prince the letters were backstamped "Port au Prince, Haiti," within a single lined circle, 28mm, with "14—JUL—27" in the center in three lines. To the face was added the special marking, 45 x 28mm, first used when the Port au Prince to Jeremie inland air mail service was inaugurated on July 12, 1927.

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On Monday, July 18, 1927, the plane returned to the Dominican Republic, with an air mail of 90 letters for Barahona, and 473 letters for Santo Domingo City. The details of this mail have already been given in my article on "West Indian Aerial Express," which appeared in M. W.S.N. of January 23, 1928.

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By GUSTAVE LARSON.

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This recalls to my mind the block of eight of this stamp which caused such furore of excitement at the Worcester auction two years ago. This block was run up to the stupendous sum of $165, on what was claimed was an out-of-town bid.

The writer was hot in the competition, acting for a party out West, but of course missed it, only to be approached by the auctioneers later with regards to taking it over, as, "sadly enough," the bidder had been under the impression that he had been bidding on a block of No. 1, and of course upon discovering his mistake promptly returned the item.

Wisely enough, my client refused to consider it, and I do not know where the block is today. A certain dealer "it is said," claimed he could take the block and split it into two fours, and sell each for a $100, but don't know if he did it or not.

Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

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The Ideal Collection

By F. H. Buck, Jr.

When a youngster starts out to collect, or when the veteran collector decides to shift albums, he has three alternatives: first, he can put his collection in printed albums; second, he can put his collection in sectional albums; and third, he can place his collection in blank albums. Some collectors may be in a quandary as to which is the ideal choice. For them we will try and define an ideal collection.

There can be no ideal collection from any one man's point of view. The duty of the hobby is to satisfy the natural craving of a man to collect. There are men who do not care in what manner they collect, but collect only for the pleasure of possessing. To those who are "stamp gatherers" the printed albums should be ideal. A collection must be housed. The printed album is a house for an accumulation of stamps.

Next there is the man who does a little more than gather stamps; he collects stamps. And in the interest of systematic and scientific collecting such a man naturally desires the sectional albums, which are accordingly his ideal. Thus a man is able to specialize in the countries which are of interest to him.—*Pacific Stamp News.*

Double Impression

By Philip H. Ward, Jr.

When a catalog lists a double impression, it means that the stamp has been printed twice—that is, one impression on top of another. The most distinct and most desirable are those which have actually gone through the press a second time. Double impressions often occur as in the case of our surface offset printed stamps of 1918-20, where the roll has slipped and contains ink from a previous impression, thus giving a type of double print that we have not had heretofore. Quite often, double transfers are confused with double impressions. But in the case of the former, the variety is a plate variety, whereas in the double impression, we have a printing error.

Observation Contest

By Victor M. Suarez, Merida, Mex.

I am an enthusiastic philatelist and want every one in the world to enjoy our hobby. Boys must enter philately, and when bigger they will be real Philatelists. We have to work to develop in the Junior a real passion for Philately.

I think the best way for this is to induce junior collectors to study their stamps. An easy way to do this is by means of observation contests. Now I am proposing that you open a prize contest in your Junior section.

Here are 10 questions and there will be various prizes, depending upon the number of entries. Send in all the replies you can, and neatness and originality will have weight in awarding prizes. If only one question be answered, proper credit will be given you. Here are the questions:—

(1)—What stamp shows the legend of the she-wolf nursing Romulus and Remus?

(2)—On what stamp is represented a fencing bout?

(3)—On what South American stamps is depicted George Washington's likeness?

(4)—On what recent stamp appear the words: *"Nadie la apagará"?*

(5)—What recent stamps represent places of Bible interest?

(6)—What stamp bears the inscription "Xmas, 1898"?

(7)—What Greek deity is the most commonly seen on stamps?

(8)—On what U. S. stamp a viking galley is depicted?

(9)—On what stamps is depicted a house interior?

(10)—On what U. S. stamp is depicted a Spanish queen?

All answers should be sent to Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Beverly, Mass., before May 1. Get busy Juniors.

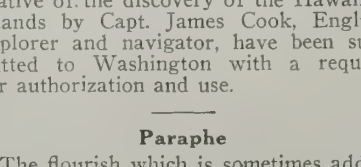
New Hawaiians

(Clipping—J. Stewart Barney.)

Tentative designs for one, two and five-cent stamps and a 50c coin, commemorative of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Capt. James Cook, English explorer and navigator, have been submitted to Washington with a request for authorization and use.

Paraphe

The flourish which is sometimes added to the end of a signature. Philatelic



examples are found upon certain stamps of Cuba which were thus appropriated for use in Porto Rico.

A Little Bit Of Old Erin

("West High Tattler", Des Moines, Ia.)

The Irish Free State came into existence on December 6, 1921. Immediately the government in charge made arrangements for the overprinting of British stamps. The first set of these provisionals of the Irish Free State was issued February 17, 1922. This set consisted of all values of the current British series, with a five-line overprint in Gaelic, reading: "Rialtas Sealadach na hEireann 1922" which means "Provisional Government of Ireland, 1922." For nearly a year the stamps of the Irish Free State were overprinted British values bearing the words "Rialtas Sealadach." Efforts were made, however, to secure permanent designs. An official competition was announced which closed February 25, 1922. A prize of 25 pounds was offered for any design accepted.

Design Changed

On December 6, 1922, the ki Great Britain formally ratified th Free State and the permanent g ment was installed. Immediatel printers were told to overprint stat Eireann" (Irish Free State) than "Rialtas Sealadach na hEi (Provisional Government of Irela the British stamps. The first is this group was put in circulation ber 13, 1922. On December 6, h to commemorate the signing of th stitution of the Irish Free Sta first permanent style appeared. T the "Map" of Ireland, representi pence. This quickly strangled th print stamp of the same valu former being green and the latter

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Confederate "Essays"

One of our juniors, Robert K. Story, wishing to know the origin of some "essays" of Confederate stamps sent a set to us for our inspection. The set consisted of a 10c value in the design of the 5c 1862, A4, illustrated in the catalog, and printed in gray, brown, blue, orange and green. Philip H. Ward, Jr., writes us the following concerning these essays:

"I have your letter with enclosure, and in reply would advise that the Confederate items which you send, and which I herewith return, might be designated as —"Essays." These 10c plates similar to the 5c plates, which were used to make stamps, were made during the Civil War, but were captured—hence, never were used to produce stamps.

Several years back, the plates were found and the impression such as you have, were run off by a Columbus, Ohio, dealer. They are interesting as impressions from original plates, and if I recall rightly, he distributed sets such as you have, free of charge with a subscription to his stamp paper. I trust this is the information desired."

Gumpaps, Etc.

Gumpaps.—A coined word much in vogue at one time in England as a contemptuous cognomen for "speculative" stamps.

Gutegr.—An abbreviation for "gutegroschen" as shown upon the 4/4ggr stamp of Brunswick.

Gutengr.—Another abbreviation for the same word as shown upon the 1ggr stamps of Hanover.

Gutengroschen.—(or **Gutegroschen**). —The value in which some of the stamps of Brunswick and Hanover were expressed. A gutengroschen had a value of about 3c in United States currency.

Guyane.—The French form of Guiana as shown upon most of the stamps for that colony issued prior to 1904.

Guyane Francaise.—The inscription shown upon the current stamps of French Guiana.

ODDS AND ENDS:—

JOS. JALVAN, a vaudeville en er, has had stolen from him Haven, Conn., a stamp collection of the stamps bear his name. W Co., 36 W. Pratt St., Indianapoli will welcome any information.

WE are indebted to Judson K for several clippings. One w reprint in its entirety. Another that Egyptian currency will ceas legal tender in Palestine after Ma It would seem to indicate a new stamps for that country.

THE firm of Victor Weiskopf, Y. City, took out a large adv contract last year, and they advise another will be taken out for th ing year. This means satisfactio the service rendered. We are that Mr. Walton, who has bee nected with the firm for some time now an employee or in any wa ciated with the firm. Good fri and cordial relations exist betw parties concerned.

"I HAVE just come into posses one of the handsomest Louis' covers I have ever seen. teresting point is that the st signed 'J. M. W.' in reddish (probably black) ink. This 'J. is the initial of John M. Wimer, this time was the postmaster of St The initials 'J. M. W.' actually stamp to the cover, and the stamp 'tied on' with the regular circu Louis red cancellation, dated F (1846), as the letter, which is cc was written and dated 'February There is also the St. Louis, red with a 'W' below it, being Wim ceipt for 10c having been paid 10c rate from St. Louis to Lex Ky., to which town the letter w The stamp is from Plate I on g paper, and is position No. 6 in the —A. N. Reggio.

"MAXIM GORKY," famed au "The Lower Depths," wh name is Alexei Maximovich Py has been informed that his likene shortly appear on a Soviet postage

LITTLE BIT OF OLD ERIN

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are encouraged to believe that the rh still hold a most overpowering love the color of the shamrock.

he remainder of the four permanent gns made their appearance from Feby 2 to March 17. These designs and gners of the Irish Free State Stamps

Map of Ireland, Mr. James Ingram, Glasnevin, Dublin.
Arms of the Four Provinces, Miss M. Girling, School of Art, Dublin.
Celtic Cross, Miss Lily Williams, Ranelagh, Dublin.
Sword of Light, Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, Westmoreland St., Dublin.
Pictorials, Professor Atkinson, Dublin.

he artist of the third stamp also de- d the Celtic Cross "Sinn Fein" p that was used for propaganda be- the European war. Recently this again published in commemoration he "Irish Rebel and Civil" wars.

Map Used for Lower Values

he first mentioned, the "Map," is used lower values. The design of the d stamp contains the coats of arms he four provinces. Several stamps igher values will be decorated with rial designs, representing important s in Dublin.

e "Sword of Light" is an ancient ic device (An Claidheanh Soluis) first appeared on the emerald green enny stamp. This sword is an em- of Progress and Learning. The p was issued on March 17, 1923. Its cation commemorated the 1,500th ersary of the Patron Saint's Mis- and first teachings of Christianity eland and western Great Britian (A. 3).

IAN PRECANCELLED STAMPS

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obably a type similar to type 13, short date and with Flemish place- above date will be found. In that it will be type 14, and my types 14 15 will each advance one number.

1 offers only one point of interest. the fall in value of the franc, and onsequent raising of postal rates, the o. 139, issued to meet this need, ap- precancelled. Double precancels nue.

2 is marked by the revival of pre- lling by a plate in a printing-press. bilingual short-date design, type 22, rived; and type 23, similar, but with h name above date, is used at Brus- and Liege. It will be recalled that ed this type along with type 22, in on the probability of its being l in pre-war use also. The new is- which appeared in 1921 and 1922, comes precancelled in 1922; as a re- we find precancels in this year of c, No. 108, and 1c, No. 145, 3c, No. and 3c, No. 147, from the same s and in the same types in some . The steady fall of the franc con- d through 1922; accordingly, we find c, No. 110, precancelled for the first in this year. This green 5c is, as s I know, found precancelled only 22. The gray 5c, No. 148, replaces m 1923 onwards.

. Metz mentions that the "Tin " or "Roi Casque" stamps of 1919- ist precancelled. I have not yet them thus. He does not mention the or type; but it is likely that it will roller-precancel, perhaps as late as but more likely earlier.

th 1923 a new printed make-up, distinguishable from all previous ncellations is introduced. This is l in three types: two of them bilin- varying by the language of the -name on top; and the third with place-name in one language only. monolingual form I have seen only Charleroy. The 1923 printed types use up to the present. They may ld readily from all other precancel of Belgium by the fact that the are printed from a font in which numerals have serifs, and always full dates. These serifs are more nicuous than the small ones on the es in the short-date bilingual printed types, 22 and 23. In figure 10 I show one of these types. Description:

Type 26: Printed, bilingual.

Medium type and border: dates fairly heavy.

Place-names 3.1mm high: Flemish name above date.

Date 3.1mm high, with serifs on figures. Full date.

Type 27: Printed, bilingual.

Same as type 26 with French name above date.

Type 28: Printed: place-name in one language only.

Same sizes and kinds of type as Type 26.

The years since 1923 offer nothing new that I know of in the way of types, new stamps precancelled, etc. There is a slight tend towards more of the non-bilingual type 7 precancelling, and the number of places using precancels seems to have reached its pre-war size.

Especially during the immediate post-war period, there is a slight tendency towards a rounding of the corners of the frame enclosing the precancellation; but this is evidently due to wear, and can be seen increasing year by year in some cases.

Mr. Metz mentions that No. 242, the 2c charity stamp of 1911, and No. 397, the 5c postage due of 1919, exist precancelled. I have not yet seen them.

The Belgian precancels appear to have been used, and to be used entirely on printed-matter. Without exception, when it has been possible to identify the piece of paper on which one was found, it has proven, in all cases known to me, to be a portion of a wrapper used on a periodical. This will account for the limitation of precancelling to the few low values. Precancels and ordinary stamps used together exist: I have a piece from Brussels, 1922, showing the precancelled 1c and 2c together with ordinary 5c and 50c on what appears to be a portion of a wrapper from a large bundle of newspapers. The cancellation on the ordinary stamps reads "Brussels, Journaux" in an oval.

Precancels will be found with the word "REBUT" or a portion of it stamped over them. These are taken from "returned-to-sender" copies of journals, and the overprint "Rebut" will be found to be a post-office mark that extends onto the cover, if any of it can be seen.

I cannot end this series of preliminary notes without a suggestion as to listing of these precancels. I have, early in the article, suggested that the term "normal" for a position of the cancellation be discarded as misleading, and that we recognize the four positions "up," "down," "erect," and "inverted." I would further suggest that we make no attempt to call the first type used in any city "Type I," the second "Type II," etc., but that we adopt the general type-numbers, and those only. Thus we shall gain all the advantages of the "Universal" system. In fact, if the copywriter of the "Universal" will permit of its being done, I suggest that we extend his system to Belgian precancels and include in it *every* Belgian type.

This is a preliminary set of notes; anyone who can correct any errors in them will do me a favor by such an action.

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68	.37	96	1.08	124	.48
69	.31	97	1.25	125	.43
70	.31	98	1.22	126	.54
71	.37	99	1.92	127	.72
72	.48	100	1.92	129	1.22
73	.72	101	1.92	130	1.02
74	.72	102	1.92	131	*.02
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90	.54	116	.04		

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On Saturday morning, March 3, 1928, Lieutenants Albert F. Hegenberger and Harry Johnson hopped off in a Ford-Stout all-metal plane from Boston for Detroit, accompanied by Mrs. Evangeline L. Lindbergh as passenger.

On this trip one hundred letters were carried from the Boston Airport to Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, Mich. These covers bear on the reverse a 2-cent stamp showing a Boston postmark of March 3, 1928, at 7 A. M., one hour before the hop-off. On arrival at Mount Clemens, the covers were remailed with a 10-cent air mail stamp, and received the Mount Clemens postmark, dated March 5th, at 4.30 P. M., with the Boston air mail receipt mark on the back, dated March 7th, at 10.30 A. M. We are told that the plane in going West stopped over Buffalo on March 4th.

As this air mail flight was not an official flight, it was necessary to post the communications with a 2-cent stamp addressed to Lieut. Johnson, in order to have them receive the Boston postmark. They were promptly mailed on their arrival at Mount Clemens, and the further air mail stamp necessitated a postmark at that point. This is one of the methods evolved sometime back, in order to get the postmarks at both points, where a flight was not officially authorized.

These interesting covers carry a further marking in green, unofficial of course, reading "Carried by Lieuts. Hegenberger and Johnson—Mrs. E. L. Lindbergh passenger—March 3, 1928," and below this on a dotted line, which is part of the same marking, we find the autograph of Lieut. Hegenberger. We thank Mr. Arthur Barger for sending one of these covers for inspection.

It will be remembered that Lieut. Hegenberger is the pilot who successfully flew over the Pacific.

Mr. George W. Angers kindly sends four covers via the First Experimental Airplane-Motorcycle Courier Service, which was described in this column quite recently. The mail was carried via motorcycle on March 15th, from Holyoke, North Hampton, Westfield, and Springfield, to air connections with C.A.M. No. 1, and was carried via air mail the rest of the way. These four covers bear the postmarks of the four cities men and in addition an octagonal m similar to the official contract ai service postmark reading "First E mental Airplane-Motorcycle Couri vice C.A.M. No. 1, March 15, Holyoke - North Hampton - We Springfield - Hartford." This m which was applied in violet, shows ture of an airplane, together with torcycle, marked "U. S. Mail." back we find the New York pos The cover from Westfield has in a on both the front and the back a n marking in five lines reading "Thi is dispatched by first trip of Auxiliary to Air Mail in the States from Westfield, Massach

It is to be noted from the daily that Colonel Lindbergh is endeavo further interest members of the and House, in the air mail serv taking them on personal trips "Spirit of St. Louis" over Wash The Bill recently passed by the of Representatives, and which wi out doubt finally become law, c a reduction of the postal rates mail from ten cents per half ounc present, to five cents per ounce, viously stated. This will materi crease the use of the air mail, time is no doubt quite near, when substantial portion of our first cl will travel in the air.

New South Carolina Revenue

Mr. J. V. Nielsen, Jr., writes order to take care of the new pr of South Carolina's revenue 1928, that the Tax Commissi shortly issue new tax stamps drinks in denominations of—19 c cents, 76 cents, $7.60 and $76, t fixed to containers of concentrat fountain sirups at a rate of 76 gallon.

The tax was formerly collect 20 per cent tax charged by the d on each individual sale, but the n vision requires that the tax be a concentrated sirup containers.

As the stamps have not, as y issued, Mr. Nielsen furnishes n mation as to their design.

Argentine Republic.—The us paper with watermark ("A.P. an boxes"), usually employed for th ing of the postal savings values, dently only a temporary expedi postage stamps are now again a on paper with the normal wat Mr. A. H. Davis informs us th was delay in delivering 700 ream proper paper, hence the substitut H. G. Spanton also gives inform the same effect.—*Gibbons' Stamp*

Brazil.—Whitfield King & Co the appearance of a 100 reis gr reis red, and 300 reis black, bea inscription "Bicentenario do C with "Brasil Correio" at the ba stamps are of oblong format and a native holding a sprig of th plant in the hand. In the back are two dates "1727 1927" wit Paulo" to the right.

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He also gives the interesting information that the 1r and 2r Kuwait, ordinary, and the 3a, orange, Service, are now out of stock, no more being available. Used stamps, unless postmarked by favour, are very hard to get, particularly the higher values.—*Gibbons' Stamp Journal.*

Lithuania.—A friend of ours who has just returned from this penurious country regales us with details and reminiscences which certainly do not fill us with a headlong desire to spend our summer holidays in Lithuania this year. The mountains therefore come to Mahomet. Here are further details (by courtesy of Messrs. Yvert & Tellier) of the impending Tenth Anniversary of Independence commemoratives, already chronicled in these columns:—Portrait of President Smetona, 500,000 of each: 5c brown and green, 10c violet and black, 15c orange and brown, 25c blue and dark blue. Chainbreaker: 50c blue and brown, 60c red and black. Soldiers in Trenches: 1l green and grey.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Madeira. — *L'Echangiste Universel* illustrates a new design, which it states will be issued shortly. The inscription at the top will be altered to "PORTUGAL—CORREIO" and "MADEIRA" will appear in relief on a solid background in a tablet at the foot. The centre will show the conventional figure of "Ceres." The values are stated to be 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 16, 25, 32, 40, 50, 64, 80, 96 centavos, 1, 1.20, 1.60, 2.40, 3.36, 4.50 and 7 escudos.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Malta. — An esteemed correspondent kindly sends us the appended cutting from the *Malta Daily Chronicle* of February 16th:—

"At the same sitting of the Senate, Mr. Arrigo asked the Head of the Ministry whether the Government is prepared to revert to the former system of having "Revenue and Postage stamps" combined for all purposes. The Right Hon. Lord Strickland replied in the affirmative.

Asked whether the reversion would take place in the near future, Lord Strickland replied that he *would not give any information that might encourage speculation and help speculators.*"—*Stamp Collecting.*

Patiala. — Whitfield King & Co. report the ½a, 1a and 2a current stamps of India watermarked multiple stars with the one line surcharge "Patiala State" in black.

Straits Settlements.—Mr. O. H. Gray passes on to us, for what it is worth, an unconfirmed local report that the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States will shortly combine for postal purposes and will thenceforward use a common series of postage stamps. It is at least an interesting possibility.—*Gibbons' Stamp Journal.*

Tripoli.—*New Series. Il Corriere Filatelico* illustrates six new designs, which we gather are the work of Professor Aleard Terzi and will be issued on the occasion of the 2nd Fiéra Campionaria di Tripoli. These words form part of the inscription.

The three low values are of normal size and bear at each side a bundle of Lictor's staves, above which is the legend given above, in the centre is on the 30c, a view apparently of Tripoli with a tall minaret in the foreground, on the 50c a palm tree, and on the 1.25 lire some camels.

The three high values are oblong, each with the bundle of Lictor's staves at the side with the date "1928" super-imposed on the left bundle. Values are 1.75, 2.55 and 5 lire.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Union of South Africa. — There will be no further printing of the 4d value in triangular form. To take its place, a stamp more in keeping with the others of recent issue has already been produced by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., and will shortly be in use. We understand on high authority that this stamp is of rectangular formation and that it depicts a South African kraal. A supply has already been dispatched to South Africa.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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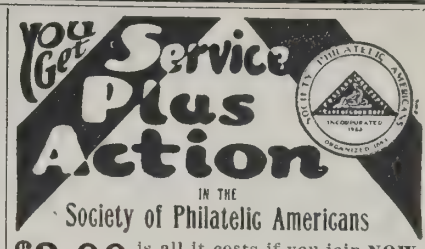

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By the way, the 5d, 6d and 1/- Turks & Caicos, 1922 issue, were exhausted by the middle of February. At that time, however, all other values of this issue, including the 2/- script, were still obtainable. The latter stamp gives promise of justifying my prophecy made last autumn (*vide* my Nov., 1927, "Notes and News").

I trust readers have laid aside a copy of the recently issued £1 Gibraltar, orange and black, as it is rumoured that the colours of this and the £5 duty are to be transposed.

Incidentally, pressure of other interests has compelled me to discontinue my "Market Notes" articles for the time being.

"I WAS much pleased at seeing Mr. F. Trifet's name in your 1940 number. I had some very pleasant dealings with him in the early 70's, in French, Norway and Switzerland. From him I got some of the Swiss Canton stamps that I see are marked high in cat., but I am so nearly blind now that my collecting days are about over, but I am enjoying the paper very much."—CHARLES A. PRATT.

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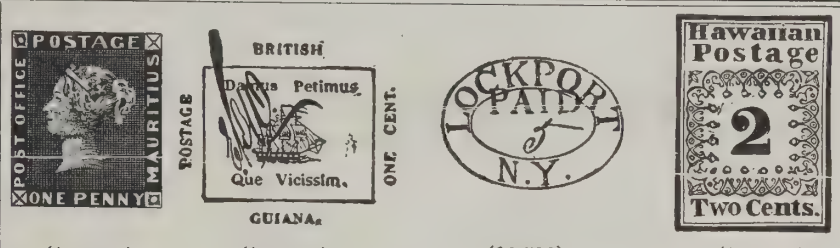

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Collectors Club Favored With An Exhibition of Mr. Arthur Hind's Rarities

Reported by CHAS. J. PHILLIPS.

The Collectors Club, New York City, met Wednesday, March 21st, and a great treat was given those who attended. It was scheduled as a meeting to have five minute papers with discussions by members, but the program was cancelled as Mr. Arthur Hind was prevailed upon to break his travel home from Monte Carlo to stop over a couple of days in New York and show the wonderful exhibits with which at Monte Carlo he won the Grand Prize, a magnificent Sevres Vase, value 25,000 Fcs.

The whole of this exhibit was mounted in fourteen of the new frames on the Club walls, and was examined over and over again by the large gathering of nearly one hundred keen philatelists who confessed that they had had the show of their lives. In our limited space I can only mention a few of the many noted rarities shown here:—

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Division B

25 rarities of Europe

Austria, 1851, Journal, 6Kr red. *Bavaria*, First issue, 1kr black, block of 45. *Roumania*, Circular, 27pa unused; Circular, 27pa a tête-bêche pair, used; Circular, 81pa unused. *Spain*, 1851, a single copy of the rare error of the 2r blue in the color of the 6r. *Tuscany*, 3 lire, unused. *Two Sicilies*, ½t Arms, unused.

Division C

50 rare stamps of Europe

Great Britain, 1855, 4d, small garter, block of 6, unused; 4d middle garter, block of 6, unused; 1865, 9d, plate 5, unused; 1882, £1 watermarked anchor, unused, and the rare I. R. Official, £1 brown, oblong, with both watermarks. *Austria*, Journal, 30kr rose, unused. *Belgium*, 1850, 10c, 20c and 40c in unused blocks of 4. *Bergedorf*, 1861, ½s and 3s in blocks of 4. *Norway*, 1854, 4s blue, strip of 4, unused. *Oldenburg*, 1852, 1/3g green, block of 9, unused. Also many fine *Spain*.

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The annual banquet of the Michigan Stamp Club, keenly anticipated, is now a matter of history. The memory of it will linger long with those who attended. The occasion was full of life and there were no idle moments.

Fully one hundred gathered at the Book-Cadillac Hotel March 17. Some thirty ladies were present and Ann Arbor and Flint were represented. The newly elected president, Harry Carter, spoke of the Club's activities and introduced ex-president Charles Brisley, who acted as toastmaster. One of the features of the evening was the entrance of a mail-man carrying a bag with letters addressed to those attending the banquest. They were postmarked March 17, 5 P. M., and each bore a pair of coil stamps. The menu was enclosed.

A number of telegrams were then introduced, one being addressed to Toastmaster Brisley and reading as follows:—"Stamp Shortage throughout Latvia. Understand there is an over-supply in Detroit. What can you do to help us out?" (Signed) Postmaster General of Latvia.

Numerous letters of congratulation were received. Postmaster General New sent the letter quoted at the head of this article. Congratulations were also extended by Pres. Wilhelm, the WEEKLY, and others.

The address of the evening was by Postmaster Charles C. Kellogg of Detroit, who was given a hearty round of applause when introduced. He is a real friend of stamp collectors and always willing to be identified with their activities. He spoke of various postal matters, referring especially to the growth of the service in Detroit.

Then came the gold rush, when envelopes were distributed, each containing a stamp donated by some member. Among the choice specimens was the prize of a 5c 1847 Franklin on cover, won by Mrs. Stillman.

Vocal and instrumental selections were contributed to the program. An auction sale, conducted by Dr. H. Preston Hoskins, was a feature of the evening. The decorations were in green, as it was St. Patrick's Day, and there were green novelty hats, bouquets and sprays. The ice cream, too, was in green. An official photograph was taken by Floyd Quick, a member of the Club. The entertainment committee was heartily congratulated on the way the details of the banquet were carried out. There were many members present who do not attend the regular meetings. The *Detroiter Abendpost* published a full account of the meeting and it was well reported in the other papers.

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In the Confederate States we noted: *Livingstone,* 5c blue, used. *New Orleans,* 5c red, unused; 5c red on blue, used. Also *Western Australia,* 4d blue, frame inverted.

Division E

100 different stamps of Asia, Africa, America and Oceania

There was a large group, far too much to be described here as it takes four pages in the printed catalogue, but American collectors may be interested in the following:—

United States, Brattleboro, 5c used; St. Louis, black on green, reconstructed plate of the six types; St. Louis, black on lilac-gray, reconstructed plate in the rare 20c; 1860, imperf. pairs 24c and 30c; 1857, 5c imperf. block of 4, unused; 1861, August 1c, 12c, 30c and 90c superb unus a pair of the 90c imperf. unused 1861, 24c steel blue, block of 4, 1875, special prints, 2c and 5c.

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Right now I have over 300 new designs drawn, and these will soon be put into shape to start my third year of cancellations in the Forum. Each of the two preceding years has had twenty groups, and the coming lot will make your scrap book have a total of 60 groups of cancellations with an average of ten to each group, or some 600 different designs.

Several have written in to tell me that they have saved all of the groups, and that they make a rather neat little booklet to have along when they show their collection of cancels. I once thought of assembling these into a small booklet along same lines as these appear in the Forum, possibly showing the various designs in their own color. For example, all that are black or nearly a true black would appear as black. All blues and shades of blue to be shown in solid blue, and shades of red to be printed in red, with others under separate heading, and while the design would appear in black, the title would name the true color of each design.

This is quite a task, and the work is nowhere near its completion. If it ever will be is doubtful. New designs come in every once in a while, and many are fine designs, too. The past month brought several. One of the most interesting things was the wolverine from Mrs. O. W. Mott. There were two types, each falling on 3c greens. Both designs were in a circle, and a five point star was inside one circle. One showed a large animal crouched ready to spring from a limb of a tree on which he was standing, while the other was a small animal in the star.

It is odd how such a pretty pair of cancellations should have been so long overlooked. Unfortunately the name of the town using this design is not known, as the stamps were not on the cover. Maybe some reader will recognize these from the descriptions.

Dr. L. L. Myers has sent in a very neat 3c 61 cover, hit twice by the following pmk. "C. & I. J. R. R. SEP 22 1866 MC. GONIGLE'S." It is in a 34mm ring, and the letter is from Oxford, Ohio. This one has evaded me till now. Does anyone know this road? Will be glad to receive the answer.

In drawing up all these designs one of the most interesting lots that I have ever assembled is that from the collection of Dr. Chase. It carries through the 3c 1851-57 issues, and I gathered some 125 designs from it, that I did not have previously. These have now been inked, ready for having cuts made, and they are a fine group.

Another lot that is fairly large, and quite unusual, is the series from a large collection of Departments, which was saved for cancellations alone. It has some very unusual designs. Then I have taken all the designs, that have not been shown elsewhere, from my own collection of 2c black, and there are several of interest in this lot.

If covers bearing cancellations of interest before stamps were to be drawn upon, we would then have some additional happy creations. These may be made into a group of ten or so, and shown sometime, as they are quite interesting and unusual. Moreover, the town of origin is on all of these, and that is always a desirable factor in collecting cancellations.

I presume that you have saved all of the outgoing foreign mail cancels on the Bank Note issues by now. They are a very snappy lot of designs, and they are always pretty on a 7c vermilion, many fall on this stamp. The 6c National permits these designs to "take" well, also. You can make up a nice little side line lot of Bank Note cancels with their corresponding stamps from Hawaii, all bearing the identical cancellations, for these were hit at the same time, and by the same cancelling device. Keep an eye open for them. They are usually circular in shape, with an outline of dots around the cut cork cancels. Look through your Hawaiians, then try to find the same cancel on your U. S. Bank Note stamps, you can probably find some of these, then mount them alongside one another for an interesting page, or more, if you're lucky.

Look at your Canton, Miss., cancels, and you'll probably see one made from a cork, it shows the word PAID crudely cut in a circular form above the large 3. The letters and figure appear colorless, while the rest of the circular design is of solid black. Now hunt around and find another of same type. If lucky, you'll see that they are not that same type, for one has been recut for a certainty. This happens with several cancellations.

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By common consent the exhibition is the richest display or rare stamps ever seen on the Continent, with all the front-rank rarities in full array. There are nine out of the twenty-six known copies of the "Post Office" Mauritius stamps, and the number would have been higher had not one generous American-Swede just made a present of his two copies to the Swedish Postal Museum. This is Mr. Hans Lagerloef, of New York, who has given most of his stamps to the Stockholm institution, but is still able to show magnificent entries in three sections of the "rarities" class.

As to other outstanding items, I doubt if there have ever been so many of the rare Hawaiian "Missionaries," or the first issue "Reunions" brought together before. The total value of the stamps on view is about forty million francs, and the most elaborate precautions have been made for their safety. The gangways between the rows of frames are patrolled by numerous firemen, complete with brass helmets, and the picturesque gendarmerie of the Principality.

But fire and theft are not the only risks. The glorious sun that has blazed on Monaco all the week, however good for the collectors who have flocked there, is an enemy to stamps. So the sun is completely shut out from the Palais des Beaux-Arts, and some 50,000 candle-power of artificial lighting has been added to the interior.

There are 350 entries in the competitive classes, about fifty of which are from England. The British exhibits are in most cases the best of their kind, and will figure prominently in the prize lists. Both from the cognoscenti and the general public a collection like Mr. R. F. A. Riesco's Cape of Good Hope attracts a great deal of attention. So do the few superb pages from Sir Nicholas Waterhouse's collection of United States, Mr. D. Bernard's Nevis, Mr. S. A. Brown's Gambia, and Dr. Byan's Sudan. Among the British collections now shown for the first time are two of front-rank importance in Mr. E. J. Lee's Uruguay, of which only a few could be shown in the frames out of some forty albums, and Mr. A. J. Agnew's China, which is the most beautifully arranged collection on view.

Among the great collectors who may be classed as successors of the celebrated Ferrari, Mr. Arthur Hind of Utica, New York, M. Maurice Burrus, of Alsace, and M. Theodore Champion, of Paris, show their chief gems, but M. M. Burrus and Champion exhibit hors concours. Mr. Hind has spread his entries over all the six divisions of the "rarities" class in which an amateur is permitted to compete. In the group of "twenty great rarities of the world" he includes his unique 1 cent British Guiana, both types of the 2 cent Hawaiian "Missionary," the two first Mauritius unused, etc.

The second group, "twenty-five different rarities of Europe," brings forth his rarest Moldavians, a red Austrian "Mercury" unused, a block of Great Britain 1d black from the rare Plate II. A third group, "fifty rare stamps of Europe," includes some quite modern rarities of Danzig and Esthonia, while "fifty rare stamps of Asia, Africa, America and Oceania" includes such imposing items as a sheet of the 10 centavos Cordova, the "Hamilton" Bermuda, the inverted swan of Western Australia. "One hundred rarities" from the same geographical divisions afford Mr. Hind another big opportunity, and so do two further classifications, each of twenty-five stamps on the original letters or envelopes.

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292 **Bergedorf** 1861, ½sh blue, #3, very fine 40.00
294 ***Bermuda** 1865, 3d buff, #5, o.g., very fine 9.00
295 * 3d buff, #6, o.g, very fine ... 6.00
297 * 1917, #49, 50, 53, o.g., very fine 9.25
298 * 10sh, #51, o.g., very fine 10.00
301 **Brazil** 1843, 30r, #1, small tear T., does not touch design, fine 17.50
303 90r, #3, small thin spot, looks fine 40.00
305 * 1844-66, 90r, #10, trifle damaged, o.g. 12.50
309 1850, 300r, #27, very fine 7.00
312 1861, #39, 40, fine copies 23.00
313 #39, 40, very fine copies 23.00
314 180r, #48, very fine on piece.. 10.00
316 1878-79, #74, 76-78, fine lot 10.50
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324 1856-61, 5sgr, #4A, rather close 25.00
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343 1923, 2 compl. sets local stamps, one unused and the other on original cover addressed to New York ....
344 **Brit. East Africa** 1896, 4r, #85, fine copy 5.00
346 ***Bulgaria** 1879, 5, 10c, #1, 2, fine.. 9.00
349 1915, 3s on 1s lilac, on post card, rare ....
350 ***Cameroons** 1916, #116-21, #121 thin, balance o.g., fine 26.25
352 **Canada** 1855, 10d blue, #7, fine .. 45.00
354 1858, 3d verm., #12, 1 cor. perf. missing, L. T. C. 17.50
363 1897, #61, 62, 63, fine 9.50
364 #64, 65, Nicely cancelled 12.00
366 $5 olive green, #65, very fine 12.00
370 **Cape of Good Hope** 1853-58, #2, 4, Nice 10.00
371 1855-58, #3 (2), 6 slightly cut into, nice looking 35.00
372 1855-58, 4d blue, #4, large margins, all sides, very fine .. 3.00
374 1855-58, 1sh dark green, #6a, very fine looking, trifle thin 20.00
379 ***Ceylon** 1863-67, 6d brn., #52A, fine 9.00
385 ***Chile** 1878-81, 50c lilac, #28, very fine, o.g. 10.00
386 * 1900, 5c on 30c rose, #45c, very fine o.g. 12.50
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388 * 12c on 5c brown, red, #67B, o.g., fine 20.00
391 * 1910, 10p dk. vio. & blk., #97, fine 6.00
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473 1852, 10c bistre, yellowish, #10, on a cover, very fine ....
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548 **Haiti** 1881, #1, 2, 5, 6, #2 o.g., good lot ....
554 **Hamburg** 1859, ½s blk., #1, v. fine
555 #1, 2, 3, fine lot ....
561 * 1864-65, 7s orange, #21, v. fine..
564 ***Hanover** 1856-7, 1-10th black and yellow, #14, very fine .....
565 * 1856-7, 1-10th black & yellow, #14, very fine ....
567 1859-61, ½G black, #18, very fine
568 ½G black, #18, very fine ....
592 ***India** 1895, #50-52, Very fine o.g.
593 1895-1913, #50-52, 71-75, 93, 95, 96, Fine lot .....

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600 ***Ivory Coast** 1915, 10c vermilion and rose, #141A, v. fine, o.g.
601 * 1903, #160, 163, Very fine o.g. ..
602 #159, 165, 168, 169, very fine..
605 ***Jamaica** 1883-84, 4d brn. orange, #18A, very fine o.g. .....
606 * 1890, 2½d on 4d orange brown, #27L, Fine o.g. .....
608 **Japan** 1872-73, ½s brown, #9a, very fine .....
614 **Lagos** 1887-91, #26, 28-31, 36, first used, balance o.g., very fine
615 * 1904, 1sh green and black, #46, fine o.g. .....
616 * 2sh 6d green and carmine rose, #47, fine o.g. .....
617 ***Latvia** 1919, 40K on 5K claret, #657, very fine o.g. .....
620 ***Liberia** 1892, $5 carm. and black, #762, very fine o.g. .....
623 ***Lubeck** 1859, 2S brown, #3c, very fine o.g. .....
625 1859, #3a, 5a, 11, 13, 14, very fine lot, all o.g., 13 used ..
626 4s green, #5, Fine .....
628 ***Luxemburg** 1865-74, 24 stamps between #48-470, v. fine o.g.
629 ***Malta** 1921-22, 5sh scarlet green and yellow, very fine o.g. .
630 ***Marshall Is.** 1900, #13-25, v. fine o.g
631 **Mauritius** 1859, 2d blue, bluish, #14c, very fine .....
646 ***Mesopotamia** 1922, 10p red brown, #227, Very fine o.g. .....
647 1922, 10p red brown, #227, Very fine, Unused Cat. .....
660 ***Monaco** 1885, 1F yellow, #9, Cent. top, o.g. .....
684 **Nevis** 1867, 6d ol. gray, #16, v. fine
687 **New Brunswick** 1851, 3d red, #1, cut into 2 sides .....
696 **Newfoundland** 1857, 4d scar. vermil., #4, close tear, fine look.
698 1857, 6½d scar, vermilion, #7 bright and margins v. fine.
700 * 1860, 2d orange, #11, v. fine, o.g
720 **New South Wales** 1850-51, 1d red yellowish, #1, slightly heavy canc. .....
721 1850-51, 1d red, yellowish, #2, very fine .....
737 **Nova Scotia** 1851-53, 1d brown, #1, very fine small margins ...
742 **Oldenburg** 1858, 3g yellow, #8 on piece .....
744 1861, ½g brown, #12, very fine
745 1g blue, #13, very fine .....
746 2g red, #14, fine .....
813 ***Russia** 1915-18, 3k carm. and brn. buff, #514, Very fine o.g. ..
818 ***Russian Offices in Turkish Empire** 1863, 6k dark blue, #1, o.g. fine .....
821 * 1863, 6k light blue, #1a, fine ...
822 * 1865, 20k blue on red, #3, very fine, o.g., but expertly repaired margins .....
823 20k blue on red, #3, very fine on piece .....
824 20k blue on red, #3, very fine on original cover .....
833 **St. Lucia** 1860, 6d green, #3, Cent. T. R. pin hole .....
835 ***St. Pierre & Miquelon** 1885, 5c on 4c claret, lavender, #10, Cent. T., o.g. .....
838 **St. Vincent** 1883, 6d yellow green, #38, Fine .....
844 ***San Marino** 1892-94, 1L carm. and yellow, very fine o.g. .....
847 **Saxony** 1850, 3p red, #1, hardly touched design at L. C., otherwise a very fine rarity
854 1855-56, 5Ng rose red, #13c, v. fi
856 5Ng brown red, #13d, very fine pair .....
860 ***Schleswig Holstein** 1850, 2s deep rose and pink, #2, cut close on 2 sides, o.g. .....
876 ***South Russia** 1919, 70k on 1k red, #50, very fine, o.g. .....

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901 ***Basle** 1845, 2½r black, crimson & blue, #1, 2 small creases close at top .....
902 * 1845, 2½r black, crimson & blue, #1, nice copy but thin
904 **Geneva** 1843, 5c yellow green, #2a. (2) reconstructed pair damaged in L. C. but fine Geneva red canc., Type 1 ...
905 1843, 5c yellow green, #2a, close at R., Geneva red canc. ...
906 1845-8, 5c yell. green, #3, barely touched at R., fine looking, Geneva red canc. .....
907 5c yellow green, #3, close at right but v. good copy with Geneva red canc., Type I..
908 5c yellow green, #4, with Geneva Red Canc., Fine .....
909 5c yellow green, #4, with Geneva Red Canc., Type II, thin spot .....

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5c dark green, #5, R. margin added Geneva Red Canc., Type II, Fine looking 75.00
5c dark green, #5, cut into design Geneva Red Canc., Type II 75.00
5c dark green, #5, Geneva Red Canc., Type III, damaged.. 75.00
* 1849, 5c yellow green, #6, large margins, very fine 6.00
5c yellow green, #6, Geneva Red Canc., Type IV, slightly cut into at B., Fine 125.00
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1849, 6r black, #9, with Zurich Black Canc., Very Fine ... 40.00
4r black, #10, with Zurich Black Canc., close at top, but nice copy 275.00
4r black, #10, Zurich Red Canc., cut close 275.00
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6r black, #11, Zurich Red Canc., slightly cut into L. 40.00
6r black, #11, Zurich Black Canc., cut into at R. 40.00
6r black, #11, Zurich Red Canc., left C. Repaired, Fine looking copy 40.00
6r black, #11, Zurich Red Canc., Thin, Nice looking.. 40.00
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5c black and red, #13, Black Canc., #62, very fine 40.00
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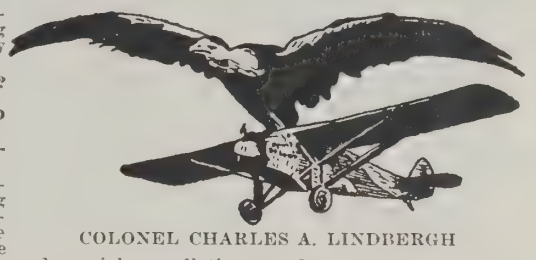

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—Arthur Hind's Million Dollar Exhibit at New York.

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everal hundred of the rarest postage mps in the world, estimated to be th more than $1,000,000, were exhibt last night to the members of the Colors Club, at 51 West Forty-eighth Sreet. The stamps have just been ought back to America from Monaco Arthur Hind, Utica textile manufacter, who exhibited them there in the rnational philatelic show last month. ey received the highest award, the and Prize, and in addition Mr. Hind ught back several medals.

The collection of rarities was much ger than those shown by Mr. Hind at international show in this city in ober, 1926, when he also won the eling award in that class. Many of stamps shown are unique, no others their respective types being known. e of these unique specimens is the ious British Guiana one-cent, 1856, which Mr. Hind paid $32,500 at the tion sale of the Ferrary collection in is several years ago.

Mr. Hind's collection of United States visional issues, put out by several poststers prior to the first Government is in 1847, is also said to be the finest the world. He has several rare specins. The entire group has never be- been shown in this city. It includes such rarities as the Lockport, Boscawen, Alexandria, Brattleboro, St. Louis, Millbury and Baltimore issues. Three other United States rarities were beautiful unused copies of the 15, 24 and 30 cents, 1869 issue, with inverted centres.

Another interesting stamp was an unused copy of the Great Britain ninepence, 1865, issue, which King George V took from his collection during the war and donated to the National Philatelic War Fund. The stamp was sold at auction in September, 1915, in London for the benefit of the Red Cross and brought more than $2,500. The first buyer, who purchased it for £250, gave it back for resale. The stamp is nicely mounted on a card bearing the signature of King George.

Among other countries from which the rarest copies known to philately were exhibited were Cape of Good Hope, India, Mauritius, Spain, France, Hawaii, Switzerland, Tuscany, Rumania, New South Wales and a remarkable lot of the early post office issues from the Confederate States.

Prior to the exhibition Harry L. Lindquist, President, referred to the recent death of Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, who had been Secretary of the club for more than twenty years and who was recognized as one of the leading philatelic students in the world. Resolutions expressing respect for his memory were adopted following a tribute by Charles J. Phillips.

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MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL

Certain friends of the "Weekly" in Chicago have been instrumental in securing for it a prominent place in the window exhibit of the *Herald-Examiner* at Franklin and Madison Streets, Chicago. Last week we spoke of the plans of this enterprising daily of wide circulation to offer Lindbergh flight covers as premiums for those obtaining new subscribers for the newspaper, and now we find that a large window is occupied by frames whose contents depict the history of air mail flights from first to last; and that room is given to a frame, "Philately," showing various commemoratives of the U. S., with the heading of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS at the top of the picture. We appreciate the efforts of those who fashioned this display, and gave our paper the favorable setting that it enjoys, and we need not say that the result is a most pleasant surprise. This frame is the only one that has no air mail suggestions as the other large frames show the "Development of U. S. Air Mail," with trial, first and special flights; "Development of World Air Mail," and "Memories of Lindbergh and the Air Mail," respectively. The covers comprising the exhibit are the property of Mr. J. Max Golding, whose activities as president of the Chicago Aero Philatelic Society, in promoting general as well as philatelic interest in air mail covers have been attended with most happy results. In an article in the *Herald-Examiner* of Sunday, March 25, 1928, headed, "Letters Show How Air Mail Trail Was Blazed," mentioning the exhibit that was to be made on the following day for a limited time, the opening paragraph read: "The start and the development of the air mail has been, perhaps, one of the most fascinating, most wonderful activities of all time. It is the story of adventure—a story of thrills and of romance." In the aggregate, the covers in the window compose one of the best collections of air mail varieties that is in existence; and the newspaper dwells upon some of the pieces with special reference to their historical appeal. The *Herald-Examiner* offers two of the latest Lindbergh covers to each person who secures two subscriptions of six months, for home delivery; and it is likely that collectors, and the public generally, will stir themselves to get the covers on the terms of the offer. We trust that the management will be made aware of the interest in these covers and that the responses will show that it made no mistake in presenting them as premiums. The covers in question were obtained from a Chicago collector who sent a large number on the recent Lindbergh St. Louis-Chicago flight.

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Speaking of the recognition of philately by newspapers, we cannot commend too highly a remarkable tribute to collecting that appears on the first page, set off in a "box" of the Los Angeles *Record*, March 14, 1928. The paper was sent in by Mr. F. G. Browne and we wish to say that the writer of this appreciation of collecting has produced a classic call to the collecting standard, and has enshrined himself in our affections by his almost spiritual treatment of his subject. His sentiment rings true, and we regard his testimonial, modestly headed, "One Man's Opinion," as a treasure to be shared by all our readers. It would seem to us that no parent could easily dismiss the summons of this unknown writer:

"A couple of weeks ago I was in town and the boy showed me his latest treasure. It was a pathetic notebook with a dozen dejected stamps pasted in it, but he was all enthused with the notion of starting a stamp collection. Last time I was in I went to a stamp shop and bought a beginner's album and a packet of 500 assorted stamps and 1,000 gummed hinges. Then for two evenings the boy and I had a dandy time, after we had borrowed tweezers from daughter, and grandmother's reading glass.

I feel sure that the boy now knows more about geography than two years in the classroom have taught him, and I know I discovered a number of things about the new nations in Europe that I had not known. There was one stamp that showed a knight on a charger with uplifted sword and he was ready to strike down the imperial eagle, a very significant stamp. There were dozens of most interesting stories in those stamps.

While son was pasting up his album two neighborhood boys came in and each had the stamp collecting mania, but neither boy got any sympathy from dad; they had to depend on the mother for an occasional quarter and ever ready understanding. That took me back to my boyhood and I remember what a terrific kick I used to get from sorting out a new packet of stamps, and how darn little understanding father had as to what it was all about.

There is no finer hobby for a boy than the collection of stamps. Indeed, there are few hobbies that a man will find to have a more continuing appeal through the years. I wish I had kept up my album in which I pasted the last stamp in '93, it was a series of the Columbian issue.

If your boy shows an inclination to collect stamps, you buy him a 60-cent album and a few hundred stamps, and occasionally you spend an hour or two with him helping him to run down some obscure stamp and get it herded into its proper spot. You will never regret the few dollars, nor the few hours; nor will your boy."

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The understanding that no special cancellation was to be used on the first night flight of Route 3, C.A.M., Chicago to Dallas, February 1, 1928, was based on the information of a notice that was sent out by an officer in the service; and as a consequence, practically no collectors prepared covers for this flight. However, we are now told that a packet of letters was received at Chicago from an eastern man, and rather than to disappoint him, a special stamp was hurriedly prepared, with the legend: "First Night Flight—Route 3 C A M—Chicago—Dallas—Feb. 1, 1928" and applied to these envelopes, and the commercial mail that was awaiting flight. A Chicago collector was enabled to take advantage of the last minute decision, but fewer than one hundred letters for collectors were cancelled, we have been advised.

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Mr. M. A. Vogel, Chicago, has an interesting souvenir in the form of an enclosure in a letter received from Ricardo Padilla Soto, postmaster general of Costa Rica. Under date of March 17, this officer wrote: "Enclosed find a 'Lindbergh' cover with my compliments." The envelope bearing the special Costa Rica Lindbergh stamp was addressed to the donor.

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Death has been taking a heavy toll of philatelists during the past few months, and it is with deep sorrow that we record the passing on of Dr. J. Brace Chittenden of New York, a philatelist without reproach, and a gentleman of the finest type. We have received particulars of the death of this admirable man from Mr. Konwiser, and they will be incorporated in a testimonial in the following issue. Dr. Chittenden's identity with philately has been helpful to our pursuit in so many ways that one is at a loss to know how to fittingly present an account of his manifold activities, through the course of years. The great interest that he took in the Interna Exhibition at New York may n considered as a sort of climax busy career as author, historian an student of stamps. It need not b that the personality of the man combination of the most engaging man traits, and his intellectual gift of a high order. He gave freely talent for the advancement of our and his loss seems to be irreparabl spirit will be felt for time to come who are acquainted with the de ments of collecting, and his pe friends will have to seek consolat the thought that they for a time h great boon conferred by his frie

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Some time ago, the news cam Alvah Davison, Brooklyn, N. Y., A can Philatelic Society member N had departed from this life. While collectors of this generation will r call this name, which, well over a ter-century ago, was a familiar o the older followers of philately wil with regret of the removal of M vison from our sphere. As a pu of the *Youths' Ledger*, Helmetta, Jersey, in 1885 to 1888, Mr. Davis before the philatelic public, and i or so, he issued a directory of elists. Mr. Davison attended ma the earlier of the national conve and had a hand in shaping legis Since the Niagara Falls Conventi 1894, we had the pleasure of m him occasionally in person, and wh philatelic enthusiasm was check times by ill-health, we know that he ished his recollections of more days. Thus, one of the early me of the American Philatelic Societ gone to his reward, after having c man's share in advancing our co interests.

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CHARLES J. PHILLIPS RECEIVES AN UNUSUAL TRIBUTE IN A LEADING EDITORIAL

Syracuse "Sun" Clipping (Walter S. Bull).

The dinner of the Philately Society of Syracuse in Schrafft's was well attended, three score members being present. The gathering comprised representatives of business, of the professions and of other important activities of the city, and nearly all of them were the owners of valuable stamp collections, of which not a few were the fruits of long years of patient accumulation. They are the leaders in an avocation which, in its elementary forms, has enlisted the interests of thousands of Syracuse school boys and girls. The experience of Syracuse in this respect is not exceptional. Stamp collecting is, in fact, a nation-wide pursuit, side occupation or pastime, according to the point of view.

The evidence is found in the creation of a stamp trade of formidable dimensions, with New York City as its chief center, and with branches distributed throughout all American cities of populations ranging from 100,000 upward.

At the recent banquet the Syracuse society had as its guest Charles J. Phillips of the metropolis, who has enjoyed for forty years a prominence in philately on its professional and commercial sides which has probably not been surpassed by any other living man either in the United States or Europe. For about three-quarters of that period he was the chief owner and executive head of the most famous concern devoted to the stamp trade in the world, the London house of Stanley Gibbons, Inc. In this capacity he held a triple distinction as a dealer in stamps, an acknowledged expert of the first rank and a voluminous contributor to the standard literature of philately. About ten years or more ago he transferred his large business to New York City—a departure that was by no means illogical, inasmuch as the stamp issues of the United States have been perhaps his most favored specialty since his early manhood.

This explains in a way why Mr. Phillips selected as the subject of his address at the Syracuse banquet "The Department Stamps of the United States." Many of our readers are unaware that in the seventies and early eighties, before the days of the official frank for mailing purposes, each of the then existing Departments (including the Executive) had its own distinctive stamp for official correspondence. The issues are, of course, long defunct, but specimens of them are still eagerly sought by philatelists. Strange to relate, the English-born expert who was in this city last week is in all probability the foremost living authority on these purely official American issues. He knows all about them down to the minutest detail of engraving, of paper, of all the known eccentricities of design and printing—in short, of everything bearing on their issuance or circulation. In support of this statement, it may be said that he exhibited at the Syracuse meeting large cardboards filled with specimens of the Department stamps, from Executive and State down to Agriculture, sufficient in number and volume to fill a good-sized suit case. Many of them, moreover, were mute reminders of stirring romances in the years following the Civil War. For example, Mr. Phillips included in his display hundreds of stamps mailed to the War Department from our frontier posts in the still unsettled Western territories, and bearing postmarking devices of many strange kinds, among them "a kicking mule." It was a stamp exhibition of rare historic interest to the beholders; but it was no more novel and impressive than the reflection that the owner of this unequaled collection of United States official stamps and the man who discoursed upon them so learnedly was an English school boy when the Department stamps were in circulation.

Lindbergh

—Congressional Franking Privileges on Air Mail Advocated.

WASHINGTON, March 26—Colonel Lindbergh found himself in his element today when he appeared before a house committee to give his opinions on the air mail service. It was his second appearance before a congressional committee within a week.

Halting at the capitol on his way to Bolling Field for his daily flying, the New York to Paris flyer endorsed the Swing Bill to extend the franking privileges of members of Congress to the air mail service.

Lindbergh said he thought it essential "for the government branches to be able to use" the air mail service, especially since the service was inaugurated by the government.

Under questioning by Representatives Swing of California, author of the bill, and Perkins of New Jersey, Republicans, the colonel said that if members of Congress used the air mail people throughout the country would become more familiar with such a service and probably would begin to use it themselves. Lindbergh, whose career as an air mail pilot is well known, said that merchants gradually were taking up the use of the air mail service. He predicted that in time every city in the United States would be connected by air mail lines and that as a result of improvements in flying equipment it would not be long before the air mail pilot would be able to fly in all kinds of weather. Eventually, he said, another transcontinental air mail route would be established, this time through the southwest.

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By BEACH CONGER, JR.

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Andorra has depended on France and Spain for her postage stamps for a long while, those going North franked with French, and those going South franked with Spanish stamps. In 1876 a set of stamps especially for Andorra was printed, but never put into use because of objections of the French Government. The Spanish Post Office is now preparing a new set, but no definite information concerning the issue has been received yet.

The colors of the 2½ and 3 pence of Dominica have been changed. The 2½d from orange-yellow to blue and black, the 3d from ultramarine to red and black on yellow. Both are printed on Script CA watermarked paper.

Because of the airmail line between San Domingo-Hayti and Porto Rico, San Domingo has issued a new 12 centavo airmail stamp. Brazil honours the introduction of coffee into Brazil (200 years) with a new issue, consisting of 100 Reis green, 200 R scarlet, 300 R black.

In Cook Islands a new 2½ and 4d have been issued to replace Nos. 53 and 55. Used copies will soon be scarce of both stamps. No. 67 has been withdrawn. A rise in prices is certain.

Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

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Cuban Independence Issue

Among the recent issues of Cuba is the attractive stamp issued to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the republic. This stamp is an oblong and about the size of our recent sesquicentennial stamp. It is worked up in different shades of violet. At the center is the Cuban shield flanked by two symbolic female figures. That of the left holds a trumpet and a sword, while the one at the right has a palm leaf and a wreath. In the upper left corner is the date 1902, the year of the birth of the republic. In the upper right corner is the date 1927, the year of the issue of the stamp. Between the two dates is the word "Correos," and below this the words "Republica de Cuba." These lie between scrolls and are very prominent because of the dark background. On each side are columns at the base of which are the values "25c." Across the bottom are the words "25 Anos de Republica." All letters and figures are colorless on a dark background, which sets them off exceptionally well. There is no denying that this is one of the most attractive stamps issued by Cuba.—A. C. LeDuc.

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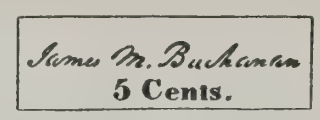
Scott's U. S. No. 519

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

During the fall of 1917, the New York Post Office found that they had a quantity of 2c imperforate stamps on hand for which there was no demand, as the local postal rate had been increased to 3c. In order to use up this stock, they returned them to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to be perforated. The design of the stamps was the old design of 1908, watermarked with the double line letters. As the Bureau had changed its perforating machines since this stamp was first issued, the old stock received the new perforation, thus giving us a new variety. The entire lot, which amounted to several hundred thousand stamps was returned to the New York Office, but they were practically all used within two or three days, and the supply was practically exhausted before being discovered by the stamp collector. As a result, few are available, and the variety is today quite desirable.

Baltimore

The largest city in the State of Maryland, and the sixth in population in the whole of the United States. It is situated on an arm of Chesapeake Bay, and was founded in 1729. Its handsome monuments to Washington and George Peabody and the Battle Monument commemorating the citizens who fell defending the city against the British in 1814, have earned for it the name of "Monumental City." In 1845-6 special 5c and 10c stamps and envelopes were issued by



the then Postmaster of the city, Mr. James M. Buchanan to facilitate the prepayment of postage. These continued in use until they were superseded by the general issue for the United States on August 5, 1847. In 1851, a semi-official postal service was established for the delivery of letters from the post-offices to addressees, and in connection with this special 1c stamps were issued.

For the Juniors

American Bank Note Company.—A well-known New York firm of printers and engravers who produced all the United States stamps from 1879 until 1894. The Company has also produced numerous of the stamps of Newfoundland, Hayti, various South and Central American Republics, while the Canadian branch of the firm has produced all the stamps of Canada issued since 1868. The Continental Bank Note Co., which held the United States stamp printing contract from May, 1873, was absorbed by the American Bank Note Co., in 1879.

American Express Company.—A local post of the United States, operating in New York City in 1856, in connection with which a 2c stamp was issued. Two types of the stamp are catalogued, but they are not fully authenticated.

American Letter Mail Company.—A local post established in 1844 by Lysander Spooner, and operating between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other points. Two types of stamps were issued in connection with this post, one being without value, and the other being inscribed "20 for a dollar."

A Few Brazils

The three types of Brazil called by Scott's as A80, A81 and A82 were issued in 1922 to commemorate the centenary of the independence of the country. A80 is the 100 reis value and is bright blue in color. It is truly an attractive stamp with its spirited horses and plumed horsemen. The beauty of the engraving cannot be properly appreciated without the aid of a glass to bring out the details. A81 is the 200 reis value and is colored scarlet. The portrait in the circle at the left is that of Dom Pedro I who was the first emperor of Brazil. The portrait in the circle at the right is that of Jose Bonifacio. A82 is the 300 reis value and its color is green. The stamp shows the exposition grounds at Rio de Janeiro. An exposition was held here in 1922, and was international in scope. These three stamps are a very interesting set and as they are all low priced they are within the reach of all collectors.—A. C. LeDuc.

Stamp Notes

Guy. Franc.—An abbreviation for "Guyane Francaise" as surcharged upon many of the early stamps of the general French colonial series for use in this colony.

G. W.—An overprint found upon the 1d and 4d stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, current in 1877, converting them for use in Griqualand West.

Gwalior.—A state in central India between the United Provinces and the Central Provinces, having an area of 29,000 square miles and a population of well over two millions. The first postage stamps for use in Gwalior were issued in 1885.

Loose Leaf Blank Album

By F. H. Buck, Jr.

The true philatelist is more than a collector. He is a creator, striving for beauty with collection. He collects not for the enjoyment of gathering and possessing as much as the pleasure of creating. How many have experienced that pleasure? It is safe to say that the owner of a loose leaf blank album is the true philatelist. It is with such an album that a collection can be formed which will have originality, completeness, and interest. It is generally the man who has this creative instinct that buys sets rather than singles and has an attractive display of stamps rather than a collection. Who cares about some old mangey stamp from an old non-existent country? Never mind the album, we collectors should be allowed to collect what we want and when we want. The blank album fills the purpose.—*Pacific Stamp News.*

Arvizkarosultaknak Kulon

An inscription found on the lower label of a special series of stamps issued in Hungary in November, 1913, the extra 2 filler charged for each being devoted to a fund for the relief of victims

of the flood of 1913. The literal translation is "For the flood sufferers, extra," which fully explains the use which was made of the extra 2 filler charged for each stamp.

STRAY NEWS ITEMS:—

WE learn that April has been nated "President's Month" S. P. A., and during this month ough membership drive is going made in which every member of ciety is to be appealed to for ass This organization deserves to b plimented for the aggressive wo doing, and especially in view of t ous handicap that it has recently enced.

ON Monday evening, April 9, Angeles Philatelic Club will anniversary celebration at the Ci There will be a general good t cluding dinner, dancing, music, ville and bridge.

WILL one of our Toronto sub please give us the address L. Ritter of that city, and oblige

WE have received from J. H letter sent by airmail, an was in a crash at Grand Island where several were killed and t burned. Enough of the address for the letter to be forwarded reached its destination with a tached:—"Burned in an airplane Grand Island, Nebr." It is a teresting souvenir.

A CLIPPING from the Ne *Times* sent us by L. F. gives the story of the sunken s S-4, and in it we find this para "The piles of sodden clothing w reminders of the tragedy, but m nant were the personal possessio of the articles indicated the ho the head men. Among these we albums, coin collections, roller and books of all sorts."

SWEDEN has opened a Agency, or, as it is expr Svensk, a "Postverkets francotec pedition för samlare," the ad which is, Lilla Nyagatan 6, St A leaflet giving a list of the s stock available for supply on t conditions has been issued, with lations in English.

"IT was my pleasure recently to the records of the Pronu Company, these records give th pronunciations of over 2,000 words. The records are recorde new electrical process and are clear. Who is going to make giving us the correct pronuncia the names of stamp issuing coun difficult philatelic terms genera can put me down as his first cus DR. LESTER H. PIERCE.

WE are informed that the Los police are again especially trying to locate Louis (Lewis) formerly of St. Petersburg, Fl cluding a Chicago address as we party was wanted for bail jump arrest in Los Angeles on a serio and it now transpires that the cc only never got the bail money, Allen was indicted for defrau Los Angeles couples out of $15 his release and the loss of the bo is part of very unpleasant sca volving the county officials con his arrest and prosecution. All scribed as a small nervous man, very talkative, who descends or wary stamp collector in a sm car, in which he carries his sta or part of it. Do not leave a visitor alone with your collectio do not entertain any gypsying tr less you are thoroly sure he is you know him.

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...with a number of collections of un-
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...o bring them over right away.
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...thru B. L.'s cranium, and with
...gasps, B. L. put on his rubbers and
...red forth to confer. There it was,
...gram, merely saying charge her ac-
...and send. But why didn't Mr.
...ees bring the stamps? First, he didn't bring a number of collections, not even one; second, he couldn't get one right away, not for at least a short sixty years, and third, three guesses that there are no such collections.

"There are nine reasons," said Jacques, "why my master cannot attend your banquet tonight. The first is, he is dead."

IN STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

In the Stockton *Independent* of March 4th, there appeared a striking article that reviewed stamp collecting in the city of Stockton. Nearly three columns of text and illustrations were covered by the heading: "Stamp Collecting Popular in Stockton. Rare and Valuable Collections Owned by Local Philatelists." The account is by Eleanor Woods McLeod, a young lady who is winning a definite place in newspaper journalism, and her pen has a fine swing in the article under notice. Mr. A. C. Anderson, our old friend, is pictured as a "Stamp Fan," and he furnished much of the material for the feature. Incidentally, Mr. Anderson has taken the WEEKLY since 1899, and we quote: "Anderson? Everybody knows him. He takes your ticket at the State theater." Evidently, stamp interest in Stockton is running at high tide; and the census of collectors there is an impressive one. The roster of names includes some of the leading citizens of the city, and as may be imagined, Mr. Parker's western franks are mentioned. Much of the information in the article is based on the observations of John W. Willy, chief deputy assessor, who identified himself with collecting over fifty years ago; and it makes interesting matter. In fact, the review, while primarily local in its application, has a broader survey in part and general conditions as pertaining to philately are not ignored. The non-philatelic readers of the article have the realization brought home to them that stamp collecting is a considerable factor in the lives of many people.

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By ALBERT H. HARRIS.

The First London International Stamp Dealers Bourse, which had been fixed for May, has been postponed until June 25, 26 and 27, in order that it may not clash with any Continental functions.

This will be the same week as the Congress of the Philatelic Societies of Great Britain, which is a collectors gathering, in connection with which also an Exhibition of Rare Stamps is being organised by the Royal Philatelic Society. It is also the moment when everything in London is at its best, and the season at its height.

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All American dealers or collectors visiting London this June will be very welcome, and I am instructed by my Committee to ask you to be good enough to make this known through MEKEEL'S. No doubt you will do so in your own words, as this is a hurried letter of information only, but the names will, I think, be enough to convince you that a very real effort is being made to make this the First International Dealers Stamp Bourse in London a very great success.

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Postmaster General New today recalled previous invitations for bids on an air mail route from St. Louis to Kansas City, and immediately advertised for new bids which would extend the route to Omaha, making a connection there for St. Louis mail with the transcontinental route. The proposed schedule on the extended route provides for a plane to leave Omaha daily at 12.35 a. m., following arrival of the transcontinental planes from San Francisco, with mail for Kansas City and St. Louis. Arrival in St. Louis is scheduled for 5.10 a. m. The flying distance is approximately 395 miles each way.

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6	1.02	28	.24	53	.22
7	1.35	29	.18	54	.71
8	1.06	30	.24	55	.68
9	1.44	31	.48	56	1.22
10	4.38	32	1.08	57	1.68
11	1.35	33	1.35	58	3.88
12	.31	34	*1.44	59	7.28
13	.35	35	*2.90	60	29.40
14	1.80	36	*5.80	61	13.40
15	.31	37	*.02	62	60.90
16	.02	38	.08	64	*.04
17	.06	39	*.06	65	*.08
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48	1.80	76	1.68	106	.12
49	6.95	77	2.28	107	.12
50	3.02	78	3.38	108	.16
52	.24	79	6.04	109	*.10
52b	2.45	80	.24	110	.24
53	10.41	81	.48	111	.18
54	.37	82	.72	112	.78
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57	.24	87	1.92	115	*5.80
58	.20	88	5.48	116	.68
59	.43	89	29.40	117	1.35
60	1.14	90	.10	118	*.02
61	.43	91	.20	119	*.04
62	.10	92	.90	120	*.06
63	.31	93	1.29	121	*.06
64	.90	94	1.29	122	.12
65	.72	95	.37	123	*.14
66	.72	96	1.50	126	*.31
67	.72	97	1.29	127	*.61
68	1.56	98	.04	128	*1.44
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1907	5o to 100o, complete	7	70- 77	2.36	1.25
1912	Provisionals complete	3	78- 80	2.35	1.10
1913	1o to 5kr, complete—5kr is scarce	15	85- 99	9.91	5.50
1914	Provisionals, complete	2	100-101	3.50	1.75
1918	Surcharges complete	17	105-122	26.00	13.00
1918	7o to 60o complete	8	123-130	2.48	1.75
1920	8o to 5kr, complete, 5kr scarce	6	135-140	5.30	2.75
1920	Pictures, 10o to 40o complete	3	141-143	.70	.45
1921	Provisionals, complete	4	144-148	.74	.45
1921	5o to 1kr complete	10	149-160	2.37	1.50
1924	10o green to 2kr complete	17	162-178	3.48	2.00
1926	Surcharges, 2 var. complete	2	180-181	.35	.20
1926	Postal Jubilee complete	3	183-185	.60	.35
1927	Surcharges complete	10	186-195	3.05	1.75
1928	Current issue	8	196-203	1.10	.75

DANISH WEST INDIES

1905	1fr to 5fr complete, SCARCE	3	37- 39	$7.00	$3.75
1905	Provisionals complete	3	40- 42	3.00	1.50
1915	5b to 50b complete	8	51- 58	3.50	1.75

W. W. BETTS [1001
P. O. Drawer 01, CLEARFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Washington Notes

Mr. H. M. Southgate writes that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have now standardized on one font of type for use in precancelling our rotary print stamps from one cent to ten cents inclusive. Heretofore, there have been seven types used, but some of these took so much ink that the product quite often is smudged. The new type is a plain block type with all capitals, and should improve the finished product greatly.

As fast as the new precancel rolls are required, the new standard type will be supplied, but the old rolls will be used until worn out.

The new 73c booklet, which contains both 1c and 2c panes from the rotary press, has been issued. Heretofore the only copies of the new 1c rotary booklet perforated 11 x 10½ have come from the 97c books. The 25c booklet of 1c stamps has not as yet appeared.

The Post Office Department still continues to receive numerous letters relative to new commemoratives, but the Postmaster General at this writing, has not given his favorable consideration to any of them. A conserted drive in behalf of the Valley Forge stamp is being made, and it is hoped that by the time these notes appear in print that such a stamp will have received his approval. Each member of Congress from Pennsylvania, and both Senators, as well as numerous others have requested the issue.

Mr. Gust Setzer has shown me a block of the current 20c stamp in a deeper shade which approaches the claret. This is somewhat different from those seen heretofore.

Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman kindly furnishes me with a copy of House Resolution No. 12291 reading as follows:—

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate are hereby authorized to supply Members of the House and Senate, respectively, upon their written request, with air-mail stamps to cover the necessary postage fee on official correspondence requiring expeditious transmission, and the purchase of such air-mail stamps shall be payable from the contingent fund of the House and Senate, respectively.

The executive departments and independent establishments of the Government are authorized to purchase air-mail stamps for use on official correspondence, requiring expeditious transmissions, and the fund appropriated for contingent expenses for their respective departments or offices shall be available for such purposes. Provided—That no deficiency shall result in such appropriation by reason thereof.

The Post Office Department shall have printed and available for distribution for use under this Act air-mail stamps specifically indorsed showing that they are for official business only.

Whoever shall make use of any air-mail stamps authorized by this Act to avoid the payment of postage on his private letter, packet, package, or other matter in the mail, shall be fined not more than $300."

Should air-mail stamps be furnished to the members of the Senate and House without charge, it is quite likely that they will be overprinted in some manner to prevent their use by others.

Air Mail Notes

On March 23rd, the Postmaster General called for bids on three alternate air mail routes between New Orleans and the Mexican border, connecting with the Atlanta-New York route at New Orleans.

The route to be taken will depend upon what point the Mexican government finally decides as the terminal for its proposed line to the American border. The distances on the three routes advertised do not vary greatly.

From New Orleans the line will go direct to Houston, Texas. From Houston it may go to San Antonio, to Laredo, or to Brownsville, via Corpus Christi, depending upon the location of the Mexican border terminal and other circumstances.

Under the proposed schedule planes from New Orleans, carrying air mail from New York and Boston, and intermediate points would arrive in Houston about 3 p. m., and at the Mexican border, regardless of the route chosen, about dark.

The Postmaster General has recalled previous invitations for bids on air mail route from St. Louis to Kansas City, and immediately advertised for new bids, which would extend the route to Omaha, where a connection with the transcontinental route will be made.

U. S. Postage, 60 diff., no shade no perf. var., 4 sides per
U. S. Postage Pairs: 10 diff. 6c; 25
50 DIFF. U. S. REVENUES
50 diff. Foreign Rev., 8c; 100 diff.
M. TAUSIG, 2701 Ave. J, Brookly

UNITED STATES STAMI

31, *6.00; 33, *1.75; 35, *75.00; 3
36, *38.00; 40, 7.00; 41, *8.00; 43,
*.18; 47, *32.00; 48, *5.50; 49, 5.50;
51, *5.00; 51, 3.00; 54, *25.00; 54a,
.40; 65, *.60; 68, *4.00; 68, .50; 69
70, 4.50; 71, 6.00; 72, 7.50; 72c, *35
*1.25; 75, 4.50; 76, *4.00; 76, 1.25;
77, *12.50; 77, 2.00; 78, 1.50; 85, 2.
2.50; 87, *3.65; 87, .60; 90, 2.75; 91
92, *5.50; 93, *2.00; 94, *.75; 96, 1.
*9.00; 99, 12.00; 100, 3.00; 101, 22.5
50.00; 112, *2.50; 112, 1.25; 113, .3
.04; 115, 2.25; 116, 1.75; 117, 2.00; 1
119, 2.00; 120, 6.00; 121, 3.00; 133, 2.
.35; 136, *1.70; 137, 3.00; 141, 5.0
6.00; 145, *2.00; 146, *1.25; 147, *1.
E. T. PARKER, BETHLEHE

New Revenue Stamp

The Economist Stamp Compa shown me the 1917—40c Docun stamp No. 4234, in a distinct doubl

Philippines

Mr. Walter Bruggmann kindly me an air mail postal from Manil February 22nd, 10 a. m., bearing cial red circular postmark, readir Philippine Airways Service, Ma I, Air Mail February 22, 1928." cial postal was used for the p showing the photograph of the a As the postal is numbered "93," led to believe that the issue is lir

Australian Commonwealth.

celled to order. As foretold in t of October 1st, last, the Commo Post Office has again forgotten principal duty is to be a Post Of has prepared a nice little set of solely for sale to collectors at price. We hope that the sales just—nil. The following deta culled from the *Victorian P Record.*

During 1913, sets of cancelled were offered for sale to collectors per set. These included all valu watermark, Kangaroo), ½d to 5 celled, and 10/- to 40/- overprinte men (the latter was done at the wish of various philatelic bodi late years these sets have been cally "dead stock," sales amou possibly one set per annum. therefore decided to bring these to-date by the inclusion of all su issues (of some of which fair st main on hand), and to offer the appropriate advertisement, at hanced price of 20/- per set. gestion that the Kookaburra w reprinted for the purpose was based on ignorance of the fact eral thousand sheets of these st tained by the Department have n till recently, been destroyed. (W stand that the balance now r have been or will be consigne flames.)

These sets were duly placed o January 3, 1928, and one inspect was as follows:—

Overprinted Specimen (3rd w only).—

Type set overprint, large S, 1 (bicolour), 40/-.

Type set overprint, small S, 2 *Cancelled Melbourne and Date.*—

1. Kangaroo, 1st watermark, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 9d, 1/-, 2/- 3rd watermark, 6d brown.

2. Engraved, 1d (George), 6 kaburra).

3. Georgian, single waterm (green), 4d (orange), 5d.

Single watermark, ½d or *Cancelled G.P.O., Melbourne, and*

1. Kangaroo, 3rd waterm (blue), 2/- (marone).

2. Georgian, single waterm (red), 1½d (black), 1½d (bri brown), 2d (orange), 4d (violet

Single watermark, 1d 1½d (green), 2d (red), 4d (b (olive), 4½d (violet).

Small mult. watermark, 1d, 2d, 3d, 1/4; perf, 13½x12½,

3. Engraved, Canberra, 1½d, S. It will be noticed that, while values additional to the original the original Melbourne cancellati dently remainders from Parlia and presentation sets), some

RELIANT OFFERS

Collections

1. U. S.—A nice little collection of about 700 varieties, including a n 5c 1847 and Columbians complete and many other good stamps. The mps in good condition (damaged not counted) will catalogue over 4).00, and the price is just ⅛ catalogue, $150.00 net.

2. A general foreign collection in a German album containing about ,60 different stamps. Condition is very nice throughout, and collection rticeably free from junk. We notice a fine lot of South Americans. The atlogue value will run about $1,000.00, and our special sale price is only 1'.00 net.

3. A little Specialized collection of Holland Colonies mounted in Sthl's Loose Leaf Album", including Holland almost complete, with many s, strips, etc. Cat. over $275.00. Net $70.00.

4. A collection of about 2,000 varieties mounted in Scott's Provis- m. Album, strong in British and French Colonials, etc. Further details price on request to interested parties.

5. Mint British Colonial collection, cat. about $6,000.00, 90% mint t. with a few 19th and used 20th. A chance to buy a good collection at rgain price. Further details on request.

A Few Bargain Offers in Mint 20th Century U. S. Issues

3	30c	#416	30c	#536	30c
0	10c	448	10c	537	7c
5	25c	449	10c	541	45c
3	30c	457	60c	545	85c
0	5c	525	4c	546	40c
1	12c	535	12c	548-550	25c

Above prices are for singles in fine mint condition. Pairs and strips il stamps pro rata. Blocks of regular issues at 5 times price of single.

Two Specials in Hungary

1919 French issue, #1001 to 1065, complete mint and guaranteed genuine. Catalogue value $140.00, Net $19.75. The counterfeits are cheap but how often can you buy the genuine for **Less Than 1/7** of catalogue?

1920—The Second Debreczin issue complete, a scarce set that completes 3 pages in Scott's 1920-1926 Album. #1401 to 1455 complete, cataloguing over $28.00 at ¼ catalogue, $7.00 net.

French Colonials

	Net
France, Offices in Morocco 1923, #93 to 110 complete	$ 3.00
French India 1922, #43 to 49 complete	3.00
French India 1923, #54 to 70 complete	4.00
Middle Congo 1907, #1 to 17 complete, a rare set	10.00
Upper Senegal 1914, #18 to 34 complete, a good set	3.75

We have in stock all the surcharged issues of the last few years in fine mint condition @ 50% off catalogue. Send want lists.

Also the scarce 1922 sets of 10c green, 30c red, 50c blue of all colonies at 50% off catalogue prices.

British Colonials

A recent purchase of a large dealer's stock added to our already large stock places us in a position to supply the wants of most collectors of these ever-popular stamps.

Want Lists

This branch of selling is our specialty. We carry an enormous stock of the entire world at all times suitable for the wants of the general collector. We are always pleased to quote on anything in stock or send on approval against references. If you are dissatisfied with the way your want lists have been handled in the past, place them with us, and we believe we can satisfy you.

RELIANT STAMP COMPANY

M Nassau Street **NEW YORK CITY**

e of the original series had evidently n ut and now show the G.P.O. can- lion.

Personally, we do not regard the set as gain at the price.—*Philatelic Maga-*

Bhamas.—Mr. R. Roberts sends a py f the 1sh black and carmine in a p hade heavily chalked surface paper.

Colon.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whit- dKing & Co. have shown us the 1R r of a new type. It is similar to R chronicled in October.

Cba.—Mr. R. Roberts writes that a care should be taken in purchasing ries of the 5c overprinted Lindbergh ail with double surcharges as they oven to be forgeries.

Corus.—Reports of the appearance t 5 pound stamp, black on yellow, i watermark in the King George design, have been reported by Whit- dKing & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts.

Egypt. — Mr. R. Roberts advises of ppearance of the King Fuad high e. The 500m brown and deep esh-blue, oblong shape, and 1 pound cate and slate, upright rectangular.

Eonia.—Whitfield King & Co. send ite copies of the 2c, 5c, 10c, 15c and rrent stamps with the surcharge -1918-1928" at the top, while at the en each corner is the letter "S." e 10 and 20c stamps are surcharged re, and other values in black.

Federated Malay States. — The $25 e and orange stamp on script water- rk design as before has been issued o ing to Mr. R. Roberts and Whit- d King & Co.

France. — French newspapers are y ust announcing the impending su- sion of the 1fr 50 blue Pasteur t it by the same denomination with t lot's countenance; we foreshad- ec this change last November! For e unknown reason, poor Pasteur l appear to be unpopular. Besides a earing from the 1fr 50, he is to say adieu to the 90c red and the 30c green, which latter value is to be discontinued.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Gwalior.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 2as stamp of India multiple watermarked, surcharged for Official use.

Honduras. — Whitfield King & Co. have shown us four values of a new series of stamps bearing the date "1927." Values are 5c purple-brown (El Pino Arbol Nacional); 6c dark green (Casa Presidencial); 10c ultramarine (Ponciano Leiva); 1p red (Cristobal Colon).

Italy.—Dr. Emilio Diena announces that as a result of his efforts a large quantity of the Italian and Colonial "Holy Year" errors have been burned by a Notary Public in Rome, in the presence of representatives of Italian philately.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Turks and Caicos Islands.—Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts send copies of the new design which is line engraved all watermarked script CA and Crown. Values are as follows: ½p dark green, 1p brown, 1½p red, 2p grey, 2½p purple on yellow, 3p bright blue, 6p purple, 1sh brown-orange, 2sh red on emerald, 5sh deep green on yellow, 10sh purple on blue.

Luxemburg. — Our faithful correspondent Hermann Focke writes: "This little Grand Duchy (or should I say Grand Little Duchy) has added five more varieties to the large number of provisionals issued in recent days, in order to follow the constant change in the value of its currency and/or the postal tariff, and we have to report today: 60 on 80 centimes black, Scott's No. 134; 60 on 65 centimes black-brown, Scott's No. 161, and 60 on 80 centimes bistre-brown, Scott's No. 163. Also a new value, 15 on 20 centimes light green, Scott's No. 152, and 15 on 25 centimes green, Scott's No. 158; all surcharges in black, with the old value obliterated by two bars."

Mr. W. T. Wilson also submits above for chronicle and states these provisionals were issued on the 10th of last month.

GIBSON COLLECTION OF 1847

It gives me great pleasure to announce that I have just acquired the famous Gold-Medal Winning Collection of United States 1847 Issues, formed by Mr. Henry C. Gibson. Mr. Gibson has been upward of twenty years getting this wonderful collection together, and piece by piece it is today the finest assortment of these issues in existence. It is priced separately, and will run upward of one hundred thousand dollars.

The 5c issue is represented by a mint block of four, a block of six, strips, pairs and singles, in immaculate unused condition. There are numerous singles and pairs on and off cover with various cancellations. I note about twenty-five different Railroads, as well as some few with "Steam" postmarks. There is a Mississippi River Packet, the only one in the collection and the only one that I have ever seen. A magnificent strip of four on cover has a black Boston grid postmark, and is tied by a red "Paid."

The lot of 10c exceed the lot of 5c, if such a thing is possible .

There is present a mint block of six of the 10c, one of two unused blocks known. There is a magnificent mint single, together with a very fine used copy showing a distinct double print — believed to be unique.

In the way of covers, the collection contains possibly the three finest United States covers in existence. There is a strip of six tied with a Philadelphia Railroad postmark, in addition to a French cancellation, also a magnificent strip of six on cover with right sheet margins used from Mobile, Alabama, and cancelled with the bright, cherry red grid postmark used by that town. These are the only two strips of six on cover known, and nothing larger on cover exists. A further item equally interesting is a magnificent strip of five, together with a strip of three, tied by the well-known "Paid" New York cancellation in red. This postmark was used on the New York Postmaster Provisional and is exceedingly scarce on the 1847 issue. These covers are the show-pieces of the collection and were admired by everyone at the International Philatelic Exhibition, where the collection was awarded highest honors.

Mr. Gibson had the finest one of two complete reconstructed plates of two hundred subjects of the 10c stamp known. At present, the plate will not be broken, but will be offered intact. It consists of upward of ten strips of three and strips of four, thirty or forty pairs, and the balance in singles, mostly in superb condition.

There are two or three Railroads, which are exceedingly rare on this stamp. There is a pair on cover with "U.S. Express" cancellation in red, showing the well-known "Post Office" shift. There is a further pair on a second cover, showing the two stamps with shift in the right "X." There is a strip of four on cover tied with a blue Baltimore postmark and each stamp is cancelled twice with a red figure "5."

Singles and pairs of both denominations used on covers are present from numerous cities. The Gibson lot of proofs is probably the finest lot of this issue ever gotten together, and includes the pick of the numerous important collections that have been broken up in recent years.

The Reprint section forms a wonderful lot, including partially reconstructed sheets of both the 5c and 10c. Complete sheets of the proofs of each, together with the two varieties nicely shaded in singles, are present.

Correspondence is solicited with those interested.

If you are looking for anything in the way of United States stamps, please bear in mind that the finest collections and individual items now coming upon the market pass through me. Whether you buy or sell our issues, I would be pleased to hear from you.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

P. O. Box 4216 G't'n **PHILA., PA.**

CANAL ZONE

A New Variety

While sorting over our stock of CANAL ZONE, we discovered a major variety not listed in Scott's Catalog.

#105—1c **Postage Due** with surcharge printed in smaller size type than the normal surcharge.

This surcharge has been expertized by several well known authorities on the stamps of **CANAL ZONE** and is **guaranteed by us as genuine without limit as to time.**

Single copies, perfectly centered and lightly cancelled $1.00
Block of four at same rate.

Copies not well centered or with heavy cancellation at half of above prices.

CANAL ZONE NOS. 118, 119, 120

Used in finest possible condition.

This set is worth full catalog in good average condition.

Complete set, all perfectly centered and lightly cancelled $3.00
Block of four at same rate.

Complete set of singles in good average condition 2.00

This set is priced in Yvert & Tellier's Catalog at **185 Francs.** When you consider that this set was **Provisional Issue** and that only 15,000 sets were printed you will understand why dealers are asking full catalog for sets in average condition.

CANAL ZONE NOS. 64-65

Complete set, Mint, all perfectly centered .....$ .35
Block of four at same rate.

Complete set, all perfectly centered and lightly cancelled ..... .35

CANAL ZONE #67 and 68 in Booklet panes with flat "A" (now obsolete)
Complete set, Mint, perfectly centered panes ..... .50
Complete set, Mint, panes not well centered ..... .35

CANAL ZONE #70—A complete sheet 130.00
CANAL ZONE #71—A complete sheet 100.00
CANAL ZONE #114—A complete sheet 100.00

All of these sheets contain one **ZONE ZONE** error and we have only one sheet of each in stock.

If interested in CANAL ZONE errors, write for our prices.

PHILIPPINES

Philippines Commemorate Set

Complete set, Mint, all perfectly centered $5.00
Block of four at same rate.

Philippines Commemorate "Official" Set

Complete set, Mint, all perfectly centered ..... .55
Block of four at same rate.

PHILIPPINES—All perfectly centered and lightly cancelled.

#274—10 Peso, Cat. $3.00 ..... 1.50
#284A—1 Peso, **Not Priced in Catalog** ..... .75

Philippines "Mystery" Stamp

#289D, 1 Peso is the "mystery" stamp of the Philippines as dealers have been unable to obtain this stamp either in New York or Manila. At last we succeeded in locating a small supply and offer this stamp for this week only at the following prices:

#289D, 1 Peso, Mint, perfectly centered copies 5.00
Blocks of four at same rate.

Not well centered or straight edge copies 3.00

#269—26c, nice used block of twenty on part cover. This is an unusual size block for this odd value 2.00

WHITE PLAINS

WHITE PLAINS—Complete sheet with **Famous Dot Variety.**

Cat. $3.50 in U. S. Cat. Perfectly centered sheets $2.00
Dot variety in sheets not well centered 1.30
Perfectly centered sheets of any plate number or position ..... .65

The price of these sheets has been raised to $1.50 in U. S. Cat.

Anything not entirely satisfactory may be returned within 10 days. Postage prepaid on all orders. Nothing sent on approval, as our stock of some of the above stamps is very small.

MEEHAN STAMP CO.

244 East 46th Street NEW YORK CITY

STAMP MARKET GOSSIP

By "THE SEER OF THE STRAND."

Speculation.—It has been my intention to devote a few lines to this subject upon several occasions, but something else has invariably intervened. However, now that I have taken the plunge, it is going to be in the nature of a plea on behalf of the dealer whose intentions are unquestionably honest.

How many of my readers have from time to time gone the round of the London Stamp Market, picking up here and there some of the items which have since shown considerable increase in value? No need to reply! The dealer does not object to this in the least, but a word must be said for him when he receives day after day requests both in writing and verbally for "Current stamps which are soon going up in price." It is only natural that if the dealer in question knows of any, a hard task is before him. After all, it is his business, and it is not up to us to question what profits he may make upon any specified item. I have continually found that those individuals who write to the press complaining of the lack of courtesy extended to them by various dealers are really in the great majority of cases "Dejectors." Is it any wonder, then, that the "cold shoulder" is given when it is known that the applicant would not be seen but for the fact that he is after something for speculative purposes?

Go in and win, say I, when I give various items as likely to prove remunerative, but it is to be remembered that these lines are open for everybody to read. There is no secrecy about them, and if any dealer thinks fit, after seeing my notes, to raise his prices, that is his business. My only point is that one must allow others the same amount of intelligence in the matter of speculation.

Seychelles.—A little current stamp of this Colony is likely to become rather a good item in future. This is the 4c green, S.G. No. 122, listed at 1d. The Crown Agents for the Colonies have given notification that this stamp will shortly change its colour, so a few copies obtained now should be worth while.

Turks Islands.—I have had cause on more than one occasion to refer to the stamps of Turks and Caicos. It was my pleasure a few days ago to read a very nice letter from the Colony in which it was stated that the present issue was extremely low and that the new issue must of necessity be placed on sale almost immediately. That letter was at least two months old. For some time past I have found the higher values of the current set very hard to obtain, and as they have had rather a short life, it may be taken for granted that prices will be soaring very soon. The 2/- especially, S.G. 173, being the last to be issued on the script watermarked paper, will be the best, and I have no hesitation in advising all readers to give this stamp their immediate attention.

Cyprus.—This little Colony is about to have another new issue. I am informed that the coming stamps will make their appearance at any time. In fact, it is quite possible that they will be on sale by the time these lines appear in print. I strongly urge that the new issues be taken up at once, as it is only a temporary measure and not likely to last more than twelve months. In passing, I am not going to recommend the current issue because I have every reason to think it will be on sale again immediately after the expiration of this year.

Dominica.—So far, I have seen no reason why the 2½d orange-yellow, S.G. No. 75, should have advanced in price. Although the demand for the 2½d "oranges" of various Colonies has been large in the past few months, this stamp has always been obtainable where others have not been so. However, I learn that the colour is now about to be changed, and will shortly be issued in blue, with the black centre as usual. This brings me to the existing 3d blue with black centre, and I cannot help thinking that both these stamps will very soon be at a premium.

Whilst on this country, I should to mention that the 1914 5/- red green on yellow, with Mult. CA w mark, is still on the upgrade, and it surprise me very much if this stamp not range alongside its predecessor point of value in the near future.

Egypt.—The new "Statistical Cong stamps of this country have al shown themselves to be very pop They were issued on December 29th, are available for postage until M 31st next. I anticipate, however, long before then, supplies will be hausted, so advise all interested to s their copies immediately, as past ex ence leads one to think that when there are no more obtainable, prices reach a very high figure.

Newfoundland.—Now that the fine new pictorial issue of this an Colony has made its appearance, we find collectors (and incidentally de also) hunting around for good thin the late issue. I may, perhaps, be a help them along if I say that there rather a big variation in the nun printed, and judging by this, I s take the following order of merit: 11c, 24c, 8c and 12c.

BEST THING OF THE MONTH.
NEW ZEALAND, 2/- Deep Blue,
S.G. 540.
Mint or Fine Used.

—Phil. Jour. of Gt.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNER MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, E REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CO GRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

Of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP N published weekly at Portland, Main April 1, 1928.
State of Maine, } ss.
County of Cumberland; }

Before me, a Notary Public, in a the state and county aforesaid, pers appeared Wm. W. Jewett, who, havin duly sworn according to law, depos says that he is the business manag part owner of the MEKEEL'S WE STAMP NEWS, and that the follow to the best of his knowledge and be true statement of the ownership, m ment (and if a daily paper, the circul etc., of the aforesaid publication f date shown in the above caption, re by the Act of August 24, 1912, embo section 411, Postal Laws and Regul printed on the reverse of this form, t

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By B. W. H. Poole.

There is no end to the making of books—they arrive in a constant stream, some to be forgotten almost as soon as published, others to have a transient popularity, while the select few live to delight an ever increasing circle of readers. To fall in love with a good book is one of the greatest events that can befall us, wrote Henry Drummond on one occasion. The same celebrated Scot declared the beauty of such a friend is that we discover him. With the endless stream of books published nowadays what opportunities are presented to acquire new friendships. Washington Irving once expressed his astonishment at the fecundity of the printing press in the manufacturing of books. What would he say these days, were he alive to note the prodigious output of new books which the publishers have the courage to produce, regardless of the myriads of volumes that have already appeared?

That things were vastly different in the "good old days" is evidenced by a plain looking stamp which appeared in Spain in 1870. The design shows an envelope as a centerpiece, on a lined oval background around which is the inscription "Cartilla Postal De Espana." This label was for the special use of Senor Diego Castell for franking a work entitled *Cartilla Postal de Espana*—literally "Postal primer for Spain." This was a small pamphlet of eighteen pages, containing instructions for addressing letters in the manner desired by the post office, and it was considered so useful that in 1868 it was sent to 25,000 primary schools in Spain. In consideration of its general utility its author was given the privilege of sending it free by post for a period of six months from January 1st to June 30th, 1870. Senor Castell prepared the special stamp described above, which franked all the copies of his pamphlet mailed during the prescribed period.

Another Spanish author, Senor A. F. Duro, was similarly honored in 1881. Senor Duro wrote a work entitled *Resena Historica Descriptiva de los sellos de Espana* ("Historical Descriptive review of the Spanish postage stamps") and this book was considered of such general usefulness that the postal authorities allowed it to be passed through the mails free of postage. Senor Duro issued a special stamp for franking his work, the design showing an open book impinged on a branch of olive on a lined background within an ornamental frame. At the top of the frame is "Franquicia" and at the bottom is "Postal" meaning literally "immunity from postal tax."

Luiz de Camoens, the greatest of Portuguese poets, was honored with a commemorative series of no less than 31 values of Portugal in 1924 in celebration of the 400th anniversary of his birth. One of the designs of this lengthy series shows the title page of his most famous work *Os Lusiadas*, while another design shows him in the water after being shipwrecked on the coast of Cambodia, holding the precious manuscript of this work high in the air to save it from destruction.

Italy marked the 600th anniversary of the death of her famous poet Dante Alighieri" in 1921 by the issue of three special stamps. Dante was not only the greatest Italian poet, but also one of the three greatest poets of the world. Among his many famous works *La Divina Commedia* (the Divine Comedy), which probably occupied Dante at intervals during some twenty or twenty-five years of his life, is, without comparison, the greatest epic in Christiandom. It consists of one hundred cantos containing in all 14,233 lines so that it is a monumental work in length apart from its literary brilliancy. This work, in the shape of an open book, forms the centerpiece of one of the stamps in the commemorative series referred to.

Bolivia issued a series of stamps in 1878 showing a book as part of the design. The book is open and across its two pages are the words La Ley, meaning "The law."

Liberia, a country one would hardly associate with literary erudition, issued a stamp in 1909 in the design of a bound book. The back of the book is lettered Liberia and the front cover is embellished with a local scene, the lone star of the Republic, and the value.

Our philatelic library is, thus, a small one, but if one includes manuscripts under the heading of books many items may be added. These include such subjects as the Confederate stamp of Canada, the 24c, 1869 issue of the United States, showing the signing of the Declaration of Independence, one of the Vashoff stamps of Bulgaria showing the poet holding his manuscript, etc.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

OUR BOOK REVIEW

Elsewhere in this issue appears an advertisement of Milton T. Mauck, 36 Ridge Rd., Rutherford, N. J., announcing "The Lone Eagle," which is described as "a permanent record of a great achievement." It deals with Col. Lindbergh's "Good-will" tour of the United States, which is "one of the most fascinating chapters of our airmail history." The book is highly recommended by airmail specialists, and Mr. Mauck is particularly pleased at receiving a commendation from W. Irving Glover, 2nd Asst. Postmaster General, who calls it "very complete and most interesting." The book is well illustrated and contains a map showing the entire route. Col. Lindbergh started July 20, and visited forty-eight states, and the District of Columbia. His total flying distance was 22,350 miles. The price of the book is 50c.

BRITISH HIGH VALUES

Writing from Elmwood, Tennessee, Mr. Jno. Jellicorse says that he was interested in an article in the Weekly on the use of high value stamps in the Leeward Islands. Postage and Revenue are so mixed up in all or most British stamps, he says, that some uncertainty may exist as to usage. "British parcel post is generally limited to 11 pounds, but in some countries there seems to be an exception with an allowance of 22 pounds. I enclose a table of rates from England to various parts of the world, and from it you will see that the only rate over 10/- is on extra large parcels to New Zealand, and to Japan *via* Canada, perhaps some of the Pacific Islands may be higher. Looking at these rates what postal use is there for a pound stamp; and if there is no use for it in postage, it is a revenue stamp and nothing else." Postal rates in the colonies seem to have become so moderate that a ten shilling stamp does wonders. It is to be said, however, that first class postage may mount very high on occasion, as has been pointed out from time to time in the past.

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Ceylon.—We are informed that the reason for the change in the design of the rupee values of the current set is that it was found that a large number of high value cancelled stamps were being cleaned and illegally used again. When the new 10, 20 and 100 rupees stamps were issued the whole stock of the old issue was destroyed in a furnace, so that the old type stamps are likely to considerably increase in value. The new type of the 1, 2, and 5 rupees have not yet been placed on sale, but we have no doubt that when they are issued the old type will share the same fate as the higher denominations.

China.—A commemorative set is announced for this unsettled country showing a portrait of Marshal Chang-Zso-Lin, the denominations being 1c, 4c, 10c and $1. 4,600,000 of these stamps will be issued, of which 370,000 will be overprinted for Sinkiang and 1,500,000 for Manchuria.

Cyprus.—In our last supply received of 4½ piastres, King George type, we find this value is quite a different shade to the previous printing, which is on yellowish-green paper, whilst the new supply is on a bluish-green paper. The black portion is not so intense and the words "Cyprus" and "4½ piastres" are in a deeper colour, more brown than orange.

Egypt.—In each sheet of fifty of the 10 milliemes Statistical Congress stamps a variety occurs on the 42nd stamp, which shows a flaw in the plate between the words "Le Caire" and "1927"; this flaw looks like a very large full stop and is a constant variety. We have just received a small supply of four more denominations in the new type with portrait of King Fuad, 4, 20, 100 and 200 milliemes, so that now there is only the £1 stamp to be issued in this new type to complete the set.

Jamaica.—We understand that the remaining stock of the 1½d Contingent stamps is to be destroyed owing to the fact that the recent damp weather has caused the sheets to stick together. There is also a rumour that a complete new issue of stamps is in contemplation.

Liechtenstein.—With further reference to the stamps issued for the benefit of the sufferers from the recent floods in that country, we are now able to give further particulars as to the designs; the 5 rappen shows a railway bridge near Buchs destroyed by the River Rhine; the 10 rappen, the inundations of the Rhine near the village of Ruggell; 20 rappen, rescue work undertaken by Austrian soldiers; 30 rappen, rescue work undertaken by the Swiss soldiers.

Mauritius.—The 8c stamp, King George design, has been unobtainable in the Colony for some time past, a fresh printing has now been made and we have just received a supply, this new printing is of a different shade, which is deep yellow and is printed from plate 16, whereas the old printing is from plate 17 and is a much paler yellow.

Poland.—We are informed by the Committee of the National Philatelic Exhibition, which is to be held in Warsaw next May, that two special stamps will be issued, 50 groszy showing a portrait of Marshal Pilsudski, and 1 zloty showing a portrait of the President of the Republic, Moscicki. These stamps are to be printed in pairs in sheets of two in a similar manner to those issued for the Philatelic Exhibition held in Strasbourg in 1927. We understand that 20,000 blocks or sheets will be printed, one only being sold to each purchaser of a ticket of admission to the Exhibition.

Russia.—A set of four stamps has been issued to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the formation of the Red Army; the 8 kopecs, brown, shows a picture of a soldier; the 14 kopecs, blue, a sailor; the 18 kopecs, carmine, a mounted soldier; the 28 kopecs, green, an airman apparently in flight over a Russian town. All stamps are dated "1918-1928."

Switzerland.—We have received the current 5 francs stamp which has been printed from a re-engraved plate, the main differences being in the mountains, which are much clearer, and the letters of "Helvetia" are close together, whilst the scroll which contains this word is unshaded at either side. The stamp is printed in a bright blue, quite different from the previous issue, which we shall have to alter in our catalogue to violet-blue.

Dominica.—In our supply of the new 3d stamps on yellow paper we find there are two varieties, one on pale yellow and the other on a deep yellow paper.

Uruguay.—On January 14th the new railway from San Carlos to Rocha was opened, and to celebrate the event the 12 centavos blue stamps of 1924, No. 279 in our catalogue, were overprinted "Inauguracion Ferrocarril San Carlos a Rocha 14-1-928" and the value. We assume the date is an error and is intended for "14-1-1928." There are four denominations, 2 on 12c, 5 on 12c, 10 on 12c, and 15 on 12 centavos. As is usually the case with commemorative issues from this country, these stamps have had a very short life, we are informed that they were in circulation for one day only, January 14th.

Yugo-Slavia.—An Air Service between Belgrade and Zagreb, with subsequent extensions to Split on the Dalmatian Coast, Podgoritsa in Montenegro, and Skoplje and Bitolj in Serbia, is about to be started if it is not already in operation. We understand that a ten years' contract has been signed Company for Aerial Communicati that 400 flights per annum are g teed. It is also intended to carry p gers, goods and luggage in addi mail. Postal rates for letters sent Mail will be 50 per cent higher th ordinary letter fee. The linking this Service with Budapest is c plated in the near future and later Northern Europe. In view of t formation we have no doubt th Mail stamps will soon be issued country.—*Whitfield King & Co. letin.*

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THE CONVERSION OF OLD MAN PERRY

With Apologies If Necessary, To One Hundred Recent MEKEEL'S WEEKLY Advertisers

By EDWARD DANIEL FOX, A.P.S. 8947.

I was on my way home from a coasting party on MITC-HILL the other afternoon, and when in front of the VOORHEES place up by the LEVE I met Old Man PERRY (Himself). Inasmuch as he's a hard boiled old codger, and incidentally the official gloom spreader in our fair city of Fiddler's Green, I attempted to pass unobserved. However, he divined my purpose, and stepping directly in my path, LITT into me pronto.

"Say," he began, without ado, turning a HAWKEYE on me as cold as ICELAND. "What's this I hear about you bein' a stamp collector?"

"It is true," I confessed, somewhat proudly, "I am not only interested in stamps, but in anything pertaining to STAMP TOPICS."

"How long has this new fangled notion been goin' on?" he leered, attempting to HARRIS me.

"The idea is not new!" I protested emphatically, "It has now BINMORE than a century since COLONIAL days of NEW ENGLAND. People exchanged letters even in OLD COLONY times, and when stamps came into common use they were collected by folks who loved an interesting and educational hobby. Of late years the ADVANCE of philately has been phenomenal, and today I defy you to place a finger on any town on the ATLAS that doesn't boast a collector."

"IOOR anyone else would be a fool to fall for such trash." scoffed the Gloom Spreader.

"That's where you're wrong," I continued, "for philately appeals to all classes and vocations. For example, here in your own city you may often C. J. PHILLIPS hunt the BIRD in the FIELD, N. JOSEPH, the TRAUTMAN, attempt to HOOK the elusive fish from the sparkling waters of ASHBROOK. These men love their sport, but their hobby more. In the business world the SCHUMACHER who mends your soles, the COLMAN that supplies your fuel, the MILLER that grinds the feed, and the BARKER who shouts his wares, all worship at the shrine of philately."

"Haywire!" sneered PERRY, shifting gears on his cud.

"Listen!" I exclaimed, warming to my subject, "and you'll hear MOORE. Along the EASTERN seaboard from NEW YORK to the Golden Gate of the west, this ACME of hobbies is followed by men of STERLING integrity and highest AMES. Not alone in METROPOLITAN centers, but in smaller places as well every WARD is represented, from one section of the city to the TOWNSEND. We believe the UNITED States to be THE HUB of the universe, yet the entire GLOBE collects. Even the ROYAL family, from the humble BUTLER, watching the diners EATON, and on to the RELIANT old KING on the throne, are enthusiastic about philately. In the detective world from Nick CARTER to WATSON, of Needle fame, philatelists are numerous, while educational institutions as large as YALE college down to grade schools in the smallest BERG in every STATE, show a remarkable quota of collectors."

"But this collectin' GOETZ you nothin'," countered the Old Man.

"Wrong again," I came back, "For many a collector will POOLE his NICKLES, and like an ECONOMIST, buys SLOANE easy. He then MARKS time and inasmuch as all men must DIONE certain day, his end finally comes. After relatives and friends have filed past the BIER, and WILLS are read, they will exclaim, 'Here indeed was a WEISSMAN. More POWER to philately, a wonderful hobby pleasing alike to GODDEN man'!"

"You CROWELL about this fad," he went on, "But how about the YOUNG folks nowadays bein' interested?"

"Interested?" I repeated, "Absolutely. Take for instance MARTIN HUSSMAN calling on Miss HANNA WILSON, and presenting her flowers in the form of a NOSKE. Do you think his idea of wooing in CORTLANDT is to PARKER in GIBBONS cabaret, and then CHARTER a table with a five dollar cover charge plus the cost of the MEHL? He is too BRIGHT for that, for he realizes that there the BAR-TELS on your purse, and he cannot afford to let the KEIG-WIN. Instead he invests his money in stamps, and they PARK in the STAMP STUDIO of her HOME, thereby showing GOOD judgment."

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"Applesauce!" he snapped, "I'd —"

"Listen," I interrupted, "I want you to GITTIS, and remember it. I'll wager anything he weds the girl, and anyone who BETTS that way will win, too."

"I don't want to RAP-KIN," croaked PERRY, "but my daughter keeps company with BERTRAND ELL, and no LYON, if she tried to interest HERBERT in stamps, I'd take the young HUSSEY and LOCHER up."

"You'd probably BALL her out," I admitted, "but I hardly believe you would HARMER. If she interested her fiance in stamps, I'd admire the little CHAMPION for her philatelic spirit."

The Old Man was silent for a time, his face a BROWN study.

"Well," he finally cackled, as he shuffled off down the hill, "Either you're full of GINN or you're crazy."

"So's you're OHLMAN," I muttered in disgust, and DREW my SLEDD."

The following evening Old Man PERRY called me on the phone.

"Say," he said, with just a trace of JOLY in his voice, "I thought over what you told me last night about stamps, and today the wife and I rummaged through the attic. We found a trunk full of old letters Dad and Mother wrote to each other before the Civil War. The stamps are all colors and values, and if you're interested, WALK over. You're welcome to the lot, you young Phil-a-tel-ist." And believe it or not, he actually laughed.

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By Herman W. Boers.

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THE ST. HELENA 7SH 6D

By "Calabar".

At the time of writing considerable speculation is being centred about the current 7/6 of St. Helena, with prices asked running as high as $5 per copy in N. Y. The fact that Scott has deleted their quotation for this stamp, has given an added impetus to speculative activities —all of which is to be regretted, since the 7/6 is *not* obsolete, nor so far as I know is there any intention of withdrawing it. I happen to know that a certain well-known N. Y. dealer received a cable from St. Helena only a very short time ago, to the effect that it is *still current*. The various rumours which have been circulated around are therefore quite without foundation, and it is too bad that one of the contemporaries of the Weekly gave space to these rumours in its columns, the more so as the article referred to was written by one of the very dealers who are offering the stamp at the above figure, viz., $5. I am afraid that many collectors were deluded into buying this duty under the impression that it was shortly to become obsolete, and now when they are made aware of the true state of affairs, their disillusionment will turn them against a branch of collecting which too often has been exploited in just such a manner.

It is interesting to note that in the majority of the popular Colonies, where one or more recent duties have turned out to be good, the remaining current stamps come in for unwarranted price boosts, particularly the high values. This was true recently with St. Kitts, and is also true as re St. Helena. The current £1 is being quoted at $7 per copy, or $30 per block of 4, in one quarter, and for no other reason than that the 15/- became a rarity overnight, and that the 7/6 is a subject of speculation.

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tiansville, Va., is listed as a Post in the "Geographical Description United States" by John Mellish, lphia, 1816.
e City, Mecklenburgh County, Va., d as a Post Office in the 1874, 876, 1877, 1878 "Postal Guide."
1868 "List of Post Offices and sters," (American News Co., York) lists "Christiansville, Va., R. Clopton, P.M."
1854 "U. S. Postal Directory" s) lists "Christianville, Robert C. r, P.M."
1866 edition of the American Co. list of post offices shows ianville."
1853 "Post Office Directory" that Christiansville, Va., was a)ffice, Robert C. Puryear, P.M., e costs of operation were $45.13, the receipts were $16.74.
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"Which ever way the wind doth blow
Some heart is glad to have it so."

LIKEWISE, when some or other village is snowbound, as in the recent instance of Detour, Mich., stamp collectors are made happy with canceled stamps and envelopes. This is the way it works:

Ralph E. Quinn, secretary to Mayor John C. Lodge, recently received several hundred envelopes, all alike, postmarked "Detour, Mich," and none of which contained any message or even blank paper. A separate letter, addressed to Mr. Quinn, requested him to forward the envelopes through the mail to a given address. Somewhat puzzled, but accommodating nevertheless, Mr. Quinn did as directed.

Wednesday, the solution arrived in the form of a circular from a stamp firm. It offers to stamp collectors three specimens for their stamp albums, described as follows:

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"No. 3.—Still another, sent from Sault Ste. Marie, March 16, and carried by the air mail emergency plane to Detour. Backstamped 'Detour, March 17.' Inscribed 'Emergency Plane' in green, $1."

The circular goes on to explain that planes from Selfridge Field carried mail and provisions by order of the Post Office Department into snowbound Detour, and that "most of the letters that we have seen had Detroit and Pickford postmarks on the face and were backstamped 'Detroit'."

All of which lends support to the proposition, to paraphrase an old favorite:

"Which ever way the snow doth fly
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FROM FAR KARELIA

Mr. John N. Johnson of the postal service, Chicago, says a good word for the Karelia issue of 1922, which has not been regarded as typifying the highest degree of philatelic correctness. In fact, there are some who say that the long set is a dubious contribution, at best, to the stamp wealth of the world. Mr. Johnson says: "I have a way of getting you some information about the actual use of the stamps from a correspondent who will supply me with it, I am sure." We trust that we shall have water for an immunity bath from Mr. Johnson, for the stamps of this republic of Karelia, which is a part of Soviet Russia, east of Finland.

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Revolutionary Stamps of Russia, 1920-1922

Taken from the "LISSIUK" collection awarded the Silver medal, Class 20th Century, Section 19, at the International Philatelic Exhibition held in New York City from October 16th to 23rd, 1926, at Grand Central Palace.

Written by K. LISSIUK of the Lissiuk Philately Co., 1476 Broadway (42nd St.), New York City.

(Compiled and arranged by John L. Stroub, President of the New York Philatelic Society, Inc., and International Expert on the Stamps of Nicaragua.)

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As stated previously, while the Revolution progressed Russia became divided into political factions who fathered their doctrines and ideas by setting up independent states. Each state issued their own stamps. I might mention—Armenia, Azberbaijan, Batum, Far Eastern Republic, Georgia, Northwest Russia, Siberia (not all), South Russia, Trans Caucasia. Ukrania, and Western Ukrania. All of these, except Azberbaijan which later absorbed Georgia and Trans Caucasia, adopted the described method of individually surcharging their First Republic stamps. Many of them at a later date, prepared their individual designs from which permanent stamps in the reduced currency were printed and used. In 1921-22 these independent issues were displaced by the recognized Soviet issue. Both the "First Republic" provisionals and permanent issues are shown in the general stamp catalogues as legitimate major varieties. Collectors accepted them in their collections without question. Their high philatelic value is a judge of their scarcity as a group.

To assume that the "State" issues and the unsurcharged First Republic stamps comprised all the legitimate postal issues throughout the whole of Russia is an error. Many districts and cities, independent or otherwise, also exercised their right to have their own stamps, or Revolutionary provisionals along the same lines —that was by surcharging the remaining stocks and values of the First Republic stamps. Suffice to state, that these subdivisions of the country never advanced to the point of making permanent legitimate issues.

It is about these Revolutionary stamps that this article is specially concerned. They were produced by the individual postmasters and universally accepted as regular postage on all mails. It would seem that at the time and due to chaotic conditions philatelic information did not function in the districts and cities, scattered throughout the country, which reverted to the use of provisional stamps. However their existence has been generally known for some time past, but the information furnished the philatelic public was far from being complete or accurate. A few items have been listed in the catalogues, others mentioned and the balance left untouched. Further details are known by natives of the country and early collectors of the stamps. At present it is natural for the cataloguers to be skeptical and careful in the exchanging of notes for their future listings.

My collection shown at the International exhibition contained a new and virgin field of comparatively unknown stamps. In fact I have been told that the American press has never published anything of the "District and City Provisionals of the Russian Revolution" before. From my notes I was able to construct a list supported by illustrations of the many varieties. The small collections of about 250 to 300 items impressed me as being unique, judging by the crude and odd looking surcharged stamps it contained. I particularly noted that by far the greatest number of the stamps had been cancelled, which would indicate the scarcity of the unused. On the whole the collection was big in research and philatelic value.

From correspondence and data submitted I found that a movement was well advanced to complete these stamps in the national collection in the archives of the Museum in Moscow. Splendid co-operation has been given by the Soviet postal officials, several individual postmasters and last but not least by stamp collectors. Just recently a catalogue printed in Russian accepts these issues with those of the states referred to above. Pen marked surcharges are also included as well as "What not to collect" pertaining to unofficial, unauthentic, speculative and illegitimate stamps. When the subject has been given proper recognition throughout the philatelic world at some future time, any doubts, suspicions and knocks will be dispelled forever. Advanced philately should not allow a repetit our own Confederate postmasters' After 65 years since issuance, iter still being added to the list. Alrea years have passed without any activity on the part of all concern though progress is reported. It is that this article will at least pa way for proper consideration o part of the "Revolutionary Stam Russia" which for many reason been neglected.

In closing, and before listing the districts and cities and the various provisionals, style of surcharge and which permanent First Republic they are to be found, etc. I migh that high prices prevail on most of For uncatalogued stamps they are ously priced in "dollars" and not "d The record quotation for an unusec is already five hundred dollars though about 10% of the stamps ured to exist a new field (small true) has been opened with a just r for those who are fortunate enou possess or secure any of these looking stamps of our own gener Who knows but what they will b some day the World's 20th Ce rarities.

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Vt., a distance of about 40 miles.
ine, until quite recent years, was
arrow gauge, operating two trains
each way. One train was a mail-
ger, and the other a mixed passen-
d freight, carrying occasional mail

cancellation in question is surely the
iat was used on loose mail matter
l into the combination baggage and
ar at the several stations and cross-
The trains stop anywhere on sig-
nd as some crossroads and even
s were miles distant from a P. O.,
customary to receive mail matter
car at these points, unpouched and
elled. The phrase "Tr. 53" un-
dly refers to the train number.
or buses from point to point along
est River Valley, and heavy motor
have cut into the patronage of
ilroad very seriously for the past
ars. But there is still the service
wretched train a day.
ies about this road are legion. I
ding on it one day, about the time
cancellation in question, when the
vas tied up for two hours because
lts broke and the cowcatcher fell
o the track. They tried to fasten
with a chain, and that broke the
tack—and we finally made Brat-
without either important part of
omotive. And in the days of the
aped smokestack woodburners, the
train was derailed when the pile
d slid down the bank.

Bolivia

Here is a little country that has no outstanding rarities and with the exception of possibly 20 stamps the balance may be purchased for less than $2.00 each. The boom in South America must be reflected in the next catalogue.

Cat. No.		New.	Used
2	1866-67, 5c green	.20	.30
5	50c orange	.75	..
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25	2c violet	.05	.03
30	5c blue	..	.05
31	10c orange	..	.06
33	50c red	..	.25
34	100c yellow	..	.80
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42	5c green	.08	.06
43	10c yellow brown	.08	.08
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81	2b red and black	..	.40
85	10c blue and black	.05	.03
87	50c olive and black	.30	.20
88	1b brown and black	.40	..
92	1910, 5c green and black	.05	.02
93	10c claret and indigo	.05	.04
104	1913, 2c vermilion	.06	.03
108	50c dull violet	.65	.20
109	1b slate blue	2.00	.65
110	2b black	..	1.00
114	1916-17, 5c dark blue (1)	.12	.03
115	5c dark blue (2)	.12	.02
118	1919-20, 1c carmine	.06	.06
119	2c dark violet	.75	..
121	10c vermilion	.06	.02
122	20c dark blue	.15	.06
124	24c purple	..	.08
125	50c orange	..	.15
126	1b red brown	..	.40
127	2b black brown	..	.65
129	1923-26, 2c violet	..	.25
130	5c deep green	..	.05
131	10c vermilion	5.00	..
132	20c slate blue	..	.20
135	50c orange	..	.30
136	1b red brown	..	.35
138	1924, 15c on 10c vermilion	..	.75
139	15c on 22c light blue	.15	.08
141	15c on 10c vermilion	..	.10
142	5c on 1c carmine	.10	..
143	15c on 10c vermilion	.20	..
145	1925, 15c ultramarine	.10	.03
150	1c dark green	.75	..
151	2c rose	.75	..

METROPOLITAN STAMP COMPANY
1482 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY

Sevard's Twinkles

Mr. Jandrue, Everett, Mass., very kindly sent us an air mail cover with a parachute date, better known as leap year, from Ashland, Ky., and one notes that the letter bears a legend "First Contact Leap Year Air Mail." Whether or not this is meant to be "Contract" or "Contact" makes little, if any, difference, yet we think "Contact" a splendid word for the cover, and perfectly correct.

For those who collect townmarks, we have found that the very large cities all have either International or Universal machines. The next gradation in size of the cities, brings forth mostly International machines, and many of the older types still in existence. These cities all have duplex handstamps also, most with the numeral "1", but many with "2" and higher. Many times, certain numbers are lacking, jumping to "26" or "33" without any sequence. Towns below 10,000, usually have a 29mm grid handstamp, and towns under 5,000, a 31mm four bar regulation. These classifications are approximate only, and should be accepted as a broad interpretation. Thus in New York City, we find a machine cancel found nowhere else. Chicago has its Universals with broken waves and inset die numbers. Philadelphia with its Internationals are often hard to distinguish. Brooklyn has many auxiliary marks, known as straights with station insets. Detroit is easy to classify. Boston, however, with its die letters and die letter insets is peculiar to learn about. Saint Louis is another easy one. Thus we might go down the line from city to city with their letter rate cancels.

ON THE HIGHER VALUED STAMPS, ONE CAN TRACE THE ROLLER CANCELS IN MOST CITIES, THE PLAIN OVALS, THE INSET OVALS, SHOWING A STATION NAME, THE "DRUG STORE" OVALS, SHOWING A NUMERAL IN THE CENTER, BOX CANCELS, AND MANY OTHER CANCELS WHICH APPEAR IN CITIES FOR A TIME.

Then there are the precancels. Sometimes one believes that the precancels of a certain city with a few hundred thousand population are philatelically as important in classification as some small island, some little island, practically nothing more than a rock of pliocene tufa, with a few stunted birches, a handful of heather and dry grass, flocks of nesting seagulls, semi-arctic butterflies of the order Polymmatus, all on this lost outpost of an unknowing hemisphere. Out there amid the endless procession of clouds ever laden with rain, out there with the ceaseless beating of the seas on its wave eaten barren shore, exists what to merit a stamp?

There are the meters, too, the usual type E with the meter number on it, or the Type E2, which shows a line under No. Both are used today quite commonly. And the box type meters, the Standard type, the type with the period after CTS and the Mail-O-Meter type with dots in the townmark. Further one could get fourth class permits, the box type and the postmark type, the former being very common. Even then one may discriminate between the box types with U. S. Postage in them, and those, without such requirement. More and more one can build up the history of a city from its desiderata, postmarks, meters, permits, precancels.

SWEET SIXTEEN GUM, THE NEW YORK CLIPPER, SLY FOX CIGARS, PABST BEER, SWEET CAPORALS, THE JOHNNY SMOKER, COLLAPSIBLE BATHTUBS, TONY PASTOR'S, 16 TO 1, COXEY'S ARMY, THE WIGWAM—AREN'T THEY ALL?

Not one has passed but left an imprint here
To mark the way for other's stay or while.
All like some coral isle that grows from depths,
From inch to inch, from skeleton to branch,
Of little, growing things to build them up
By standing on the dead who've passed their way.

No inner frame lines?

Falkland Islands

Some one is going to get hurt if they don't fill up those holes before the change comes.
I have at this moment:-

The 1sh bistre (46)	unused	40c
" 3sh green (49)	"	$1.20
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" 10sh red on green (38)	"	4.00

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344	1908, 2c carmine	.10
	Block of 4	.50
408	1912, 1c green	.04
	Block of 4	.16
481	1916, 1c green	.02
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* 53	2sh viol. and ultram.	.75
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*311-12	1918-19, 3p, both	.30
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127-34	Same set cancelled	1.50
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*150	3sh orange and black	1.80
174	1925, 2sh violet on blue	.45
*201b	1907, 1p on 2p	.45
* 5	**Barbuda** 1922, 6p vio. & red vio.	.75
* 6	1922, 2sh viol. and ultram.	1.75
* 7	3sh green and violet	3.00
* 8	4sh black and scarlet	4.25
* 10	1sh emerald	1.10
* 11	5sh green and red	5.25
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* 31-4	1906, ½p to 2½p	2.25
* 35-39	1908-10, ¼p to 4p	1.75
* 40-8	1910-19, ¼p to 1sh	1.65
* 49	1917, 2sh 6p red and black	1.20
49	Same, cancelled	.75
* 50	5sh red and green	2.00
* 53	1920, 2sh ultr. and dull viol.	.80
53	Same, cancelled	.75
* 54	4sh carm. and black	1.35
* 61	1sh gray green	.60
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*185	**Brit. Guiana** 1913, 48c blk. & vio.	.85
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* 61	20c violet	.85
65	1904, 10c viol. and green	.50
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* 8-14	**Brit. Sol. Isl.** 1908, ½p to 6p	1.65
* 19-24	1913, ½p to 3p	.60
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* 37	2sh 6p black and red	1.25
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* 40	£1 viol. & black, mint or used	6.25
* 41	1921-3, 3p violet on yellow	3.00
* 22	**Brunei** 1907, 50c brown and green	1.10
* 19	1907, 10c green and black	.55
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* 35	$5 lake on green	4.00
* 88	**Canada** 1902, 7c olive yellow	.35
* 89-94	1903, 1c to 20c	1.30
95	50c purple	.75
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*139-40	1926, 2c on 3c, both	.60
*141-5	1927, I Confederation, complete	.65
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* 62	**Cape of G. H.** 1902, 3p red violet	.55
* 63-70	1902-4, ½p to 1sh	2.45
* 21-4	**Cayman Isl.** 1907, ½p to 3p	1.05
* 26-7	1907, 6p and 1sh	1.10
* 28	5sh green and red	3.00
* 30	1908, 10sh green and red	7.00
* 32-9	1912, ¼p to 6p	.90
* 43	1913, 3p violet	.45
* 44	1sh green	.50
* 49	1916, 1sh green	.45
* 50-8	1921-2, ¼p to 3sh	1.95
* 59-61	3p to 1sh	1.10
* 62	5sh green	4.00
* 63	10sh carmine	8.75
* 64-8	1923-6, 3p to 10sh	5.30
*101	1917, 1½ on 2½p, mint or used	1.25
*102	1½ on 2½p, mint or used	.30
*168	**Ceylon** 1903, 4c yellow and blue	.30
*183-4	1904, 12c and 15c	.50
*192-4	1910, 10c to 50c	1.25
*195	1 rupee violet	1.00
*196	2 rupees scarlet	2.25
*222	1913, 5 rupees green	3.25
* 41-7	**Cook Isl.** 1916, 1½p to 1sh	2.40
* 48-53	1919, ½p to 3p	.50
* 54	3p viol. brown	1.00
* 55-60	4p to 1sh	2.25
* 61-6	1920, ½p to 1sh	.90
* 67	1921, 2sh blue	1.00
* 68	2sh 6p brown	.80
* 69	5sh green	1.60
* 70	10sh deep claret	3.20
* 54	**Cyprus** 1904, 9pi brown and rose	.75
66-7	1912, 4pi and 6pi	.45
69	12pi or. brown and black	.65
70	18pi black and brown	1.10
71	45pi (now cat. 8.00)	3.50
77	1921, 4pi green and red viol.	.65
* 79-83	1922, 30pa to 2¾pi	1.10
* 84	6pi ol. brown and green	1.25
* 85	9pi brown and carmine	2.50
* 93-104	1924, ¼pi to 12pi	2.20
*105-7	18pi to 90pi	5.40
*108	£1 violet and black	6.25
* 46-52	**Dominica** 1908, ½p to 1sh	1.05
* 59-65	1921, ½p to 6p	1.30
* 69-77	1923, ½p to 1sh	.95
* 81	3sh, old CA	3.75
* 82	5sh, old CA	4.00
* 84-5	1927, 3sh and 5sh	2.55
*151-5	1916-19, ½p to 3p, compl.	.50
* 31-9	**East Afr. & Ug.** 1907, 1c to 75c	3.00
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90	**Egypt** 1922, 100m black	2.00
102	1923, 200m violet	.50
104	£1 ultram. and dark violet	2.25
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*114	King Fuad, 50pi	3.75
*115-17	3 surcharges	.60
*118-20	Navigation Congress	.50
*125-7	1927, Cotton Congress	.50
*320-2	1921, Dues, 2m to 10m	1.20
*326-9	1922, 2pi to 10m	1.40
*432-41	1924, Official, 1m to 50m	2.25
* 22-5	**Falkland Isl.** 1904, ½p to 2½p	1.20
* 26	1904, 6p orange	1.60
* 27	1sh bistre brown	1.60
* 29	5sh dull red	5.25
* 30-3 / * 35	1912, ½p to 2½p and 1sh	.95
* 38	10sh red on green	3.40
* 40	1914, 5sh plum	1.70
* 41-51	1921-5, ½p to 3sh	1.60
*101-3	1918, ½p to 1sh	.50
64	**Fiji** 1903, 4p violet and black	.30
67	1903, 1sh green and carmine	1.25
* 76	1906, 1sh green	.75
* 28-30	**Gambia** 1902, ½p to 2p	.85
* 33-4	1902, 4p and 6p	1.40
* 43 6	1904, 2½p to 5p	4.25
* 57-61	1909, 1p to 5p	2.25
* 70-81	1912, ½p to 1sh	2.75
* 86-94	1921, ½p to 10p	3.50
*102-11	1922, ½p to 1sh 6p	1.35
*112-16	2sh to 10sh, at 32c per sh.	
*117-18	4p and 7½p (not centered)	.55
*119	1sh viol. and black	1.25
*201-2	**Germ. E. Afr.** 1916, ½p and 1p	.60
211-19	1917, 1c to 75c	1.40
* 52	**Gibraltar** 1904, 6p viol. and purp.	.65
* 62	1907, 1sh green	1.50
* 66-71	1912, ½p to 1sh	1.35
* 71a	1sh emerald green	1.00
72	2sh viol. and ultram.	.60
* 77-83	1921, 1p to 1sh	1.30
* 87-9	1925, 2sh 6p to 10sh	4.80
* 84	**Gilbert & Ellice** 1911, ½p-2½p	1.10
* 14-22	1912, ½p to 1sh	1.10
* 23-5	2sh to 5sh	5.00
* 30	1924, 10sh green and red	3.20
* 31	£1 violet and black	6.40
* 58-62	**Gold Coast** 1907, 2p to 1sh	1.70
76	1913, 2sh violet and blue	.45
80	20sh violet and black	3.00
* 83-90	1921, ½p to 1sh	.75
*301-4	1923, Dues, ½p to 3p	.75
*127-36	**Great Britain** 1901, ½p to 9p	1.75
* 11-12	China, 1916, 50c and $1	1.75
1-12	1916, 1c to $1	1.35
* 18-25	1922, 1c to 25c	1.70
* 27	$2 black and red	2.75
* 82	Morocco, 1914, 12pe on 10sh	3.00
* 83a	1914, 2sh 6p	2.00
66	1907, 4p brown and green	.75
108	Turkey, 1921, 180pi on 10sh	.65
51	**Grenada** 1902, 2½p vio. & ultram.	.45
* 62	1904, 3p viol. and orange	.50
* 63	6p viol. and green	.75
* 64	1sh green and orange	1.00
* 79-85	1913, ½p to 1sh	1.10
86	2sh viol. and ultram.	.90
* 89-90	1914, 3p and 1sh	1.10
* 91-5	1921, ½p to 6p	.75
* 97-103	1922, 1p to 1sh	2.20
*104-7	2sh to 10sh, at 32c per sh.	
*311-14	1921-2, Dues, 1p to 3p	.50
86	**Hong Kong** 1904, $2 scarl. & blk.	1.75
87	1904, $3 deep blue and black	2.25
* 94-6	1907, 20c to 50c	1.40
113	1912, $3 viol. and green	1.25
*132	1921, $2 black and red	1.60
* 1-9	**Iraq** 1923, ½a to 1 rupee	1.30
* 11	1923, 5 rup. orange	2.25
* 12	10 rup.	4.50
*110	Official, 2r black	1.20
* 1-8	**Ireland** 1922, ½p to 10p, lightly canc.	4.00
8	1922, 10p light blue	.60
* 9-11	2½p to 9p	1.80
11	9p blk. brown, lightly canc.	.60
* 12	2sh 6p brown or chestnut	4.00
* 13	5sh carmine rose	8.00
* 14	10sh gray blue	16.00
* 22	5p yellow brown	.60
24	9p black brown	.60
* 25	10p light blue	4.00
25	10p light blue, lightly canc.	2.60
* 27	9p olive green	.85
* 29-41	1922-3, ½p to 1sh, compl.	3.85
* 42	2sh 6p brown, I setting	1.75
* 43	5sh carm. rose, I setting	3.50
* 44	10sh gray blue, I setting	8.25
* 42	1926, 2sh 6p, 5sh and 10sh, II setting	5.75
* 43	**Jamaica** 1905, 3p olive green	.50
* 44	1905, 4p orange brown	3.50
* 45	5p yellow and black	2.75
* 46	6p orange yellow	1.75
49	5sh viol. and black	1.25
* 50-3	1906, ½p to 3p	.60
* 54	4p yellow	2.00
* 55	6p dull violet	.45
* 56	1sh green	1.00
57	2sh violet on blue	.55
* 61-8	1912, 1p to 1sh	1.50
69	2sh ultram. and violet	.65
75-83	1919, ½p to 1sh	.85
84	2sh brown and blue	.85
86	5sh ochre and blue	1.50
* 87	10sh myrtle green (cat. 15.00)	6.50
* 1-6	**Kenya** 1921, 1c to 15c	.50
* 18-27	1922, 1c to 1sh	1.30
* 28-30	2sh to 5sh	3.10
* 31	10sh ultramarine	3.10
* 32	£1 orange and black	6.25
* 17-19	**Leew. Isl.** 1902, 1p/4p to 1p/7	1.25
20-4	1902, ½p to 3p	1.25
* 22-3	2p and 2½p, the two	.75
* 31	1905, 2p violet and bistre	.60
* 39-41	1907, 2, 2½ and 3p, mint or used	1.20
* 46-53	1912, ¼p to 1sh	1.10
* 55	5sh green and red	2.50
* 60	1921, 2sh viol. and ultram.	1.00
* 61-71	¼p to 2sh	1.25
* 76	1922, 2½p or'ge (now cat. 2.50)	1.25
* 75 / * 77-81	1p to 2sh 6p	1.80
* 44	**Malta** 1907, 4p scarl. and black, * or used	.40
* 47	1sh green	.75
* 52	1914, 2p gray	.60
* 54	3p viol. on yellow	.60
* 59	1sh green	1.50
* 59a	1sh emerald green	2.00
* 60	2sh ultr. and violet	3.00
61	5sh scarl. and green	9.50
* 62	1sh green	.85
64	1919, 2sh 6p olive green	8.50
* 66-70	1921, ¼p to 2½p	.75
* 78	1921-2, 2½p ultramarine	.85
* 79	3p viol. on yellow	.60
* 80	6p lilac and red viol.	.75
* 81	1sh em. green	1.20
* 85	10sh blue black	31.50
* 86-90	¼p to 2½p	.55
* 92	6p. rare	.75
* 94	2sh ult. and violet	4.00
* 96	10sh black	13.50
*103	1922, 4p yell. and ult.	.65
105	1sh br. and blue	.45
*106	2sh ult. and ol. br.	3.00
*107	2sh 6p blk. and r. viol.	1.75
*108	5sh ult. and orange	2.75
108	Same stamp, lightly canc.	2.50
*109	10sh ol. br. and gray	5.00
*110	£1 carm. and black	10.00
*111-15	1923-4, 1p to 3p (5 var.)	.90
*128	1926, 5sh ultr. and orange	2.75
*129	10sh ol. br. and gray	4.00
*131-47	1926-7, at 32c per shilling.	
*401-10	1925, Dues, complete	2.40
*411-20	½p to 1sh 6p	1.35
*106-9	**Mauritius** 1902, 4c to 25c	.75
*146-7	1910, 25c and 50c, the two	1.25
*156	1912, 1 rupee green	.75
*159a	10 rupees green and red	5.00
*160	25c surface colored	.75
*161-8	1921, 1c to 2r 50c	3.20
*173-8	1922, 4c to 1 rupee	.85
*180	5r green and red	3.00
*184-7	1925, 3 on 4c to 15 on 20c	.50
*189-98	2c to 20c, complete	1.65
* 24 / * 26-7	**Montserrat** 1904, 2p, 3p, 6p	1.15
* 50	1916, 2sh viol. and ultram.	1.10
* 52	5sh green and red	4.50
* 53-7	1922, ¼p to 5p	1.75
* 62-9	1923, ½p to 1sh	.95
* 88	**Natal** 1902, 5p orange and black	.35
* 90	1902, 1sh blue and rose	.45
97	£1.10sh viol. and blue green	5.00
*104-5	1904, 4p, 5p, the two	.90
110-11	1908, 6p and 1sh	.75
112	2sh blue and violet	1.00
* 1-10	**Nauru** 1916, ½p to 1sh	1.60
* 11	1916, 2sh 6p	3.00
* 13	10sh blue	5.00
* 14	1920, 2sh 6p brown	1.00
* 17-27	1924, ½p to 1sh	1.30
* 28-9	2sh 6p and 5sh	2.40
* 30	10sh yellow	3.40
* 98	**Newfoundland** 1911, 6c brn. viol.	1.00
*104-9	1911, 1c to 6c	1.50
*127	1920, 2c on 30c slate	.65
*145-57	1928, 1c to 30c	1.60
*122-5	**New Zealand** 1906, ½p to 6p	4.25
*172	1921, 8p blue	.90
*178	1925, 2p yellow	.50
* 1-8	**Nigeria** 1914, ½p to 1sh	1.30
9	1914, 2sh 6p black and red	.60
* 10	5sh green and red	3.50
* 18-25	1921, ½p to 1sh	.90
* 28	10sh green and red	3.20
* 10	**Niue** 1903, 6p rose	.75
* 16-17	1911, 6p and 1sh	.90
* 19	1917, 1p carmine	.90
* 20	3p viol. brown	6.00
* 30	5sh green	1.60
* 31-6	1920, ½p to 1sh	.90
* 38	2sh 6p brown	.80
* 39	10sh deep claret	3.20
* 49	**North. Nigeria** 1912, 2sh 6p black and red	1.10
* 1-6	**Nyasaland** 1908, ½p to 1sh	2.60
* 12-19	1913, ½p to 1sh	1.20
* 21	4sh black and red	1.45
* 22	10sh red and green	3.75
* 23	£1 black and viol.	6.40
* 65-7	**Orange Riv. Col.** 1903, 3p, 4p and 6p	1.15
1	**Palestine** 1918, 1pi deep blue	7.50
* 1a	1918, 1pi ultramarine	.30
* 2	5m on 1pi ultramar.	1.50
2	Same, used	.75
* 3-10	1918-19, 1m to 5pi, the set	.55
* 11	9pi bistre	.65
* 12	10pi ultramarine	.85
13	20pi gray	1.75
* 15-22	1920, 1m to 5pi, the set	1.25
15-22	Same set cancelled	.75
* 23	1920, 9pi bistre	.75
23	Same used	.85
* 24	10pi ultramarine	.90
24	Same used	.85
* 25	20pi gray	1.75
25	Same used	1.65
44	1921, 5pi plum	.50
* 45	9pi bistre	1.60
45	9pi bistre, canc.	
* 46	10pi ultramarine	
* 47	1921, 20pi gray, rare	
* 48-62	1922, 1m to 20pi, complete	
48-62	Same set, used	
*301-5	1923, Dues, 1m to 13m, complet	
301-5	Same set cancelled	
*306-11	1924, 1m to 5pi	
2	1918, 5m on 1pi, fine used bloc of 4	
* 26	**Papua** 1907, 2sh 6p brn. and bl	
* 50-6	1911, ½p to 1sh, mint or used	
* 59	1915, 1p light red	
* 8-9	**Penrhyn Isl.** 1903, 3p and 6p	
23-4	1917, 6p and 1sh	
* 25-30	1920, ½p to 1sh	
77	**Rhodesia** 1905, 5sh violet	
79-81	1906, 2sh 6p to 10sh	
97-9	1909, 5sh to 10sh	
118	1910, £1 slate and carmine	
129-30	1913, 1sh and 2sh	
*139	1917, ½p on 1p rose	
* 48-9	**St. Helena** 1902, ½p and 1p	
* 50-3	1903, ½p to 8p	
* 56-8	1908, 2½p to 6p	
* 61-6	1912, ½p to 3p	
* 79-86	1922, ½p to 1sh	
* 87	7sh 6p orange and black	
* 88	10sh green and black	
* 90-2	4p to 2sh 6p	
* 93	5sh green and black	
11	**St. Kitts** 1905, ½p green & vio	
* 12	1905, 1p carm. and black	
* 13	2p brown and viol.	
* 20	1907, 1sh orange and green	
* 23	1907, 5sh green and gray viol.	
32	1920, 2sh ultram. and viol.	
* 33	2sh 6p red and black	
33	Same, used	
* 34	5sh red and green	
* 35	10sh red and green	
* 50-5	1923, ½p to 3p	
* 42-3	1922, 2½p and 3p	
* 48	**St. Lucia** 1902, 1sh grn. and bl	
* 46	1902, 2½p viol. and ultram.	
* 61	1907, 6p viol. and red viol.	
* 64-8	1912, ½p to 6p	
* 87	1924, 2½p orange	
* 92	**St. Vincent** 1907, 2p orange	
* 94	1907, 3p dark violet	
*104-12	1913, ½p to 1sh	
*118-26	1921, ½p to 1sh	
*114-19	**Samoa** 1914, ½p to 1sh	
114-19	Same set used	
*120-1	1914-18, 2sh to 5sh	
122	10sh red brown	
123	£1 rose	
*124-30	½p to 1sh	
*136-41	1920, ½p to 1sh	
*155	1922, 3sh violet	
* 29-32	**Seychelles** 1901, 3 on 10c to on 8c	
* 38-44	1903, 2c to 30c	
* 49	3 on 15c ultram.	
* 70-1	1912, 45c and 75c	
72	1r 50c black and rose	
73	2r 25c red viol. and green	
* 83	1917, 1r 50c viol. and blue	
* 27-33	**Somaliland** 1904, ½a to 6a	
* 51-9	1912, ½a to 12a	
* 64-73	1921, ½a to 1 rupee	
* 74-6	2r to 5 rupees	
* 6	**South. Nigeria** 1901, 1sh black green	
* 24	1904, 2½p ultr. and black	
* 36-9	1907, 3p to 1sh	
* 37-8	**South West Africa** 1923, 2p, bl iz. pair	
* 39-40	1923, 3p, horiz. pair	
* 47-8	1sh 3p, horiz. pair	
* 49-50	2sh 6p, horiz. pair	
* 51-2	5sh, horiz. pair	
* 69-70	1924-5, 1sh, hor. pair (cat. 2.5	
* 71-2	1sh 3p, horiz. pairs (cat. $	
* 73-4	2sh 6p, horiz. pairs (cat. $1	
* 81-3	1926-7, 4p, 3 varieties, comple	
* 85-90	1926, ½p-6p, hor. pairs (cat. 96	
* 93-8	1927, 2p to 1sh, horiz. pairs	
* 99-100	2sh 6p, horiz. pair (cat. $1	
*101-2	5sh horiz. pair (very rare)	
*103-4	10sh, horiz. pair (very rare	
*311-12	1923, Dues, 3p, horiz. pair	
*343-4	1924, Dues, 6p, horiz. pair	
*369-70	1925-6, Dues, 3p, horiz. p (cat. $6)	
* 8-9	**Tanganyika** 1922, 1c and 10c	
* 10-18	1922, 5c to 75c, compl.	
* 19	1sh green and black	
* 20	2sh br. viol. and blk.	
* 21	3sh black	
* 22	5sh red and black	
* 23	10sh blue and black	
* 25-8	1925, 5c to 30c, 4 var.	
* 29-43	1926-7, 5c to £1, at 32c per s	
* 53-8	**Tonga** 1920, 2p to 1sh	
*145-55	**Transjordania** 1927, 2m to 200	
1-7	**Trinidad & Tob.** 1913, ½p-1s	
* 12-15	1921, ½p to 6p	
* 18-20	1922, 1p to 3p	
21-6 / 29-30	1922, ½p to 1sh	
* 12	**Turks & Caicos** 1905, 3p violet	
* 24-32	1913, ¼p to 6p	
* 37-42	1921, ½p to 6p	
* 45-52	1923, ½p to 6p	
* 55	3sh red	
* 56-9	1925, ¼p to 2sh	
* 10	**Union of So. Afr.** 1913-15, 2sh green and claret	
* 11	1913-15, 5sh blue and claret	
* 12	10sh ol. gr. and blue	
* 13a	1927, £1 red and gray green	
*301-4	1925, Airmail, complete	
* 34-5	**Virgin Isl.** 1904, 6p and 1sh	
* 55	1922, 5p dull lilac and ol. gr	
* 57-9	3p to 2sh 6p	
112	**Zanzibar** 1908, 5 rup. blue	
*129	1913, 1 rup. green	
133	5 rup. blue	
134	10 rup. brown and green	
150-1	1914, 1 rup. and 2 rup.	
*162-5	1921, 25c to 1 rup.	
*166-71	at 55c per rupee.	
*176-83	3c to 20c, rare	
*184-94	1926-7, 1c to 75c	

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e schedule for the first week, and regularly maintained, was as fol-

ursday, December 1.—Left Santo ngo City, 7 a. m.; arrived San Juan, m.; left San Juan, 2 p. m.; arrived Domingo City, 5 p. m.
day, December 2.—In S. D. C.
urday, December 3.—Same schedule ursday.
nday, December 4.—Left S. D. C., n.; arrived S. J., 5 p. m.
nday, December 5.—Left San Juan, n.; arrived S. D. C., 12 noon. Left . C., 2 p. m.; arrived in Port au e, 4.30 p. m.
sday, December 6.—Left Port au e, 8 a. m.; arrived S. D. C., 10.30

dnesday, December 7.—In S. D. C.
ursday, December 8.—Same as De- r 1st.
e fare between San Juan and Santo ngo City is $50 ($85 return), be- San Juan and Port au Prince, $85 .50 return), and between Santo ngo City and Port au Prince, $40 return). The first class fare by eamers of the New York & Porto S. S. Co. (s. s. "Coamo" or s. s. Lorenzo") between San Juan and Domingo City is $30.
mail was carried on the first regu- ight from Santo Domingo City to Juan, on Thursday, December 1, but on Saturday morning, Decem- rd, a more or less exclusive mail of tters was taken.
e air letter rate of 10c was prepaid ther the 10c blue, Entrega Especial, 20, or the 10c red-brown, Expreso, 927, both horizontal rectangular in , 47 x 21½mm, lithographed locally, termarked, and perforated 11½.

The postmark applied in blue-green to the stamps on these covers (605) is a single lined circle, 24mm, "Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana," with the date in the center in three lines, "DIC—2—1927," and five horizontal lines at the right, each 45mm long, and spaced 4mm vertically. There is also a special marking applied in blue-green, in three lines, "CORREO AEREO—POR AVION—'Santa Maria'," whose greatest horizontal and vertical measurements are 59mm and 22mm respectively.

At San Juan, P.R., this mail was backstamped with the Duplex marking of that office, a single lined circle 25mm, inscribed "San Juan, P.R." with the date in two lines in the center, "DEC 3—12.30 PM," and the year "1927," placed at the foot between the postmarking circle and the ellipse on end (formed of graduated horizontal bars, with the numeral "1" inset) at the right.

As the steamer with the mail from New York arrives at Santo Domingo City every Tuesday morning, and leaves at 5 p. m. for San Juan, P.R., it is practically impossible to send replies to letters received by this steamer. However, if letters are sent by air to San Juan Thursday morning, they will catch the steamer sailing that afternoon for New York, and save a whole week. Otherwise, the return mail must wait for the outgoing boat from Santo Domingo City on Tuesday evening of the following week.

Under the heading of "Air Transport Service," the "Pan-American Union Bulletin" of January, 1928, has the following to say:—

"The National Congress of the Dominican Republic recently approved a contract with the West Indian Aerial Express for the establishment of a weekly air passenger and mail transport service between the cities of San Juan, P.R., Santo Domingo City, Port au Prince, Haiti, Santiago and Habana, Cuba.

In accordance with the terms of the contract, the Government promises to pay the company $250 a pound for mail, absolutely guaranteeing $500 a month in the event that the weight of the mail should be less than 2 lbs., as well as the sum of $1,500 monthly as a subsidy to stabilise and encourage the enterprise."

San Juan Westward Service

As yet no arrangements have been made by the United States Post Office Dept., for the dispatch of letters by air from San Juan westward, and under date of January 10, 1928, Sr. Rafael del Valle, Postmaster at San Juan, writes:—

"No arrangements have as yet been made for the dispatch of mail westward from San Juan, P.R., although mail is being received from those countries (Santo Domingo City, D.R., and Port au Prince, Haiti) in San Juan, twice a week . . . I cannot state at present whether they intend to establish an air mail service from Porto Rico to the said countries in the near future."

10c Entrega Especial and Expreso

The 10c blue, Entrega Especial, stamp has as its central feature a biplane in flight, with "Republica Dominicana" in colorless, curved above. In the upper corners, in ovals placed diagonally, is "Correos," and circles in the lower corners contain "10c," colored; between the two, across the foot, is "Entrega Especial" in colorless.

The printing of this stamp ceased (until December, 1927) with the issue of the 10c blue, Entrega Especial, of 1925, patterned after the 10c blue Special Delivery, of the U. S. A. (issued July 12, 1922), which is officially described as picturing "the front of a Colonial residence, showing a motorcycle parked against the curb, with a special delivery messenger delivering a letter." Although the front of the "Colonial residence" is identical on the two stamps, the lettering is differently disposed. On the Dominican stamp, "Entrega Especial" is in a straight line at the top; ribbons directly under are inscribed "Correos" at the right and left, and across the window at the right of the residence is "Republica—Dominicana" in very small colorless lettering. At the foot is "Diez Centavos," between circles in the corners bearing the denominational figures "10."

In 1927, the inscription at the top of the 1925 design was changed to "Expreso," and the color from blue to red-brown. In changing the printing stone, the first "E" of "Entrega" was not erased from the 18th subject, causing the error "E EXPRESO" once in each pane of 25 stamps.

The first printing of the 10c blue, biplane in flight, of 1920, consisted of 50,000 stamps, and was legalised by a decree of March 10, 1921, signed by Rear Admiral Thomas Snowden, U. S. N. Military Governor of Santo Domingo. It was superseded by the 10c blue, Colonial residence type, of 1925, but subsequent to the inauguration of the West Indian Aerial Express air mail service in December, 1927, its printing was resumed. It was the use of this more or less obsolete stamp on some of the first day air mail dispatched to San Juan, P.R., December 3rd, that caused the report that the Dominican Government had issued a special stamp for the service. The stamps so used, however, were merely some remainders gathered up at some outlying Post Offices.

IN REJOINDER

By HERMANN FOCKE.

Yours of recent date received and duly noted. I have just read your correspondent's—with Nom de plume "Calabar"—comments on my article on Leeward Islands stamps, and will say that he is wrong in his first and right in his second assumption, i.e.: I did not obtain my stamps at Montserrat, but at Tortola, V. I., about the same time that he states he received his 5d stamp, they were consequently in issue at that time.

His remarks about Turks Island, or rather Turks & Caicos Islands, old issue I can supplement by giving you the following information received from my correspondent at Grand Turk this morning:

"The new issue came out on the 1st instant and I am informed by the P. M. that the entire stock of the previous issue has been burnt; this was done because some of the dealers who had invested large sums in the old issue objected to the Post Office still keeping them on sale, and thus cutting them out of the profits they would (like to) make." (The two words in parenthesis are my own.)

My comment on this is "I like that spirit."

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EDITORIAL

One of our friends in Washington has given us some interesting information on a subject that has received much attention recently, that of commemorative issues by our government. He says: "I have indicated to you, as far as I thought it allowable, the policy of the postmaster general, as I sensed it, in connection with the many requests for special stamps. You will be interested to know that Mr. New has now given a statement to the Associated Press, in which he incorporates his views on a question that has become somewhat cumbersome to handle. It is possible that you may not have seen the account which I am now enclosing, and which should be of interest to your readers. These observations of Postmaster General Harry S. New should be regarded as representing the departmental view, based on practical limitations. It should not be read into the text that Mr. New is other than friendly to commemorative stamps in their sentimental and historical aspects, but stern necessity will not be ignored. I should not be surprised if the Valley Forge stamp were decided upon, as the demand for it is well organized and extensive; and the theme is one that appeals strongly to all of us."

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We appreciate the foregoing survey, even though the statements in it are not exactly definite, in consequence of the position occupied by our correspondent. As for the Associated Press notice, we had not seen it before, and while we are not permitted to quote its words, we may review it briefly. The opening sentence says that the half dozen bills that have been introduced into Congress providing for special issues cannot achieve their object even if they are reported favorably, since any more extra stamps would hamper the work of the Bureau, as well as exceed the appropriation of the department. Consequently, any bill that passed would have to carry a financial proviso, and be made mandatory on the department. Mr. New says that there are thirty applications for commemorative stamps before Congress in the manner of resolutions, two of which from Pennsylvania present the subject of the Valley Forge encampment and the centennial of the first trip of a steam locomotive in this country, at Honesdale, in 1829, respectively. New Jersey's contribution of the Lindbergh series, and the battle of Monmouth, have been recorded, and we have mentioned the proposed George Rogers Clark stamp from Indiana. Senator Wagner of New York wants a stamp to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the founding of his state, and there are other suggestions covering revolutionary battles and incidents. Other subjects mentioned are the tercentenary of Massachusetts; the sinking of the Maine; the discovery of Hawaii; the founding of Kingston, and the opening of the Peace Bridge over the Niagara River. Too, portraits of Baron von Steuben, Fred Douglas, the great negro, Luther Burbank and Commander Byrd, have their partizans. With the most generous of intentions, the post office department must draw the line somewhere, even on the score overtaxing the resources of the department, physical and financial.

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Mr. G. Van de Kieft of New York City has sent us a clipping from a newspaper of Haarlem, Holland, picturing eight stamps that will comprise a set to be issued by Netherlands, to commemorate the Olympian games to be held there. The series, "IX Olympiade, 1928" ranges from 1½c to 30c, inclusive, and illustrates rowing, fencing, football, sailing, shot-putting, sprinting, racing and boxing, respectively. The colors are not named, and as Mr. Van de Kieft says: "As the stamps are not overcrowded with ornament, the different sports should be shown effectively."

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The letter in our issue of March 19, 1928, from the Hon. W. Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, that we headed, "All For Lindy" made an impression on our readers judging from the commendatory letters that have been received. From an officer of the Department, word comes that through a recital of the kind, "the patrons of the Post Office Department know that we are trying to do a real job for the Philatelists." Mr. Claude Davis Millar of Cincinnati, does not restrain his enthusiasm, and he says: "The article ought to be greatly appreciated by all stamp collectors, and a man like Glover ought to be elected by 'Fair Minded People' who, naturally, are in the majority, to the highest office in our land. You will notice that this type of man 'makes good

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Several letters have been received from those who have seen references in our columns recently to some of the men whose names were to the fore in philatelic circles generations ago, such as Trifet, Chute, Pierce and others. One correspondent is anxious to know if Charles B. Corwin of New York, who was so active in philatelic affairs in the early nineties is still up and doing. Another asks: "What has become of your friend, Lewis G. Quackenbush, up in York State, who was the most prolific of writers years ago?" Lacking definite information, we say nothing, but some other follower of stamps may know.

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A circular from the Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, Toledo, Ohio, district, dated March 26, 1928, is addressed: "To Manufacturers of and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Oleomargarine, and Zone Deputy Collector." The first paragraph says a stamp collector in Pittsburgh, Pa., has sent postals to dealers in oleomargarine, offering to pay for oleomargarine tax paid stamps, colored or uncolored oleomargarine varieties, "soaked by cold water from emptied boxes." The collector, who is named, is represented as saying that if the stamps are thus removed from the boxes, the law requiring the destruction of the stamps when packages are emptied will not be violated. This statement is squarely denied, and retail dealers are enjoined to wholly destroy the stamps when the packages are emptied; and all those who handle original packages are warned that the requirements of the Act are absolute. The law of 1886 demands that any stamped package containing oleomargarine, when emptied, must have the stamp thereon utterly destroyed by the handler. A fine of not exceeding fifty dollars and imprisonment of not less than ten days, nor more than six months is provided for violation of this law. It is said that the removal of the stamp does not constitute destruction of it, and it is ordered that no person even permit the removal of the stamp by another, under penalty. Zone deputy collectors are instructed to see that the Act are enforced.

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We are informed by Mr. P. J. Drossos of Athens, Greece, that the complete Navarino set was placed on sale on March 17, 1928; and he sends four values in addition to the two that issued last October. We understand both the "Sir Codrington" and the rected "Sir Edward Codrington" dr. are to be had at the post office.

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The new Chinese stamps are stirup no little political excitement in C and we have received advices that are certain to be received with "n feelings" from Mr. Theodore Sidda Shanghai, and Mr. G. J. Schmic Tientsin, North China.

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By Harry M. Konwiser.

The interesting department in this paper by Mr H. P. Atherton is proving of great value to the collectors of United States stamps. To supplement this work, let us hope, a philatelist of philanthropic standing, plus a good sized bank-roll will arise and say, "Let us put all of this and other cancellation dope in a book."

A study of cancellations of the United States! Think what a magnificent impetus this would be to many collectors who now hold aloof from stamps of our own country, because they profess to believe their money-box will never have sufficient resources to purchase U. S. stamps. Specialization by cancellations, by towns, by years or by legal holiday dates or in other ways—that is the proper solution to sustained interest in the stamps of our country.

A stupendous task, naturally, and one that—when done, would be just ninety-three and eight-tenths complete. Yes, some job, and meanwhile those of us who have "unusual cancellations" should make every effort to get these into print.

Meanwhile the collector of Americana is often in doubt—having sensed the practical idea involved in cancellation collecting, together with mild specialization on a stamp or two. Just where is one to start, and where quit? Shall the limit be one stamp, one period of years, or what?

It is safe to assert that this method of collecting, the cancellation feature, is one that has everything sensible in its favor, and not to be rated in the over-specialization class. Cancellation devotees require no million dollar bank rolls, unless they select the 1869 inverts for cancellations.

The "exact reasons" for the various styles of official cancellations should be told some day in its entirety, but everyone can ascertain when and how PAID was placed upon a cover; why postmasters fancied certain designs; why ingenious clerks produced wonderful-looking obliterations, etc., etc. There are steam boat cancellations, rail cancels, fort and navy cancels—all to be checked up against the Postal Guides of the United States Post Office.

The standard, current type of cancellation may "look alike" to the non-philatelist, but is it? Who would not, right now, be interested in a collection showing *every* cancellation of the current year? Does anyone doubt such a collection, on display at the New York show, would not have aroused considerable interest? Such a collection might include the normal big city cancel, with the various branch offices, the registry forms in use, the air mails, the specials, the parcel post, the representative (legal) pre-cancels, etc.

Some years back, Clark A. Tuttle, writing in a stamp paper, now gone to the happy hunting grounds, listed nineteen "ways" to collect cancellations on U. S. stamps. The list, with minor changes, is as follows:—

(1) Day dates on individual stamps to complete a year. (2) Day dates on any and all issues, to complete a year. (3) Year dates, beginning with the earliest in your favorite stamp (or foreign country), to date. (4) Colored dated cancels. (5) Odd cancels, black ink. (6) Cancels in colors other than black. (7) Numeral cancels, local hand stamp usage. (8) Alphabetical cancels, made by hand stamp. (9) Colored numeral cancels, made by hand stamp. (10) Colored alphabetical cancels, made by hand stamp. (11) Numeral cancels, machine-made. (12) Alphabetical cancels, machine-made. (13) Colored pen cancels. (14) Black pen cancels. (15) Paid cancellations. (16) Railway mail cancels. (17) Advertising and commemorative cancels. (18) Black star cancels. (19) Maltese cross cancels. (20) Colored star cancellations.

To this group can be added:—

(1) Steamboat and railway cancels—domestic and foreign boats, of course. (2) Supplementary Mail cancels. (3) New York Foreign Mail cancels. (4) Registered mail cancels, domestic and foreign. (5) Parcel Post cancels. (6) Air Mail cancels.

Then there are "the Official Cancels" of various countries, franks they might be called.

Specialism might adopt the Delf Norona suggestion and collect by states. A collection showing *every* type and form of cancellation in use in any one state would be a thing of historic interest.

In view of the fact that cancellation collections can be made on stamps selling at very low prices "per hundred" the way is open to anyone. The low-price stamp of today, is often the high-priced stamp of tomorrow. Cancellation-collections help to increase catalog prices.

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The Costa Rica Air Mail Stamp

The airplane stamp of Costa Rica is a very attractive stamp. This is due partly to its simplicity and its color. The blue of the sky is most appropriate for a color for an airplane stamp. This color is effectively used in this instance. The central design of this stamp shows a plane in flight, bearing the words "CORREO AEREO" on its side. A few clouds break the monotony of the sky background. Across the upper left corner and filling it thoroughly lies the only other feature of the design. This consists of the seal of Costa Rica and symbolic spray of coffee. The name Costa Rica stands out very plainly, altho the lettering is not over large. This is due to the background, which is quite dark in comparison with the rest of the stamp. The value—20 centavos—is in rather large type in the lower left corner with the word "centimos" running slightly over half way across the stamp. The whole stamp is surrounded by a frame of blue and white check, which sets off the whole design very well.—A. C. LeDuc.

Gate City Stamp Club

The Gate City Stamp Club was organized, Feb. 29, in Nashua, N. H. The officers are Pres., Dexter Wright; Vice Pres., Robert Whitney, and Sec.-Treas., Frederick Tolles. At the meetings we discuss new issues, and some member gives a talk on various stamps. Then we have refreshments and exchange stamps. We would like to correspond with other clubs.—Fred. Tolles, 47 Berkeley St.

Denmark Notes

Denmark issued its first set of stamps in the spring of the year 1851. This was during the reign of King Frederick VII, who occupied the throne during the years 1848-63. Unlike his successors, his picture does not appear on the stamps of the country.

It was feared that King Frederick would be the last of the male line. This was foreseen by the king, the people, and the foreign powers. On May 8, 1852, a treaty, participated in by England, Austria, Russia, Prussia and Sweden, was signed providing for the succession to the throne. According to this treaty, in case Frederick had no children, the crown was to go to Prince Christian of Glucksburg, and his wife Princess Louisa, who through her mother was a niece of King Christian VIII. This treaty did not seem to settle the internal strife as had been expected. When King Frederick VII died, altho Christian IX was proclaimed King, the young Duke of Augustenburg appeared in the province of Schleswig as Frederick VIII. Germany supported the claims of the pretender and in October, 1864, Christian IX renounced claim to the provinces of Lauenburg, Holstein and Schleswig.

On part of the stamps issued in 1904-05 appears the picture of Christian IX, and listed by Scott as A11. The issue of 1907-12 pictures Frederick VIII. But most interesting of all is the issue for Iceland (A5) that pictures both Christian IX and Frederick VIII, deadly political enemies in life, in double profile, after their hectic days were over.—A. C. LeDuc.

A School Club

The Holmes School Philatelic Club, which was organized a year ago, is still growing in membership, and now boasts of thirty members in good standing.

It is a club composed entirely of boys and is sponsored by the manual training instructor of the school. The manual training shop is used as its clubroom and meetings are held every Thursday.

The presiding officers are as follows: Elmer Davison, Pres.; Hugh Simpson, Vice-Pres.; Harry Frish, Sec'y and Treas.; Martin Tolzman, Librarian.

At each meeting a talk is given by one of the members on a chosen topic, usually taken from Mekeel's Weekly or other circulating publications. After the regular business meeting an informal social time is enjoyed by trading, buying or selling stamps.

Each member is distinguished by a gold pin designed especially for the club; it is triangular in shape, with letters H. S. P. C. in red with white enameled background.

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Australian Kangaroos

Some few years ago an Englishman said in a lecture, that there were many English people who believed that they had only to go to New York City to meet plenty of Indians. Shortly after that, an Australian woman remarked that it was a great surprise to her to find that we Americans thought that kangaroos were very common in Australia. She said that altho there were some they were very rare. I imagine that they might be classed with the buffalo. But are we not to be excused when we see before us the map stamps of the Australian Commonwealth issued in 1913-1920,

and listed by Scott as type A1. This issue has an outline map of Australia with a kangaroo covering a good part of it. There is nothing else on the stamps of this issue except the two words "Australia Postage" at the top, and the value in figures and words at the bottom. This issue on paper watermarked a wide crown, and a wide "A" was the first one for the entire Australian Commonwealth and appeared in 1913. Up to this time each state had its own stamps. These stamps are listed under their respective headings, namely, Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.—A. C. LeDuc.

Warship Cancels for Prizes

Our friend Albert E. Gorham has just sent us a fine lot of entire envelopes with battleship and other cancellations that will be given as prizes in the contest announced two weeks ago. Get busy, juniors, and send in your answers.

Junior Definitions

Balloon Post. — During the Franco-German war of 1870, Paris was for a time entirely surrounded by the enemy, and the French resorted to an ingenious expedient for communicating with the outside world. A balloon corps was organised and during the siege no less than 65 balloons were sent up carrying mail for outside points. A great deal of this mail reached its destination, as many of the aeronauts were able to land in places friendly to the French. No special stamps were issued in connection with this service though an enhanced rate of postage was charged and the letters were generally marked "Par ballon monté."

Baloca, R.—A painter whose picture "Columbus announcing his Discovery" (now in Madrid) was reproduced on the 15c stamp of the United States Columbian series issued in 1893.

P. T.—These letters stand for "piastres" in the 3p surcharge on the Egyptian official stamp issued in 1919.

Marysville, Cal., Organizes

The Marysville (California) Philatelic Society was recently organized to meet Saturday afternoons in the local library. Mrs. F. E. Smith was elected president; William Conlin, secretary; George Richards, treasurer; Hobart Crook, auctioneer. The Club has a membership of over 20, and has organized an auxiliary Club, the Progressive Stamp Club, for the more elementary members. —Wm. Conlin, *Sec.*

NEWSY ITEMS—

We have mentioned the fact that office in Kentucky has bee named for Col. Lindbergh. Throu courtesy of Herman W. Boers we received a cover from that office date of March 29. The postmark "Lindberg," with "h" missing. Mr. thinks that this should be correcte Washington will doubtless agree him. No doubt the postmaster wil very busy person as soon as the bergh fans find out that there is post office.

Can any subscriber furnish Charter, Box 278, Milford, the present address of Miss Julia formerly of Hampton St., Elmhu Y.?

In a recent issue we announce Elliott M. Walton had sever connection with Victor Weiskopf of N. Y. City. We later learn t is now associated in a new partn with Louis Weissman, 81 Nassau under the firm name of Weissm Walton, at the same address.

Joseph A. Steinmetz cal attention to the fact that a list mail routes of the London to Co service was printed in the Postal tin of March 26. The table is interesting one, but we do not ha space to reprint it in the form sub

On March 28 the Ridgewood Club had an interesting meetin some sixty members and visitors tendance. J. M. Bartels exhibit collection of Danish West Indies, collection of envelopes, and gave teresting lecture. The club meets Wednesday evening at Seneca A Palmetto St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

A clipping from Herman W. tells of the fame of Eddie chief of the Detroit Post Office sales clerks. Postmaster Kellog that he is the fastest stamp sales the U. S. and Mr. Boers adds the good word that he is very courte stamp collectors.

We are indebted to Frank Helm clipping from the San Fra *Bulletin*. It consists of some para by Howard B. Freeman based up interview with Joseph Gray, chief clerk in the San Francisco post Even as Mr. Boers speaks well local stamp clerk, so Mr. Helm that Mr. Gray is always very oblig "us pestiferous collectors."

There appeared in the *Easter derwriter* for March 16, an int with Major G. W. A. Camp based the article which appeared in *Co* It takes more than a column in thi known publication, and will add laurels to the Major, who is presid the Society of Philatelic Americar actively connected with the Nation sociation of Life Underwriters. It be an excellent thing if philately command the entire time of Major in publicity propaganda.

The 20c 1927 Italy (Volta) ha found in violet. A Rome corr dent, Unione Filatelica Nazionale, us as follows:—"It was ascertain an official committee appointed Italian Government that four she 60 stamps each, prepared in viole stead of carmine) for the sale Italian Colonies were sold to the without any surcharge so that so them could be used in Rome and by post in the place of the normal of 20c in dark carmine. A grea tion of these stamps was used, but the error was noticed and brought knowledge of the Italian Goverr the remaining stamps, which were

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GIVE EAR TO THIS

e time ago, when L. T. Brodstone, ilatelic publisher of Superior, Ne- paid us a visit, we referred, cas- nough, to the fact that our com- who likes the smell of printer's ink, e brother of Lady Vestey. In or- place the burden of investigation shoulders of our readers, we said ey should consult Burke's Peerage, ve had no copy of that great com- m within reach. As for "Brody" reticent beyond the admission that er had become Lady Vestey. Soon our notice appeared, one of the Sunday newspapers made an over- ving feature of Miss Evelyn Brod- who, from a "Twelve Dollar a Stenographer in Chicago" became Wife of the Wealthiest Peer in nd." The story is romance unde- and the pictures accompanying it ry illumining. Here are the heads, across the double page section of wspaper: "Why They Raised the Office Girl to $5,000 a Week. Ro- Career of 'The New Stenogra- Miss Evelyn Brodstone Who Stud- er Work Instead of Powdering Jose and Became So Indispensable r Firm That They Paid Her $250,- Year—And When She Finally Re- Her Job, Lord Vestey, Owner of siness, and the Wealthiest Peer in nd, Married Her." In the text, stress is placed upon her loyalty interests of her employers. She successfully with business compli- s in all the far corners of the in a manner that is almost beyond Experiences to try the stanchest were weathered in the wilds of the co, the bush of Australia, the out- of China, and the wastes of Si- After reading the story one real- at the statement that she has "the feminine brain on earth" is not a ide, merely. She had visited every y of the world, except Ceylon and and Lady Vestey went to that is- on their honeymoon. The Vesteys n a mansion in famous Dulwich , "built on the side of Sydenham overlooking London, and near the al Palace." It is said that previ- Thomas Tapling had occupied the , and if we mistake not, he was other than Thomas K. Tapling, M.P., f England's greatest philatelists, and of the Tapling collection to the h Museum, at his death over thirty- ears ago.

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MR. A. LEE PHELPS, Greeley, Colorado, has sent us a pair of the 1½c, current U. S., precanceled, "Greeley, Colo." in raised or embossed black letters. It seems that only a few of these stamps were treated in this manner, perhaps for souvenirs.

FRANCIS E. BUSH, postmaster at Standing Stone, Pa., is ninety-five years old, and with the exception of eleven years, he has served since January 6, 1875. He certainly has seen stamps come and go in his business, and if he had only kept sheets of mint bank note issues, until today, he would be resting easily.

"FILATELIA" of Turin, Italy, has entered its twelfth year, and we congratulate the publishers of this beautiful journal in maintaining a high philatelic ideal. In fact, *Filatelia*, as an exponent of the best in stamp journalism, is entitled to rank in the first column, and the fact that different languages are used in its columns increases its usefulness.

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217	5000r dark violet	5.00	3.00
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THE *Pacific Stamp News*, Piedmont, California, the new weekly, has issued fourteen numbers, up to March 24th; and as the third weekly paper in this country is entitled to consideration. Several other weekly journals that were announced have not made their appearance, as yet; and nothing further has been heard of the ambitious project to launch a daily.

A LITTLE RARITY

The St. Kitts 2½d blue reissue of the 1921 type on *chalky* paper which appeared about autumn, 1927, is a little stamp which is likely to be of some considerable scarcity in the near future. It was due to an error of the printers that this was printed on chalky surfaced instead of the ordinary plain paper. I understand the requisition received by the printers ran something in this way: 2—000 2½d in blue instead of brown on paper *as before*, or words to that effect, and the printers on turning up a previous order for reference as to paper referred by mistake to the order for the 2½d brown and black Tercentenary which of course being a bicolor was printed on chalky paper. A small supply of the 2½d blue reissue therefore was printed by mistake on chalky paper. This supply, although the error was practically unnoticed, lasted but a very short time as a supply received two months afterwards was found to be on ordinary paper and, presumably, only a small number got into circulation before the error was rectified. This is, therefore, likely to be one of, if not *the*, rarest of the 2½d color change varieties, it certainly had a much shorter life than any of the 2½d oranges, some of which will also show a considerable rise.

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Besides the outstanding and well known items, there are many individual pieces that would grace any collection. For instance, there is a very beautiful letter of Longfellow, quoting several verses of a poem, and mailed with a 5c 1847 from Cambridge, Mass. I do not recall a letter from any other prominent person franked with one of our early postage stamps. The entire lot is now being broken up, and if you are interested in any portion, it will be gladly submitted for inspection to responsible collectors.

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I have had the pleasure of selecting from one of the finest collections of this stamp ever gotten together a number of choice and outstanding pieces. For instance, mint singles of the 1851, one of which shows the recut corner. There are copies of the same stamp imperforate from Plate III, which are decidedly rare. In the perforated blocks, there are two of the rare mint blocks from Plate I, and several used blocks in the finest of condition with unusual postmarks. A number of covers showing pairs and combinations of both issues are available.

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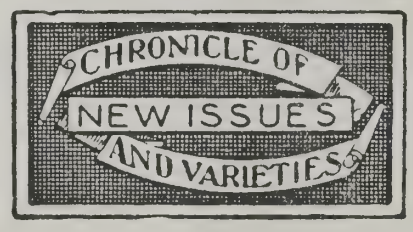

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United States

Washington Notes

On March 30th, I had the pleasure of an interview with the Postmaster General relative to the proposed Valley Forge Stamp. Mr. New states that he well realizes that the event was one of the most important in the Revolution, and that had the subject been considered a year or two back when they were considering the others, that the Valley Forge would undoubtedly have been approved. At the present time, there are so many demands that he has definitely made up his mind that there will be no new commemoratives in the near future. He readily admits that more pressure has been brought to bear relative to the issuing of this stamp than any other, but he cannot consistently favor one without favoring some of the others. It is, therefore, my opinion that the Bills before Congress will die in the Committee, and that the likelihood of the appearance of any of these stamps is very small.

A special coin has been authorized to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands, and if the Delegate from the Islands appeals to the President in the case of the stamps, it is quite possible that he may be successful. As far as the Postmaster General is concerned, such stamps will not appear.

It is quite possible that within the next several months, we may have a new envelope to be known as a Number 6. This is to be a window variety so made that it will readily take the checks issued by the Departments as well as those being used in the sending out of dividends by many of our corporations. The stamp will be the normal 2c stamp now being used, and the variety will be of interest to the collector of entires, only.

If the 5c air mail rate is finally authorized, air mail envelopes will, no doubt, appear in short order, and an excellent suggestion in regard to such an envelope has been made. We could take our normal 5c envelope with portrait of Washington, and print this in red. On either side we could put wings similar to those used in the case of the air mail insignia, as found on the 8c air mail stamp. This portion could be printed in blue, and would result in a red, white and blue variety. The normal envelope

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Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman kind vors me with copy of H. R. 12030 duced by Mr. W. W. Griest, kno the Post Office Bill and covering ch in rates in the several classes. The press announces that this Bill, whi vises downward all classes of rates, was unanimously passed. T returns to the old rate of one-ce second-class matter, and restores th mer rates on postal cards. The rates on third-class mail establish 1921 are again effective under th bill, with slightly lower rates on papers and Magazines when mail the public.

The new rate on newspapers and azines is based solely on the adver portions of the publications, inv a reduction in postage only o weight of advertising carried in e which are subject to zone rates of age. The bill covers nine divisio mail matter, on six of which ther no opposition during the hearing bill by the Committee. In additi lowering the rate on newspapers, zines and postal cards, the Griest b duces the rate of second-class mail ter entered by others than the publ or news agents, from two cents t cent.

The bill also provides for busine ply cards and envelopes to meet mand for advertisers by which th encourage replies without the neces enclosing Government postal ca stamped envelopes. Under this method postal cards or envelopes ing the address of the concern by issued may be sent under cover to pective purchasers, and when dep by the recipient, in the mail, an warded without prepayment of post the concern by which issued from the forwarding postage will be co

Whether the Department will us age due stamps to collect these am or whether they will issue special s for the purpose, remains to be seen

Special Delivery rates are mat changed and one of the clauses re follows:—"For the purpose of thi the Postmaster General is authori provide and issue Special Delivery s of the denominations 10, 15, 20, 2 35 cents."

This will result in issuing for th time of 25c and 35c Special De stamps. As 10c, 15c and 20c are available, it is not likely that new eties will appear.

Under this Act, fourth-class weighing not more than ten pound receive special handling on the p ment of 15 cents, whereas those ten pounds will require 25 cents in tion to the regular postage. This possibly result in a "Special Han stamp of 15c denomination. The will, no doubt, be reported favorat the Senate, and receive the approv the president.

Afghanistan.—Whitfield King chronicle the 15p rose, perforated.

Argentine. — Further details o expected air mail adhesives:—Aerc in flight over globe: 5, 10, 18 and Eagle in flight over sea: 15, 20, and 72c. Winged wheel: 25, 30, 90 $1.08. Condor on mountain top: 35 $1.26, $1.80, $3.60.—*L'Echo de la brologie.*

Brazil. — *Air Stamps — New D* Further to the note in our last issu now cull the following from *The T*

Air post stamps have lately bee sued in Brazil by the companies op ing the internal air lines under Go ment contract. Those for the Rio G

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...nas—Porto Alegre service bear the ... of a starry globe traversed by a ...band, and are overprinted with the ... V.A.R.I.G. in red, which signify ...o Aerea Rio Grandeuse," values, ...eis green and 700 on 1,300 reis re... ely. A second series showing the ...l badge with winged insignia ...is inscribed with the name of the ...cate Condor," which is responsi... the Rio de Janeiro—Porto Alegre ...e, and consists of seven values: ...0 reis brown, 700r orange, 1,000r ...e, 1,300r green, 2,000r blue, 3,000r ... and 10,000r orange-red.—*Phila... agazine.*

...ia. — Mr. Frederick D. Markee ...own us the 1c orange in the new ... bearing the portrait of Marshal ... So Lin. The stamp is of large ... format with Chinese characters ... and below the portrait. In the ...pper corners are native lettering ...wo crossed flags between. In the ...left corner is the figure of value, ...in the lower right is "Ct." The ... was dated March 6th last, and ...ailed from Peking.

...yrus. — Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley ... us two shades of the 6pi King ... One is in deep olive and blue... and the other in brownish-olive ...yellowish-green.—*Gibbons' Stamp ...ly.*

...emark.—We are informed by Mr. ... Pade that he has received the 10 ..., in the current King's head type, ... reen centre and vermilion frame. ...ade further adds that this is the ...me this country has had a stamp ... high value.

...nia. — There are no more Red ...stamps on sale at the Post Office. ... remainder is remitted to the Es... Red Cross.—LATMARKA, LTD.

...ice.—*Morocco.*—From M. M.M. ...r we receive details of a new ... series which is being issued in ... sufferers from drought, famine, ... and locusts in various parts of ...o. The values will be: 5, 25, 50, ... 80c, and 1, 1½, 2, 3 and 5fr, and ...igns will consist of views of Mo... The sets will be sold at double ...alue. 300,000 sets will be printed, ... is hoped to issue the stamps in ...lon the occasion of the great fair ...at.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

...enany.—60pf foretold in our issue ...uary 21st, is stated by *Das Post...chen* to be on chalky paper. Hin... ...g issue will, according to *L'Echo,* ... on sale until the end of March ... available for postage until May ...—*Philatelic Magazine.*

...—*Thin Paper Issue.* Major O. ...rmander sends us a copy of an Official Notice which he received on February 17th, stating that:

"The present issue of Iraq stamps are now printed on thin paper, and no more will be printed on the stout paper used previously. The following denominations have been received and placed on sale, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 4, and 8 annas, and Rs. 2/-. The 3 and 6 annas and Rs. 5/- are expected shortly."

Our correspondent states that the watermark and perforation are the same as before, and the difference in paper in the unused stamps does not show up noticeably unless one was aware of the difference existing. The difference in paper will probably be much more noticeable in used stamps.

Service. Only the 1 anna has so far been printed and received, the only value on order is the 4 annas.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Italy.—Whitfield King & Co. report a 15c rose, Pneumatic stamp.

Japan. — Mr. R. Roberts advises of new shades of the 6s, 1926 issue, which is now in pale rose, while the 25s in the 1914 design has been printed in pale olive color.

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132 to 134	.38
135 to 137	.35
138 to 141	1.25
142 to 145	.30
146 to 151	1.00
152 to 157	2.75
158 to 159	.08
160 to 163	1.75
164 to 169 & 174	.50
170 to 171 & 175	.35
176 to 180	1.00
181 to 187	.60
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405 to 408	5.00
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651	1.00
653 to 660	.50
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681 to 682	1.90
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301	.24
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461 to 462	.60
463 to 466	.15
467	1.10
468 to 472	.25

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1 to 12	$2.50
20 to 31	1.50
33 to 36	.20
37 to 38	.12
43 to 46	.30
47 to 55	.22
101 to 104	.30
131 to 142	1.75
151 to 163	5.50
201 to 211	1.75

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12 to 18	$ .75
19 to 29	5.25
31 to 36	.50
37	1.75
38 to 43	.60
44 to 46	.08
47 to 50	.30
51 to 57	.35
74 to 80	.38
81 to 86	.25
95 to 97	.40
304 to 308	.70
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71	1.10
72 to 76	.60
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94 to 97	.75
98 to 103	.60
104	.25
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301	.65
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Of my page ad of Jan. 9th, all the Uruguay and U. S. A. and Job lots are gone. **The rest are still available**—get a copy of that date if you have not got one, it will pay you.

Morocco (French) — Just received a new big parcel, many new items, but the 1.05, 1.40, 1.50, 1.90 and 80 have been withdrawn and are sure risers; I have had to advance my prices sharply. New Charity Sets expected very shortly.

Nos. 100-101, pair ..... .04
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1/6, No. 142, Cat. .75 ..... .30
2/6, No. 144, mint ..... .60
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6d, No. 140 ..... .08

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No. 43 but inv. Centre, Mint 1.25 .30
No. 46 but inv. Centre, Mint 1.50 .50
No. 48 but inv. Centre, Mint 2.50 1.00
No. 42 but inv. Centre, Mint 3.50 .85
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3d (Mint .20, Cat. .85) used (block pro rata) ..... .30

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5fr, No. 232, Cat. 1.00 ..... .35

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Norway. — Mr. W. T. Wilson sends for chronicle copies of four values of the Henrik Ibsen Commemoratives, issued on the 20th of last March. At the top is the name of the noted man in his type of writing, and below at the right are the dates "1828 1928." The likeness of Ibsen is at the left with "Norge" beneath, and the value "Ore Post" in the lower corner. The values are 10 ore green, 15 ore brown, 20 ore scarlet, and 30 ore bright blue.

Paraguay. — Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 50c, design as A47, in red and the 3 pesos drab, portrait of Vicente Ignacio Turol.

Patiala. — Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 2a mauve and 4a stamps of India, postage and re type, overprinted "Patiala State Se in two lines in black.

Persia. — The 6s claret type o 1926 issue, has been issued re-eng and appears in a much clearer than heretofore. Copies of both s are to hand from Whitfield King

Spanish Morocco. — Whitfield & Co. advise of the appearance o following pictorial stamps: 1c re purple, 5c blue, 10c green, 15c che 20c olive-green, 25c lake, 30c sepi ultramarine, 50c puce, 1p yellow- 2p50c mauve, 4p violet and blue an express stamp of a 20c value in

Tripolitania.—We have received Whitfield King & Co. a set of the ond Industrial Exhibition stamps following values: 30c+20c, carmin brown; 50c+20c, green and brov lire 25c+20c, red and brown; 1 li +20c, blue and brown; 2 lire 55c brown and black-brown, and 5 l lire, violet and brown. Each which is of various designs, bea inscription "Seconda Fiera Campi di Tripoli."

PHILATELIC PUBLICITY

A copy of the *Craftsman,* printe published by the students of the Technical High School, Milw dated March 16th, tells of Mr. Albe Draves' talk on "Methods of Proc Postage Stamps," which covers all s from their inception to their compl the lecture is illustrated by the tican. Mr. Draves certainly is petent to make his mark as a pla performer, as he has given much tion to the intricacies of stamp ma and further, he has an artistic e the drawings on the pages of his collection will testify. We trust Mr. Draves will continue to she light of his philatelic knowledge on who are groping along the dim cor of philately. The *Craftsman* pu "A Little Bit of Erin for St. Pa Day," illustrated by a used copy 2p green map stamp, as a head-piec credit is given to the Des Moines *High Tattler* of a year ago for th lishing of the article originally.

Some time ago, we received a co the Senn *News,* a weekly newspape lished in the interests of the Ni Senn High School, Chicago, that tained a two column article on th page, headed, "Fourth Semi-Annual Is Given by Members of Stamp ganization." Mr. T. C. Hunter, ex ident of the Chicago Philatelic S was the speaker on the occasion play in which stamps furnished the was cleverly conceived and adm produced. In fact, any perfunctory does not do it justice; and Gilbert the writer, is to be congratulated.

The Hyde Park *Weekly* of the Park High School, Chicago, told talk given by Mr. Severn of the W "Fifty Years as a Stamp Collector fore the Hyde Park Hobby Club, the livest institutions of its kind, know from actual contact for many past. Melvin Guggenheim is presid

CHINA NO. 407

A correspondent calls our attenti the fact that some of our advertise quoting China, No. 407, special de stamp cataloged $2.50, at very low This stamp is divided into five part part of which is merely a receipt f express letter, and is as interesting a philatelic standpoint as would b receipt issued by our own postoffic a registered letter.

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MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

By "PHILATELIA."

South West Africa.—A correspondent asks if I can give nos. printed of the various South West African overprints. I have no information on this point. The recent exhaustive article in the *Philatelic Magazine* on this very popular country gave no figures either, so it is to be presumed these have never been disclosed. There is a large demand for this country, and it is to be expected that all the obsolete issues will rise to a much higher level.

Numbers Issued.—Speaking of numbers issued, it is advisable to make certain that figures given of this nature are absolutely official and authoritative. The writer recently saw the following numbers issued quoted: Caymans, 10/- MCA 1922, 1060, Gibraltar, 8/- 1922, 20,000.

The first is obviously too low (much smaller even than the famous 10/- Malta MCA) whilst the latter is much too high. This figure has never been made public, but, however many may have been printed, it is fairly certain only a small fraction of that number can have been sold before the balance was withdrawn and destroyed.

Other stamps we have official figures of is the *St. Kitts Tercentenary set*, where it is worth noting that nearly as many of the £1 were sold as of the 10/-, *i.e.*, 1748 as against 1811. Of these figures, roughly half were sold by the Crown Agents. It looks as though the market (and catalogue) value of the 10/- is too low compared with the £1, and I strongly recommend purchasing the 10/- at anything under £5.

St. Helena. — The 15/- value here looks like turning out a real rarity. The withdrawal appears to have taken all by surprise, and now that we have official word that it is not to be reissued, there seems no limit to what it may rise to. It is also well worth buying at any thing under £5. It may rank in time as one of the rarest of the regular Georgians, and may approach in time the select stars like the Cyprus £1 and Malta 10/-.

St. Helena always exercises a certain fascination in the mind, perhaps by reason of its one time association with Napoleon, and a steady market and demand is assured. The 4d MCA also withdrawn or obsolete, has been about in fair plenty, but is bound to show a steady improvement as supplies are absorbed.

Montserrat.—This is another popular Colony whose Georgian issues (and also Edwardian) I do not consider are quite valued in proportion to their scarcity. The rarity of the large 5/- George is beginning to be appreciated, and it may easily reach the £5 level in a few years. There are three low values I consider show promise of eventual becoming quite scarce: the 4d MCA and the 2½d and 5d obsolete Scripts. The two latter have already had a phenomenal rise, both being priced about twelve times face, and will probably go still higher. The 4d MCA, on the other hand, is still obtainable for about 1/-. It seems likely that the 4d and 5d were issued in similar numbers, but as the former value was on old paper, its disappearance did not take people by surprise, so that its rise in value has been much slower. Once the stock on the market gets absorbed, we may expect to see a substantial increase in value of the 4d old CA.

The phenomena of stamps remaining at a low level for some years after becoming obsolete and then rising sharply is not uncommon. The *2½d Virgin Is.* (1899) and the *2½d Grenada* (ship) were obtainable for about 6d for five or more years after they became obsolete. Supplies apparently dried up, and the prices shot up, as a glance at the recent catalogues will show.

Bargains. — Some striking bargains were offered in the *P.M.* recently. An offer of current and obsolete Georgians at face value or under is always worth attention. It must not be supposed that because stamps are offered at such prices that they are so common that they are never likely to go up much.

It generally indicates that the supply exceeds the demand, but this balance may easily, and frequently does, change rapidly, and the surplus stamp of today becomes the sought after variety of the morrow.

The writer remembers, in 1922, seeing offers at face value (and buying) certain Georgian stamps, that are now worth a very big premium on face. These include the 1/- and other values of the scarce Turks & Caicos Is. 1921 set. Imagine being offered the 1/- 1st Script today at face! Yet the 1/- of 1922 is being so offered under somewhat similar circumstances—that is, on the eve of withdrawal.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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THE REVOLUTIONARY STAMPS OF RUSSIA

(*Continued from page 252*)

During my preparation of this article, my medal collection of these Russian Revolutionary stamps attracted the attention of many prominent philatelists. The collection going out of my possession prevented many of the cuts from being made, so it became necessary to illustrate several of the provisionals by line cuts showing the style of surcharge. It is to be regretted that six cities could not be illustrated at all, although the varieties are listed.

Made as to the color of the surcharge it is in black ink. Unless otherwise stated all provisionals are on the First Republic stamps perforated or imperforate as the case may be.

Armavir

1920, Armavir (City)
10r on 15k, perf. 25r on 3k, imperf.

Kovrov

Kovrov

1920, Kovrov (City)

1r on 1k, perf.	4r on 4k, imperf.
1r on 1k, imperf.	4r on 4k, perf.
2r on 2k, imperf.	5r on 5k, perf.
2r on 2k, perf.	7r on 7k, perf.
3r on 3k, perf.	10r on 10k, perf.
3r on 3k, imperf	15r on 15k, perf.

1920 Kozmodemyansk (City)

1r on 1k, imperf.	3r on 3k, imperf.
2r on 2k, imperf.	10r on 10k, imperf.
2r on 2k, imperf.	15r on 15k, imperf.
3r on 3k, perf.	

Kozmodemyansk

Kustanay

1920 Kustanay (City)

First Type	Second Type
1k, imperf.	2k, imperf.
2k, perf.	2k, perf.
5k, imperf.	3k, perf.
10 on 7k, perf.	4k, perf.
15k, perf.	5k, perf.
20k, perf.	10k, perf.
	15k, perf.
	20k, perf.

With Red-Violet Surcharge
10k, perf.

2d Type

3d Type

Third Type	Fourth Type
2k, imperf.	2k, imperf.
3k, perf.	3k, perf.
5k, imperf.	5k, perf.
10k, perf.	5k, imperf.
15k, perf.	10k, perf.
20k, perf.	15k, perf.
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4th Type

Molchanov

1920 Molchanov (City)

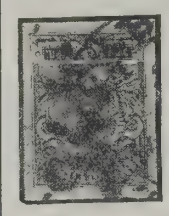
10r on 10k, perf.	20r on 20k, perf.
15r on 15k, perf.	

With Violet Surcharge

2r on 2k, perf.	3r on 3k, imperf.
3r on 3k, perf.	4r on 4k, perf.

1920 Nolinsk (City)

1r on 1k, perf.	10r on 10k, perf.
2r on 1k, perf.	15r on 15k, perf.
3r on 3k, perf.	20r on 20k, perf.
5r on 5k, perf.	



Nolinsk

Olekminsk

1920 Olekminsk (City)
With Violet Surcharge

1r on 1k, perf.	10r on 10 on 7k perf.
2r on 2k, perf.	14r on 14k, perf.
3r on 3k, perf.	15r on 15k, perf.
4r on 4k, perf.	20r on 20k, perf.
5r on 5k, perf.	20r on 20 on 14k, perf.
5r on 5k, imperf.	

1920 Petrovsk (District)

20r on 20k, perf.	50r on 5r, imperf.
35r on 35k, perf.	

With Blue Surcharge

20r on 20k, perf.	35r on 35k, perf.

Petrovsk

Rohachev

1920 Rohachev (City)

1r on 1k, perf.	5r on 5k, imperf.
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Sabej

Semenov

1920 Semenov (City)

2k, perf.	5k, perf.
2k, imperf.	10k, perf.
3k, imperf.	15k, perf.
3k, perf.	20k, perf.
4k, perf.	

On Postal Savings Stamp
10k, perf.

1920 Tomsk (District)
20 on 14k, perf.

Tomsk

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1922 Fort Alexandrovsky (City
25k, perf. 1r, imperf.

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These new stamps bear imprints of the name of the country in the three official languages, English, Arabic and Hebrew.

The disappearance of the familliar initials E. E. F. (Egyptian Expeditionary Forces), which has been a prominent feature of the stamps of the country since its advent as a stamp issuing member of the Universal Postal Union in 1918 makes history for the country. With the appearance of its own new currency, and the new stamps, a new era will be counted from this day on.

This small strip of Asia minor is about 11,000 square miles. It is the most historical of countries. To the whole land there may be applied the words which Cicero said of Athens: "Wherever we plant our feet we are treading on history." There is hardly a hilltop in the country which is not covered with the vestiges of a fortress or a city of former ages, hardly a village which does not hide the site of some ancient centre of civilization.

Prior to the war, to visit Palestine was a privilege to those who had the time and money. But since the world war, it is an ordinary sight to see thousands of tourists, during the tourist season, in Jerusalem. My landing in Jaffa occurred in the month of June, 1926. The climate reminded me of the climate in Arizona. After a three hours' ride found me in Jerusalem, a city of about 70,000 population with an altitude of 2,500 feet.

The climate here seemed similar to that of Asheville, North Carolina. After driving up the winding road from the station, for about fifteen minutes, the top of the Tower of David looms before you. This tower is also known as the "Citadel of Jerusalem," and is pictured on the 5 mils, 7 mils, and 20 mils stamps of the current issue of the thirty-eight towers, which surmounts the walls surrounding Jerusalem. This Tower is the most important and striking of all. It is one of the finest examples of wall towers in the world. It is within a stone's throw of the famous Jaffa Gate through which passed the victorious General Allenby and his army after the fall of the Turks. The Turkish crescent and star seen on practically all stamps of Turkey is still to be seen on this gate, a sign that Turkey at one time ruled over this territory. This citadel at one time was the barracks of Turkish guards.

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According to Mohammedan tradition, Mount Moriah, on which is situated the Mosque of Omar, is nearer to Heaven than any other spot on earth, and thence Mohammed made his journey to the Celestial sphere. The dome is built over the stone on which Isaac was bound for sacrifice. According to tradition the stone is the center of the earth, and is suspended miraculously from the ground. In Mohammedan belief the rock was the scene of the Prophet's ascension to Heaven, and bears the imprint of his feet.

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386, 2c		.60	.48	453, 2c, Type I		.12	.09	599, 2c		.03
387, 1c		.60	.45	453b, 2c, Type III		.60	.35	600, 3c		.05
388, 2c Pair 3mm		..	20.00	457, 4c		1.00	.60	601, 4c		.06
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most beautiful monument. The magnificence of its decorations, the gorgeousness of its tiles, and its Mosaics have to be seen to be appreciated. The stamps on which is shown the Mosque of Omar do but scant justice to its beauty and magnificence.

In the new era, though the Mosque may remain the special religious domicile of the Moslems, it must be opened freely to persons of all creeds.

The Tomb of Rachel

From Jerusalem to Bethlehem is about 5 miles. This is the most traversed road in Palestine. Within a mile of Bethlehem on this road we come to the Tomb of Rachel, pictured on the 2 mils, 3 mils, 10 mils stamps. The building is about 25 feet square, it is a stone structure surmounted by a dome, and containing an apparently modern sarcophagus. Rachel was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin. While on her way from Jerusalem to Hebron, she gave birth to Benjamin. The birth of Benjamin caused her death, and she was buried on the spot over which is her tomb, referred to above. It is esteemed by Christians, Moslems and Jews.

The Lake of Tiberias

The most beautiful part of Palestine scenically without a doubt is the section surrounding The Lake of Tiberias, known as the "Sea of Galilee." Shown on the four highest values of the new Pictorial Stamps, viz.:—50 mils red-purple, 90 mils bistre, 100 mils blue, and 200 mils deep purple. This section reaches its greatest beauty by the shores of the Lake through which the Jordan river flows in full and rapid stream.

The Lake of Tiberias is about 13 miles long, and a little less than 7 miles wide in its widest parts. Its greatest depth is less than 200 feet. To the eye it is a most attractive object, a beautiful sea of water, set deep in a vast basin among hills. Many praise the beauty of the "Sea of Galilee" (Lake Tiberias). They speak of its gracefully flowing or gliding waters. The lake is surrounded by pleasant towns. There are a number of stout fishing boats in the port and on the lake, such as doubtless were used by the Apostles about 2,000 years ago.

The river Jordan enters this body of water at the Northern end and passes out at the Southern end. It derives its name from the city (Tiberias) on the west shore of the lake.

On the east side the mountain rises from its shore to an elevation of about 2,000 feet. On the west side there is also a mountain wall, and on the south side the lake touches the plain of the Jordan valley.

The idea of pictorial stamps for Palestine is in its infancy. It has great futures. No doubt with its wealth of ancient history, we shall see many other views with better engravings depicted on its stamps. We learn our Bible history before we learn our American history. It is difficult to look at the new Palestine stamps without bringing our thoughts back some 3,000 years.

Besides depicting Biblical scenes on its stamps, a very interesting series could be compiled from its varied types of inhabitants, scenes of its native life and its great natural scenery. When the British Forces drove the Turks out of Jerusalem and Palestine in 1918, and the League of Nations granted England a Mandate over the territory for 25 years, it meant the liberation of Palestine from misgovernment, which for 100 years have wasted its resources. It means the opening of a new era for the country, and the new stamps and currency shows clearly the trend in that direction.

Exhibition

—Third Annual Exhibition to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., May 8-12.

The third annual exhibition of the Capital City Philatelic Society will be held May 8 to 12 inclusive, in the Harrisburg Public Library, and final arrangements for the affair have been perfected by the committee.

This year the exhibition will be broader in scope than ever, and collectors from all sections of Central and Southeastern Pennsylvania will be represented at the show. Two classes, one for adults and the other for juniors, have been arranged, and the junior section is expected to be especially good.

Last year more than two thousand persons visited the second annual exhibition. This year, from all indications, this number will be more than doubled. The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce will help in obtaining publicity for the exhibition, and this is expected to be a big factor in bringing many visitors to Harrisburg for the show.

A new feature this year will be a year book, issued on the first day of the show. It will contain much useful information to both collectors and laymen, and copies which are handed to the latter are expected to be a big help to the propaganda for this hobby. Every visitor to the show will receive a copy of the year book. No admission to the show will be charged, the expense being borne entirely by the Capital City Philatelic Society. Co-operation by prominent dealers in this country and Canada make possible a great number of valuable prizes for the exhibitors.

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The Prudential Insurance Co., or rather Permit 3, Newark, N. J., came along with such a poor cut indicia that we just couldn't accept it as a Standard permit. Kindly enough, the Standard Mailing Machines Co., Everett, Mass., informs us that it is evidently a homemade affair, but used on one of their machines. Anyone who has cut a die wonders how such poor workmanship can be accepted, which recalls previous statements as to our United States Department of Treasury seal for registered letters.

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France has been using the perforated stamp idea for quite a few years, whereas English meters have followed many different experimental ideas, which have good and bad points. The meter just noted, however, embodies character and is pleasantly accepted as a meter worthy of collection. The Argentine meters are English made and are quite attractive for collectibility.

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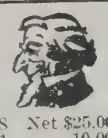

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(*Continued from page 264*)

1921 Chelabinsk (District)

35r on 2k, imperf.	50r on 3k, perf.
50r on 3k, imperf.	70r on 1k, imperf.

Chelabinsk

Yakutsk

1920 Yakutsk (District)

1r on 1k, imperf.	2r on 2k, imperf.

With Violet Surcharge

2r on 2k, imperf.	10r on 10k, perf.
3r on 3k, perf.	10r on 10 on 7k, perf.
4r on 4k, perf.	15r on 15k, perf.
5r on 5k, perf.	20r on 20 on 15k, perf.

1920 Pavlovsk (City)
With Violet Surcharge

2k, perf.	15k, perf.
3k, perf.	15k, imperf.
5k, perf.	20k, perf.
10k, perf.	

With Figures "10"
10r on 10k, perf.

Pavlovsk

Harkov

1920 Harkov (District)

1k, perf.	5k, imperf.
1k, imperf.	5k, perf.
2k, imperf.	10k, perf.
2k, perf.	15k, perf.
3k, perf.	15k, imperf.
3k, imperf.	20k, perf.

On Ukrainian Stamps with Trident

1k, perf.	3k, imperf.
1k, imperf.	15k, perf.
2k, imperf.	20k, perf.
2k, perf.	20 on 14k, perf.
3k, perf.	

Harkov

Twer

1920 Twer (City) Also used in the city of Kovrov
Revenue stamps used for postage

1r on 5k	5r on 50k
2r on 10k	20r on 20k
3r on 15k	40r on 75k

1920 Tulchyn (City)
With Red Surcharge on Ukranian stamp with Trident
2k, perf.

P — Tulchyn

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HAITI-U. S. AIR MAIL, 19

By Harry E. Huber.

From Kelly Field, San Antonio, on December 21, 1926, the U. S. Pan-American Flying Squadron (Herbert A. Dargue, flight comma set out on a tour of Central and America, from which they retur Washington, D. C., on May 2, 19 the West Indies. The tour inve flight of 22,065 miles, and of t planes only the "San Antonio," Francisco" and "St. Louis" return "New York" and "Detroit" crashed at Palomar, in the Arge

Although none of the members flight were authorised to carry m proximately 350 covers ("persona erty of the flyers themselves") we ried, and to these stamps of the 2 tries visited were attached and marked in the respective countri upon completion of the flight the ing of "Bolling Field, Washington,

On their arrival at Port au (from Santo Domingo City), o 16, 1927, the Haitian authorities that a small mail be carried to the States, and when the planes left f tiago de Cuba, on April 18th, 95 were taken.

The inland air mail of 50c de was charged in addition to the o letter rate to the United States of gourde. For the prepayment o charges, ordinary postage stamps 1924 pictorial series were used, ar marked "Port au Prince, Hait AVR—27," within a single linec (28mm).

To the stamps and covers was in purple, the special copper marking (AVION measures 20 over a silhouette plane), prepa the mail which Commr. Franc Pinedo refused to carry when tinued his flight from Port au Pr the "Santa Maria," on March 2 In addition, the covers received line (92mm long) slogan marki Cafe D'Haiti Est Le Meille caps, but those in the last three are smaller.

"In the rush of events subseq arrival in Washington," the Hai mail was not handed over to th authorities. Some very importa mercial mail was included in the as delivery had not yet been eff August, the American Governm asked by the Haitian authorities t tain what disposition had been The result was that on Septem 1927, these letters were re-maile Washington, D. C., under other Therefore, the Haitian air mail b backstamps, and only the postmar dispatching Post Office at Port au

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E 'FOND LIGNE" OF FRANCE

A Discovery (?)

By H. Bedford Jones.

s very specialist in France knows,
elier issues of that country — in-
, p to 1875 — are sometimes found
hat is called "fond ligne" or lined
ound. These lines, vertical or hori-
are discerned only in the solid-
ackground of the stamp; some-
aintly, sometimes very strongly.
nearly issues they are very rare.
dy enough, they have remained a
r. Their cause is usually assigned
fect in inking the plates, or to a
re impression; even so, with res-
ns. Only recently I noticed an
on the subject in a French phil-
ournal, giving this explanation,
cing that it was merely conjecture.
e recently came into my posses-
a large lot, a copy of the 40c of
ith the background strongly lined
ay. It was a marginal copy, hav
nch-wide margin on the left, and
htly obliterated. I assigned it to
er place and left it.
rmounting a page by artificial light,
struck it sideways, this stamp
my astonished attention — the
lines appeared, not only in the
deep orange-red color, but over
ire stamp! Closer examination
e that they were readily visible
aglass, and faintly visible without
s — and covered the sheet-margin
as the stamp.
r then, it seems is the explanation
f the few remaining mysteries in
stamps. I am very ignorant re-
paper; therefore I can only say
s appears to be a sharply ridged
robably vertically laid. Undoubt-
s same paper was used for all
ly French issues, and in some
e ridges caught the ink and
up, thus creating the variety —
oes not appear in the Bordeaux
This would show it to be a paper
and not a result of ink smudg-
he plates.
nly honest to say that an exam-
of dozens of others shows only
behind the head. This one copy
tional, but the lines are too dis-
admit of any doubt. Probably
occur strongly enough to catch
in other copies, but not strongly
to be visible to the eye, while in
e sheet they were quite pro-
e.

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BOSTON NIGHT AT THE COLLECTORS CLUB OF NEW YORK

Reported by Charles J. Phillips.

The Boston Stamp Club sent a delegation of their members to visit the Collectors Club on Wednesday, April 4. The delegation consisted of Messrs. H. P. Lapham, Stephen D. Brown, A. N. Reggio, C. H. Nevins, and Odgen. Mr Lapham brought a remarkable lot of United States Postmasters stamps and a specialized collection of British Guiana. The chief items in these two exhibits were as follows:—

Lapham's U. S. and Br. Guiana

Alexandria. An unused copy on buff with 40 stars, and a used copy on cover with 39 stars.

Annapolis. Cover stamped on back in red.

Baltimore. 14 of the 5c, all on covers, including six on blue paper, and six and a pair on white; one 5c signed by James M. Buchanan on Official business; 10c, the extremely rare varieties on the white and on the bluish paper. Envelopes, six 5c in blue, black and red.

Brattleboro. A reconstructed plate of ten varieties, including one with the engraver's imprint at bottom.

Millbury. A superb unused copy with full gum believed to be unique in this condition, and a superb copy used on cover.

New Haven. Envelopes. Blue on buff, and red on white.

St. Louis. Reconstructed plates of the most superb specimens known; Plate I, in two vertical strips of three; Plate II, including two of the rare 20c, all on greenish paper; Plate II, on gray-lilac paper, and Plate III, on pelure paper. In addition to the plates there was also shown the famous vertical strip of three consisting of two 20c, and a 5c on piece coming from the famous F. W. Ayer collection. There were also several superb single copies of the 5c and 10c with enormous plate margins.

New Yorks. No less than 11 copies of the rare signature R. H. M's. were shown, including six on cover, and two singles on one cover.

The following reconstructed sheets of New York were also shown:—First: A complete set with the description of each stamp. Second: A wonderful plate formed with horizontal and vertical rows of pairs and strip tying them together, and proving every stamp. Third: A plate of red cancellations only. Fourth: Another plate of mixed cancellations. Fifth: A plate of pairs all made up of overlapping pieces. Sixth: A complete plate made up of stamps on cover in singles, all but three tied to covers. Seventh: A plate complete, all but eight of unused copies.

In the odd pieces I specially noted three covers with strips of four, two of which were used from Boston to New York, also several mint singles, including the big shift No. 2. All the various initials were shown and a great variety of postmarks, also one cover used with the New York 3c blue Carrier. Also worthy of notice were four copies on watermarked paper. Altogether this marvelous collection on New Yorks consisted of over 850 copies, all in the most exquisite condition.

Mr. Lapham also showed a very interesting collection of British Guiana, chiefly unused, used stamps being taken where, of course, they could not be obtained unused, such as the circulars, the large oblong, etc. There are only two varieties missing, namely, the 2c rose, 1850, and the unique 1c magenta of 1856.

Brown's Early U. S.

Mr. Stephen Brown brought a special display of early United States, one book of stamps on covers, and one book of loose stamps. The most important pieces amongst these were:—

1847, 5c with green cancellation figure "5"; 5c red FREE; 5c and 10c both beautifully cancelled "Troy & N. Y. Steamboat."

In the 1851 he showed, 1c, Type I, 7 R 1; 1c, Type Ia, with the curl on shoulder; 1c, A superb right lower corner vertical strip of 3, the upper stamp Type IIIa, the centre Type Ic, and the lower one Type Ia; 5c with imprint showing; 10c, Type II, not Type III as listed, a complete double transfer. All letters of the top label and portions of the letters U. S. doubled. Line also shows clearly through the bottom label. This interesting item bears the year date 1857, and 12c, copies with imprint, very seldom found.

In the 1857 issue a vertical pair of 1c, Types II and IV; Also a reconstructed irregular block of five, 1c Types numbers, 2, 12, 13, 23 and 33, showing the complete big break of plate 2.

U. S. On Covers

Mr. Brown also showed some remarkable cancellations in the 1847 issue. A very interesting piece was a cover franked with a superb 30c of 1857, with portrait of Lincoln and Johnson illustrating the two campaigns.

Amongst the few Locals I noticed the Mason black on yellow well tied on with a red grid.

California penny post, a beautiful perfect copy on cover uncancelled, but undoubtedly used where placed.

Moody, the rare red tied on with a circular cancellation with Moody & Co. in a blue circle.

A very interesting cover was an 1851, 3c bisected diagonally and used as a 1c circular rate. This was tied on with a black grid, and had the usual blue inscription "Via Nicaragua, Ahead of the Mails."

An unusually interesting cover was franked with a U. S. 1857 pair of 10c Type II, a 1c, Type V, used on a 3c embossed envelope of 1853. This was sent to London. There it had to be forwarded and a 2d and 2/6d stamps were added.

In France a 10c French Empire stamp was again added in order to pay the delivery tax, this being a very unusual combination.

Space will not allow to mention all the other interesting items in this beautiful exhibit, but I would like to say that the stamps were in the most superb condition, and the exhibit was a very striking one in every way possible.

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EDITORIAL

We have been informed that the U. S. Treasury Department proposes to curb the activities of those who traffic in narcotic stamps and other tax-paids, the ownership of which is said to constitute an offense. It evidently is not the disposition of the authorities to work any hardship on collectors who are interested in stamps of the kind, but the intimation is that handling them in a commercial way is contrary to the spirit of the law. Discretion would suggest that dealers avoid the appearance of opposition to the wish, to put it mildly, of the government, that its rulings be respected. Paragraphs have appeared recently telling of measures that have been taken to enforce the dictum through governmental officers.

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No sooner had we announced that the Dutch Olympian Games set was in preparation than the stamps themselves appeared and are now being viewed by the newer generations of collectors who look with favor on issues of celebratory kind. When Greece issued its Olympic Games set in 1896, it established a precedent that has not been ignored latterly, but it is interesting to remember that this popular set was banned when it appeared by the old society, the alliterative Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps.

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Our scholarly contemporary, the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, London, is to be congratulated upon printing a contribution from Mr. John Drinkwater, whose "Abraham Lincoln" made a profound impression in this country when it was presented here. Mr. Drinkwater's place in the literary world is a proud one, and on several occasions he has been mentioned as having a keen philatelic interest in the stamps of the United States, and since his poem, "A Postage Stamp," has for its inspiration the one-cent orange of the Confederate States, the assumption is that he includes Confederates in his collecting vision. The contribution, now published for the first time, is copyrighted, and a note tells of the circumstances that prevented the postal use of one-cent orange, which, while common enough years ago, is now becoming somewhat elusive. The tribute to Calhoun, whose features are on the stamp, indicates the philatelic appreciation of Mr. Drinkwater, who descants upon the fact that these imperforates are all mint (and gummed) and that in the security of the album they are kept that way from first to last.

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The New York "Times" recently ran a column article telling how the staff at the Empire Trust Company, New York, having in charge the sale of Stock Transfer revenue stamps, and the New York State revenues have been working under pressure as a consequence of the tremendous volume of business transacted on the New York Stock Exchanges. All of the federal issues used in New York are bought at the Empire Trust Company, and as may be imagined, the sales for the first quarter of 1928 have established a record; they have been one and one-half times those of the corresponding quarter last year, or a total of nearly thirteen millions, counting both federal and state issues. The number of $1,000 stamps used has been abnormal, as this denomination denotes a fifty thousand share lot; and there have been many such lots that have changed hands.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following article from the pen of that authoritative writer on educational subjects, Mrs. Helen W. Carr of Chicago. It is evident that Mrs. Carr has an acquaintance with philately, and we know that she has a son who is a collector. She heads her description, "Postage Stamps on Parade" and says: "At the Uptown Theater, Chicago, week of April 2nd, Bennie Krueger employed a unique setting for his stage production, 'Fast Mail.' A moving picture showed the mail as it is carried over the world by boat, train and plane. It showed the mail being picked up by trains, as they thundered along, and later, sorted in the mail coaches as the trains speed on their way. At that point, the curtain lifted showing Bennie Krueger standing in the middle of the stage with a package of letters in his hand. He said that he had letters announcing that actors were on their way from all parts of the world to entertain the Uptown audience that night, and proceeded to read them. The first letter was from England telling that dancers were coming. At that, a back drop curtain fell on which was reproduced a huge half-penny green, King George. That remained as a background for a dance by a group of girls dressed in the uniform of the Eton School boys. A Belgian dancer came next, and as he appeared the English stamp gave way to a Belgian, the current 10c red. A Cuban singer gave her songs in front of the Cuban 2c red, No. 225. As a trio of French acrobats came on, a French stamp, in vast proportions, dropped into place. As a finale, the United States stamp of Benjamin Franklin and Abraham Lincoln fell to the sides of the stage, and a moment later, as the act was under way, the familiar two-cent stamp of George Washington swung down in the middle of the stage, between Lincoln and Franklin. The effect was very thrilling. To my knowledge, it is the first time that postage stamps have appeared before the footlights."

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The All-America Aircraft Exhibition, held in Detroit from April 14 to 21, presented a feature that appealed particularly to the collecting public. A model post office was installed at the Exhibition by the Post Office Department, where a special machine cancellation was applied to letters, and on all letters sent from the Exhibition by air mail, a distinctive air mail *cachet* was used.

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While the January issue of the *Collectors Club Philatelist* that was received some time ago was delayed by untoward circumstances, this particular number of the quarterly is the largest that has been issued thus far, with 78 pages of reading matter, and 30 pages of advertising. In the issue is the "Collectors Club Roll of Honor" by Dr. Chittenden, whose recent death has been so lamented; and on this roll are the names of 73 famous philatelists from the earliest date to the present time, who have distinguished themselves in philatelic service. These names do not appear on the several honor lists that have been given currency, but each person cited surely deserves the palm, so discriminatingly has the selection been made. Each name could be celebrated at length, and this hemisphere and Europe are covered by the list, which includes the following Americans: R. R. Bogert, Henry J. Crocker, L. W. Durbin, Henry J. Duveen, Joseph B. Leavy, J. W. Scott, E. B. Sterling, J. K. Tiffany, G. L. Toppan and Mr. Worthington. The importance of the translations from Kohl's Handbook, edited by Dr. Herbert Munk that this journal is offering should be stressed. The Collectors Club holds the copyright on the translations from Dr. Munk's veritable philatelic encyclopedia, and in this number, Denmark is given a setting in twenty pages for the nineteenth century issues. Denmark will probably be completed in the July issue, and will be followed by France. The further contents of this enlarged issue of the *Collectors Club Philatelist* are of uniform excellence, and among the articles are those touching upon the stamps of Mexico, Cuba, China, South African Republic, Norway, Canada, and the U. S. The editor of the journal, Mr. H. L. Lindquist, expresses his gratitude for the support that has been given him during the past six years, or since the time when he first essayed to supervise the quarterly.

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Ceylon had issued a one rupee in purple and violet doubly fugitiv in the medallion keyplate type of and 20 rupee stamps recently This change was brought about discovery of illicit cleaning of the issue.

Cyprus had added a 5 pound va its normal series printed in bla yellow script paper. This is the value of the regular issue on sale present time.

The latest stamp of the Federate lay States to be issued is that $25.00 value, printed on script green and orange.

The new forthcoming issue of Coast has been delayed in making pearance owing to some modificat the design. The official report fro Colonial Secretary supplies the inf tion that the approved design The King's head (vignette) above a of Christiansborg Castle, Accra Governor's official residence). the panel on the right is a palm tre to the left a cocoa tree.

Beginning in April the Indian p stamps supplied to the postal age Koweit, in the Persian Gulf, u longer be overprinted in the name Sultanate, as has been the custom past five years.

Malta is to issue a new postag revenue series to replace the double system, but the date of this is not announced. The Prime M declines to aid speculators in p stamps by revealing the exact d the coming change. This will con the sixth change in Maltese stamps 1922.

Rumors persist that the current Gibraltar and the five pound change their coat of colors. A letter from the postmaster at Gi indicates no immediate changes current series.

Sarawak is another Colony with series in prospect.

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Part I—Bureau Prints

New York City.—Discovery of eight copies of the 10c perf. 10 with a double Bureau precancellation is the chief news item on these stamps. Since the advent of this form of precancelling, collectors have been on the alert for varieties of this sort, but until now none have been found. I can vouch for the authenticity of this variety, as I carefully examined the stamps and noted the faint second overprint, which was perfectly normal, and not an offset impression from another sheet. There was a block of six and two singles. H. M. Southgate of Chevy Chase, Md., has acquired the block, and the single copies are in the collections of Dr. Mitchell, and B. D. Hedding.

Saint Louis, Mo.—The 4c coil is out in the regular Bureau style for this city.

Miscellaneous.—I have been informed that the new tiny sans-serif style of overprint will be used on all future orders for Bureau precancels, both ordinary and coil stamps. Further data on this change, together with a list of recent orders, will appear in this department the next time Bureau prints are discussed.

The Gossip Bureau Catalog is being revised and repriced by Dr. Mitchell. It will appear shortly.

Part II—New Electroplates

Butler, Mo., adopts the U-12 style as its initial precancel type, which is unusual. A small office generally receives a handstamp to begin with, but in cases where a large amount of stamps are to be precancelled it may secure a plate. I believe Butler precancelled only the 1½c denomination, for use on circular matter.

Painesville, O.—Thirty years ago this city issued printed precancels, which are to be found on the series of 1898 and 1902. After the latter series no stamps were precancelled until 1918. Since then two handstamps have been in use constantly. The new electro will be a vast improvement. As can be seen by the illustration, the style is more like U-8 than U-13.

Springfield, Mass., is using a plate similar to the Painesville, but has the lines spaced more closely together.

Cortland, N. Y.—Recently has been prolific in its use of precancels, all of which have been handstamped. Now they'll be printed, for the U-12 electro has reported for duty.

Batavia, N. Y., was illustrated a short time ago in this department. J. H. Ehn of that city informs me that all values in the current set from the ½c to $1.00 are in stock in precancelled form, except the 14c. This will be added together with the old 3c offset, a large quantity of which is on hand. The U-12 plate also printed the 10, 15, 20, and 25 cent Specials in small quantities—500, 300, 200, and 200 respectively. The handstamp, which is of the U-54 style has been used on practically all denominations except the Specials. Perforations led to a maze of difficulties, so we shall say nothing of them. A precancel collector who attempts to collect generally, should forget his perforations if he wants to "keep above water."

Alhambra, Calif. — Since this type was illustrated, several readers have informed me they possessed the 30c, 1917 issue, which should be a good item. The current 10, and 15c have been reported also.

Birmingham, Ala.—Mr. H. S. Wheeler shows me a new type from Birmingham that appears to be an electroplate copy of the Bureau style. It will be difficult for the average collector to distinguish the local and Bureau printing. The chief differences to be found are: styles of "B." alignment of letters at the base of the word "Birmingham," and spacing between "g" and "h." The new type has been seen on the 4, 9, and 20c. If any stamps have been listed as Birmingham Bureaus, other than the 1, 1½, 2, 5, 10c, they should be discounted.

Beverly Hills, Calif., makes a beautiful appearance with the U-12 style, in three lines. I have seen the 14, and 50c.

Santa Monica, Calif., is now precancelling with the U-13 style. The 11, and 30c are the first two to come my way.

Norwalk, O. — Prof. A. F. Gamber reports both this office and **Newark, O.**, as having received the U-12 electro.

Portland, Maine, followed Portland, Ore., with the U-12, so both offices are again using identical styles.

Denver, Colo.—The 13c 1917 in the U-12 should be a rare stamp as the stock on hand could not have been large, for the 13c current issue appeared shortly after.

Durham, N. C.—After a brief period of precancelling with the U-51 handstamp, changes to the U-12. I have just the 3c.

Greenville, N. C., is out with the U-13, and also Independence, Iowa. I have the latter on the 6 and 7c.

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Alexandrie. — The French form for Alexandria as shown upon the stamps issued for use in the Consular office established in that port.

Allen's City Dispatch.—A local post established in Chicago in 1882, by Edward Allen, who had at one time been connected with an old local post in New York. His offices were established at 125 South Clark Street, and he claimed he could deliver letters, circulars, etc., in better time than the regular city mail carriers. That there were good grounds for his claims seems proved from the success of his business, which was ultimately suppressed by the Post Office authorities in February, 1883. Allen issued his own stamps, these being all of one design, without indication of value, and in different colors.

Almaguer. — A town in Cauca, Colombia, with a population of about 7,000. In 1890 a set of three stamps purporting to be a provisional issue for this town were recorded in the philatelic journals of the day, but even as locals the status of these labels seems more than doubtful.

Who's Adolfo Ballivian?

The son of Jose Ballivian was Adolfo, and his picture is shown on Bolivian stamps type A19. He was very different from his father. He was a man of outstanding personality. He became President of Bolivia in May, 1873, and at once attempted to reform the finances of the country. He also negotiated a treaty with Peru. He died February 14, 1874, while in the midst of his work for the betterment of his country, having been in office less than one year.—A. C. LeDuc.

DUTCH OLYMPIAN GAMES STAMPS

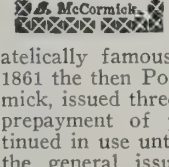
The above cuts are rather crude, and we have the *Boston Transcript* to thank for the suggestions now presented to our Juniors. This set will no doubt be one of the most popular of the year.

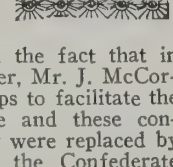
Beer Stamps

Beer stamps, with tobacco, cigar, cigarette, snuff, distilled spirits and other special tax stamps, come under the category of tax paid stamps. The presence of the stamp of this kind on the bottle, barrel, package, or what not, denotes that the tax has been paid on the article or commodity, and the rule is that the the stamp must be destroyed upon opening the package or container. Beer stamps first were issued under the act of July 13, 1866, when seven stamps were issued, ranging in denomination from 12½ cents to two dollars, inclusive, to pay the tax at the rate of one dollar a barrel. The central design of these large stamps was the size (of barrel) in words and figures. Several issues intervened between 1866 and 1871 when the vignette of some celebrity replaced the old design in the center of the stamp. In 1898, the tax on beer was advanced to two dollars a barrel and provisionals resulted. The regular issue of 1898 ranged from 25 cents to $4, inclusive. The series of 1901 marked the reduction of the tax to $1.60 a barrel and some odd denominations were the consequence; for instance, 26 2/3 cents for a sixth of a barrel. In 1902, another provisional showed the reduction of the tax to one dollar again. In 1909, the design of the stamps was changed to words and figures in center and they were printed in one color on blue paper.

Baton Rouge

The capital of the State of Louisiana, situated on the Mississippi River, and having a present population of well over 12,000. In 1779, it was taken from the British by the Spaniards, and in 1862 it was the scene of a victory by the Federals over the Confederates. It is philatelically famous from the fact that in 1861 the then Postmaster, Mr. J. McCormick, issued three stamps to facilitate the prepayment of postage and these continued in use until they were replaced by the general issue for the Confederate States.





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MANAGING EDITOR.

Who's Don Ramon Castilla?

The twenty centavos stamp of 1909, of Peru, shows a portrait of Don Ramon Castilla. Unlike many of the early leaders of South America, he was of native stock having been born at Tarapaca, Peru, in 1796. His early life was spent among the plains and valleys of his home province, but it was not long before he was in the army. He did considerable traveling in South America, and returned to Peru about 1820, and allied himself with General San Martin. His advance in the army was rapid, and he soon became a general. Without much education, he was a great leader in spite of his handicap. Throughout the revolutionary period he stood for a strong government, so when in 1845 he became President of Peru he organized a stable government. After his term of office was completed he was followed by General Echenique, who let the country get corrupted again. A fresh revolution broke out, and in 1855 General Castilla was re-elected President, which office he held until 1860. His administration of the affairs of Peru is noted for the many lasting reforms that he organized.—A. C. LeDuc.

Some Spanish Stamps

In 1916, Spain issued a set of stamps to commemorate the tercentenary of the death of Cervantes. Although there are four different designs in the set there is no value indicated since they were only used in the nature of franks for official correspondence by the members of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies. These stamps are bi-colored and the most interesting fact is that the same type was differently colored, depending on whether it was to be used by a member of the Senate or the Chamber of Deputies. In all of these stamps the centers are in black.

The type listed by Scott as O6 is a picture of the Chamber of Deputies at Madrid. O7 shows a picture of a statue of Cervantes. O8 depicts the National Library, and on O9 is found a portrait of Cervantes.

Cervantes lived during that time when the military glory of Spain was at its highest so that it was only natural that, as a youth, he entered the service. After proving himself a good soldier he left the army and started to write. Altho becoming known for his works, he seems to have been unable to make a living. In addition to poverty he also had to put up with persecution. He finally landed in jail where he started to write the immortal "Don Quixote." He wrote many other things, but was never able to make a living. Altho he immortalized Spain in his writings, she starved him during his life to honor him after death.—A. C. LeDuc.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHER

By Bill Bloss.

How we envy the old boys who used woo the muse by playing on the lyre. If played a lyre, all we would draw wo be a request to move from the landlo —Anyway, it is time to do our stuff a once again we find, we have nothing write about except postage stamps.

Tucked away on page 1064 of Scottalog we find New South Wales 192. We saw a copy of it today for first time in many years, and it worth seeing. Rose, blue and gold, sembling the labels that came on bolts muslin thirty years ago. Incidentally is the first, or one of the first cha stamps, and a good one.

All postage stamps are our frie but some we like better than others. know why I like a stamp? Why do like one? Ever stop to reason it out

I'm funny. The stamps I like are necessarily the most valuable, nor yet sleeper. My fancy runs to two kind those attractive because of beauty, those that appeal because of rarity. I say not necessarily the most valua for the rarities are not always valua

For instance, Nicaragua official 959 lists $4.00 and I have not seen a c in years. It is usually missing from set, and the set itself turns up about in five years.

Nearly everything under the su featured on a postage stamp. Yet s of the most common animals are no well represented as the more uncom beasts. Offhand, we can recall no st that pictures the cat, though there plenty of stamps picturing its more f cious relatives. Why should poor p be so neglected?

One of the prettiest and most inter ing collections that it has been our p lege to see is the collection of Lin stamps made by Mr. Fred Norton of city. Mr. Norton is an ardent adm of the great man, and his collectio much larger than one would expect, sidering the number of Lincoln sta issued. Getting them in singles, p blocks, covers, etc., is quite a job.

Ten or fifteen years ago, before catalog grew so bulky, several pages devoted to the Chinese Treaty P Then, to save space, these stamps dropped and seem to have dropped the market at the same time. Too for they are an interesting lot, and m are much scarcer than one would pose. And they seem to have car letters to a greater extent than man the so considered "legitimate" sta The wise boys are making their col tions when the stamps come along.

Another lot that receives little at tion from the average collector are provisional issues of Peru issued du the Chilian occupation of Lima and lao. Many of these are far rarer the price would indicate, and few gen collectors can boast of a good show How many have you?

Errors are always popular. Inve centers are usually rare. Double cen are rarer still, especially when made the more careful manufacturers. Er in engraving or printing on stamps m by Waterlow or Perkins, Bacon are dom seen. Yet we have recently see copy of the 4c Costa Rica official, 450, with center double, the property A. Roterberg. Unfortunately a care collector caused the stamp to be crac in two—for which he should be bo in oil.—*American Philatelist.*

Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
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Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Good News! The DailyPostal Bulletin of April 4th announces the opening on May 1st of C. A. M., No. 19, and C. A. M., No. 23. This is most welcome information as it means the opening of two connecting lines on the same date. C. A. M. No. 19 will leave New York at 9.40 P. M. connecting in Atlanta the following morning with the northbound plane on C. A. M. No. 23, which is due in New Orleans around noon on the same day. Northbound, the plane leaves New Orleans at 1 P. M. and connects with C. A. M. No. 19 in Atlanta, the arrival in New York being scheduled for 4.35 A. M. Points on C. A. M. No. 19 are Philadelphia, Washington, Richmond, Va., Greensboro, N. C., Spartanburg, S. C., and Atlanta. High Point, N. C., and Winston-Salem, N. C. will be served from Greensboro, N. C.

C. A. M. No. 23 has Atlanta as the Northern terminal with landing points at Birmingham, Ala., Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans.

The first Southern trip over C. A. M. No. 23 will occur May 2nd after the arrival in Atlanta of the New York mail.

The P. O. Dept. should be congratulated on its effort to give ample notice of the above pending flights. Collectors who subscribe to the Daily Postal Bulletin have the information on their hands a full three weeks in advance of the initial opening. Even a lazy man ought to be able to get aboard in time!

Col. Lindbergh goes into retirement temporarily, give a thought to Bert Hinkler the Australian aviator. "The great Little One," as he is called in the English press, has created 5 records!—1st The longest solo flight ever made on any type of machine.—2nd Fastest Time England to India. — 3rd Longest non stop flight London to Rome—4th Longest Flight ever made in a light plane—5th Fastest Time England to Australia (16days) Approx. Total mileage—12,800. At this writing I can't say whether or not Hinkler carried any mail.

With the coming of warm weather, quite a few new Air Mail routes will undoubtedly be in operations. The long delayed Cleveland-Louisville flight. Completion of the Cleveland-Albany route now only operating as far east as Buffalo. Chicago - Memphis, Atlanta-Miami, St. Louis-Kansas City, a new line from Detroit to Toledo to connect with the Trans-continental. Salt Lake City - Great Falls, and a line from New Orleans to Laredo to connect with the Mexico City Air Mail. It is very possible that this latter route, or an extension of the already existing line from San Antonio to Laredo, will go into action on very short notice.

Before many of the new routes open, let's hope the proposed new air mail rate of 5c per oz. comes into effect! This keeping up of long flights certainly puts a dent in one's bank roll! Covering C. A. M. No. 19 alone, No. 23 alone, is no small item. However it's well worth the price paid.

During the past month I have received a very large number of inquiries from collectors unfamiliar with Air Mail cover collecting, indicating an increasing interest in this specular branch of Philately. A tabulation of the inquiries received also indicates a very earnest desire to secure all possible information. To those who have written we have tried to give the desired information, but the task would consume too much time should I be called on to make personal replies to all letters received. Hence-this-plan which will appear tri-weekly or oftener if the demand warrants. May I have an expression of opinion from you? Covers, descriptions of unusual cancellations, interesting data covering Air Mail rates and other information of general interest to cover collectors, will be most acceptable and will certainly be the means of passing on to others interested in this subject, a new slant on "how to do it." This department must conserve space only as regards non-philatelic details.

I would recommend that those contemplating collecting Air Mail covers equip themselves with three very necessary essentials. A subscription to the Daily Postal Bulletin, procurable through the Superintendent of Documents, at Washington, D. C.—cost $2.00 per year. A copy of the American Air Mail Catalogue and a membership in the American Air Mail Society. The total cost will be exactly $5.00. From this point on, the matter rests wholly with yourself. You can "cover" all flights in the future in their entirety, or pick out special routes, landing points or terminals. Your collection will only be limited by your desire. As you progress it is probable that one of the foreign routes will attract your interest. The Champion Catalogue (French publication with English edition) will supply you with complete data covering these. A new edition is now being published and should arrive in this country very shortly. There are a number of aviation magazines published, among them "Aviation" — a weekly, "Aero Digest," monthly, "Airways" (English), monthly, and others, all containing a wealth of information and intense interest to Air Mail cover collectors.

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But any collector may be excused from wondering wherein the difference lies between the 10c violet blue of 1892-3 (No. 36) and the 10 violet blue of 1896 (No. 46a). The main distinction seems to be one of price! But perhaps the catalogue means to infer that the former always has the punched hole whereas the latter is intact. In any case the unpunched one is wrongly classified as a sub-variety of the 1896 issue.

The large and small figure varieties of 1901 are apt to be a little misleading. The design for the large figure stamps was entirely re-drawn and not only are the numerals noticeably different, but the lion's face is also larger.

Type A35 and the similar design for official stamps (O17) will bear careful watching for the only difference lies in the word OFICIAL in small type placed below the lion on the latter.

The two main types of the 1908 surcharges differ, of course, in the fact that in one the words "Habilitado en" occupy two lines, while in the other they are on the same line.

A careful reading of inscriptions will prevent any possibility of mixing the 1913 stamps (A40) with the official and postage due stamps of similar design and the same applies to Types A41 and A42, which we have seen mixed up on occasion.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

SEVARD'S TWINKLES

(*Continued from page 267*)

It seems that sizes 8 and 13 are the most popular envelope sizes these days. Size 5 is common though, with Size 9 not so common, and Size 7 trailing the bunch. Any other size should be held for inspection. Someday we'll tell you about windows, and high and low backs, and watermarks, whichever are very common. Then you will know a rare one when you see it.

Charles Hermann, Los Angeles, shows us the Williamsport Transfer Clerk, which is the usual 29mm Grid with town name above, but with T.C.R.M.S. below. This is our only transfer clerk in this style. Usually these abbreviations cause mental hardships if you are not familiar with what's going on. In England, some chap hands you a card with the alphabet after his name, and you are supposed to figure out then and there whether he's selling soap or belongs to Army. It got so bad during the War that everybody talked in initials over the telephone. But T.C.R.M.S. goes as Transfer Clerk Railway Mail Service, and it's a good cancel at that.

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We have always been worried whenever someone suggests that the meters and permits will soon crowd out the necessity for stamps, and so far, one does not recall any answer which accounts for an appreciable effect. In 1922, the prediction was that soon a diminution would be noted in the quantities of 2c stamps sold, but this reasoning, or prediction, has been squandered in a plethora of the 2c compound and perf. 11 that overwhelms all other issues. We have just found an instance of an effect, which is the only effect we have noticed during the period of the use of meters, and it is this. The largest mailers in the United States use meters. If such large mailer be located in a small town, the amount of mail matter carried by adhesives is decreased, with a noticeable decrease in the use of the mailing cancel for that locality. The machine dies last much longer with their less frequent use, and dies are not changed so rapidly. Thus the long continuance of a die in a locality will cause that die to be used over a period of time which allows the collector a better chance to obtain such townmarks. Thus we might list a few machine cancels which are predominant seemingly for this very reason.

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San Antonio, Texas	International	B	A	die 1
Zanesville, Ohio	Universal	A	A	
Sandusky, Ohio	International	A	A	
Richmond, Ind.	International	A	A	
Mankato, Minn.	Universal	A	A	
Wilkesbarre, Penn.	Universal	A	A	
Rockford, Ill.	Universal	A	A	
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No.	Date.	Description.	Values.	Cat. Nos.	Value.	Net
A- 1	1904,	1h-72h, cpl., VERY SCARCE	14	86- 99	1.51	1.40
A- 2	1906,	5h-30h, cpl., Who has them?	6	103- 109	.37	.40
A- 3	1908,	1h-10k, complete, Jubilee	17	110- 126	19.94	9.50
A- 4	1910,	1h-10k, complete, Jubilee	17	127- 143	47.18	25.00
A- 5	1916,	1h-10k, complete	19	145- 163	2.86	1.40
A- 6	1918,	2k-10k, complete, Granite	4	172- 175	1.58	.75
A- 7	1918,	3h-10k, complete	19	181- 199	2.43	1.00
A- 8	1925,	1g-2s, complete with No. 325	21	304- 325	2.08	1.65
A- 9	1916,	Special Delivery, complete	8	651- 658	.29	.15
A-10	1918,	Air Post, 1st issue cpl., scarce	3	675- 677	.95	.50
A-11	1922,	Air Post, 2nd issue, cpl., scarce	8	678- 685	1.45	.90
A-12	1925,	Air Post, 3rd issue, complete	10	686- 695	1.53	1.00
A-13	1926,	Air Post, New Values	7	696- 702	5.71	4.50
A-14	1921,	Republic issue, complete	20	811- 830	.55	.25
A-15	1922,	Musicians, complete	7	831- 837	2.00	1.00
A-16	1923,	Cities, complete, scarce	9	838- 846	2.35	1.50
A-17	1924,	Symbolical, complete, scarce	5	847- 851	1.85	1.00
A-18	1926,	Nibelungen, complete	6	852- 857	.85	.40
A-19	1915,	Feldpost, 1st issue, cpl., RARE	21	951- 971	42.33	20.00
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A-21	1917,	Feldpost, 3rd issue, complete	20	908a-1016	1.85	1.00
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A-29	1918,	ROUMANIA, 2nd issue compl.	17	722- 739	.93	.40
A-30	1916,	SERBIA, 1st issue complete	21	401- 421	7.37	3.50
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75..... .35	236..... .07	501.....
76..... .75	238..... .05	509.....
77..... .30	239..... .65	519.....
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80.....2.00	245..... .06	

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Air Mail to South and Central America

While recently in Washington, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, informed me that it was the desire of the Department to establish an air mail service with both Central and South America, at the very first opportunity. At the present time, there is a service between Key West and Havana, and this possibly will be continued to cover the other larger cities of the West Indies. The flight shortly to be inaugurated will connect with Mexico, and from this country it is but a short step to the Central American countries and the Canal Zone, and then down to South America.

A page advertisement in a Brazilian periodical recently gave schedule and rates on air mail transport between Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and Natal, Brazil. This is definite notice of a campaign which is getting fully under way to develop this service into a vital link in the chain of high-speed communication between Europe and the principal South American countries. The Campagnie Generale Aeropostale at the present time operates along the east coast of South America on a three-day schedule, with stops at Natal, Pernambuco, Bahia, Victoria, Rio, Santos and Porto Alegre in Brazil; Montevideo, Uruguay and Buenos Aires. This distance is approximately that along our coast from the tip of Florida to Labrador.

Three rates are in effect, the regular postage rate, the "Express" rate, and the air transport rate which is covered by special stamps.

There is no night flying at the present time, otherwise the three-day schedule could be reduced fifty per-cent. Here is an air mail service in use as a link with Europe with which it is connected by regular steamship sailings out of the North Brazilian ports.

The Postal Bulletin of April 6th announces the inauguration by the Peruvian postal administration of an air mail service between Lima and Iquitos, Peru, and this service may be used by letters posted in the United States. The air mail fee for such transmission will be fifty cents for the first half ounce, and twenty-five cents for every additional half ounce, in addition to the regular postage of 2 cents an ounce or fraction thereof. Both the postage and air-mail fee must be prepaid with United States stamps.

Articles to be dispatched from Lima by air mail should be clearly marked—"Servicio Aereo" in the left-hand bottom corner of the address side of the envelope. The air mail time between these two cities is four days, whereas the ordinary route would take twenty-one days.

New Envelopes For Air Mail

In order to facilitate the identification of matter to be carried by airplane, approval has been given to the use for air mail of envelopes of a distinctive de showing little markings in red and w around the edges of the envelope.

These are illustrated in the Postal letins for April 7th and 9th. This special design does not supersede the velopes heretofore approved, but i addition thereto. Evidently the new riety will attract the attention of clerk more promptly than the horiz lines. These are not furnished by Department, but may be purchased private contractors.

Revenue Variety

Mr. Frank A. Hollowbush has shown me a new plate variety of th orange Playing Cards that has not noted heretofore. The copy in que has a diagonal scratch, or what may crack, running from the "E" of "I nal" to the right of Washington's down through the "G" of "Playi The line is straight, giving it the app ance of a scratch, but the lower po is ragged, making it look more li crack. The copy in question was celled in April, 1864.

Algeria.—*Invitation to French ar* —It is proposed to commemorate the tenary of the French occupation of geria, two years hence, by the issue set of stamps typifying the characte the country. A public competition, to French artists only, is announce the authorities for the submission of able designs. The inscriptions "Po Algérie, République Française (or F."), Centenaire Algérie 1930" an *cartouche* for the insertion of the den ination, must figure in each design. entries for this competition are to sent to the Service Central des Post Télégraphes de l'Algérie, Hôtel Postes, 4° étage, Algiers, to reach t not later than May 31, 1928.—*St Collecting.*

China.—We are indebted to Ch Bros., Shanghai, for a sample set of

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MEMORANDUM FROM P. M. WOLSIEFFER

2147 North 21st Street

Phila., Pa., Apr. 5-1928

Dear Mr. Wylie:

Some people consider price. I consider results. Would not relinquish my regular position in the WEEKLY for a big bonus.

Your rates are O.K. and just keep me going as of yore. Best regards and continued success for the WEEKLY.

As ever,

P. M.

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y Trippers bought and sold. A. A. V, 333 S. Warren St., Syracuse, N. Y.[tf*

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1928 Precancel Catalog, Paper $2.15, Cloth $3.15, Canada 50c, Style Chart 15c, Postpaid Cash prices; 15c extra if C. O. D. Rotnem Stamp Co., 545 McKnight Bldg., Minneapolis. [tf*

All precancels 1c each, including 13c, 50c, etc. Ref. ALVAN BARRUS,M.A.C.,Amherst,Mass.

Send Us All Your Precancels. We will make a new purchase offer which you may use in making selections your choice from our Foreign or United States Postage Approval Books. Send items soaked free from paper. ROTNEM STAMP CO., 545 McKnight Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn. [tf*

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Wholesale—List free to dealers only. [tf*
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Free—Samples, lists, circulars and offers interesting to dealers and collectors sent upon request. N. JOSEPH, 65 Walden St., Boston 30, Mass. [tf*

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Latvia—Bought, Sold, Exchanged. [53*
SAVINE, 1614 Cortelyou Rd., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Wanted to Purchase—Old or late U. S. by hundreds or thousands, old covers, and collections of all kinds. OLD COLONY STAMP CO., 333 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.[46*

Free: 200 diff. stamps to new customers. Net appr. Auburn Stamp Co., Syracuse, N.Y.[tf

Free—True-Blue listings of stamp and postcard exchangers. ERICSON (4), Elroy, Wis. [46

Canada: 10 diff. mint coils(cat.$1.20),45c. B.N. A.&Br.Cols.Apps. A.W.Gray,Rutland,B.C.,Can. [47

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UNITED STATES ADLETS

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JUNIOR ADLETS

Boys! Write quick, special proposition. One boy in each town. BERGERE STAMP CO., 519-20Lbr.Exch.Bldg., Minneapolis,Minn. [47

Approvals — Br. Colonials, etc., no trash, ½ catalog or better. Also advanced lots cheap. R. NAIRNE, Battery St., Victoria, B. C. [46

Dandy packet free to applicants for OK App. Ref. OK Stp. Co., 1222 State St., Utica, N. Y.

Patrons of this Department of Adlets must satisfy themselves as to the reliability of our advertisers. We do not require the usual references on these small ads.

THE REVOLUTIONARY STAMPS OF RUSSIA

(*Continued from page 268*)

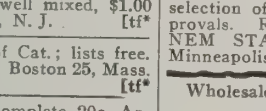
1920 Venev (City)

1k, imperf.	5k, perf.
2k, perf.	10k, perf.
3k, perf.	15k, perf.
4k, perf.	20k, perf.

1920 Danilov (City)
With Violet Surcharge

1k, imperf.	10k, perf.
3k, perf.	15k, perf.
4k, perf.	20k, imperf.

On Postal Saving Stamp
1k, perf.



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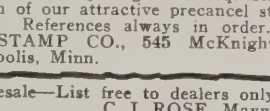

Klin

1920 Klin (City)
With Violet Surcharge

1r on 1k, imperf.	20r on 20k, perf.
2r on 2k, imperf.	

With Red Surcharge

2r on 2k, perf.	10r on 10k, perf.
3r on 3k, perf.	20r on 20k, perf.
5r on 5k, perf.	

1920 Rjava (City)

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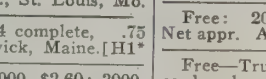
2k, perf.	5k, perf.
3k, imperf.	



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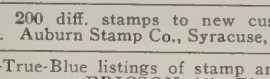


Spassk

1920 Spassk (City)

5r on 5k, perf.	15r on 15k, perf.

With Red Surcharge

5r on 5k, perf.	20r on 20k, perf.
10r on 10k, perf.	

1920 Soche (City)

60r on 1k, perf.	60r on 3k, imperf.
60r on 1k, imperf.	

Soche

Suradj

1920 Suradj (City)
With Violet Surcharge 15r on 15k, perf.

1921 Wolsk (City)
0100r on 1r, perf. 0250r on 7r, perf.

Wolsk

Goritza

1920 Goritza (City)
With Red Surcharge

1k, perf.	2k, perf.

Swiatoshyn

1922 Swiatoshyn (City)
On Postal Saving Stamp
7500r on 5k

(The following are similar to preceding types, but for which I have failed to secure illustrations.)

1920 Gavrilovskoye (City)
15k, perf.

1920 Zhukovka (City)
With Violet Surcharge

1k, imperf.	2k, imperf.

1920 Zamytye (City)
With Blue Surcharge
10k, perf.

1920 Ezhewsk (City)
With Violet Surcharge

1k, imperf.	10k, perf.
2k, perf.	15k, perf.
3k, perf.	15k, imperf.
5k, perf.	20k, perf.

1922 Chernegoka (City)
5r on 3.50r, perf.

1920 Kargopol (City)

1r on 1k, perf.	4r on 4k, perf.
3r on 3k, perf.	15r on 15k, perf.

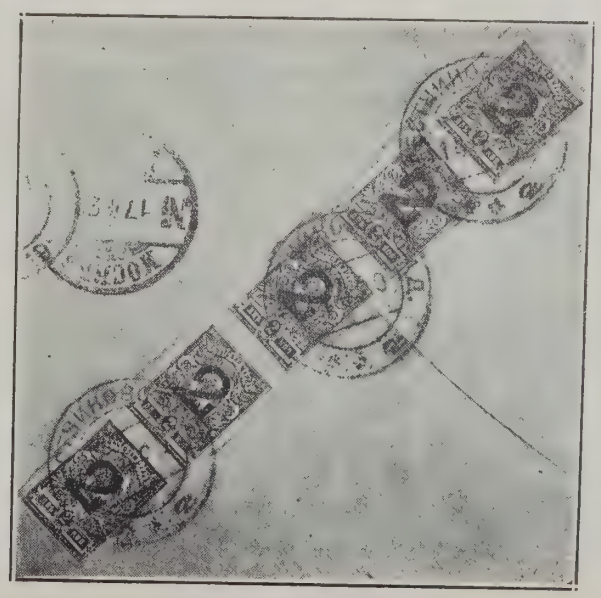
With Violet Surcharge

1r on 1k, perf.	3r on 3k, imperf.
2r on 2k, perf.	

The districts of Moscow, Leningrad and Odessa have been covered in the reading matter. The district of Kiev is shown in Scott's catalogue Nos. 207, 208 and 209. With these four districts a total of 39 districts and cities have been covered. The Michel's catalogue (1927 edition) makes mention of the following districts and cities: Armavir, Kovrov, Harkov, Petrovsk, Tomsk and Yakutsk.

It will be noticed that certain surcharges do not show numeral changes, but indicate that whenever applied to the stamps the value has been changed from kopeck(s) to ruble(s). Likewise others just show a plain numeral without the symbol for ruble—they likewise are meant to be rubles instead of kopecks.

An interesting cover has just been received by me showing a vertical strip of four stamps, the 2 rubles on 2 Kopecks imperforate used in the city of Kovrov. The cancellations are plain and I thought to illustrate this nice piece (as strips are quite scarce) would show how the surcharge looks on several unsevered stamps.



new Marshal Chang Tso-Lin stamps. There are four values: 1, 4 and 10c, and $1. Note elsewhere the advertisement of the firm.

Cochin. — *"One Anna" Provisionals.* Mr. J. I. Chaudy writes that the Cochin Government "Gazette" of 25/2/28 contains a notification that some quantity of the current (ordinary) 2¼ anna stamps will be surcharged "One Anna" to meet the demand for the current 1a. (Anchal & Revenue) stamp which has run out and of which a new supply has not yet arrived.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Cyprus.—£5 is now reported by Oswald Marsh in the type illustrated black on yellow.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Czecho-Slovakia.—Postage Due New Series will be completed almost immediately, according to *Cesky Filatelista,* by the issue of 20 and 30h and 5, 10 and 20k.

20h and 1.20k will be issued shortly on unwatermarked paper in rolls. The former will be in the Karluv Tyn design, and the latter in the Strakov type.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Falkland Islands. — We learn from Port Stanley (by courtesy of Mr. E. H. Roberts) that a new pictorial set is to be issued about the end of the year, and that the current series will remain valid contemporaneously with it.—*Stamp Collecting.*

French Colonies.—The following are to be placed on sale in Paris on Monday next, April 2nd:—

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Messrs. Yvert & Tellier, who give us this information, add that the French Colonial Agency in Paris has removed to No. 80 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Denis, Paris.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Greece.—Whitfield King & Co. submit for chronicle the following Navarino stamps: 1dr 50L olive, 4dr blue, both of oblong format the former, with a view of the Bay of Navarino, while the latter pictures the naval battle; 4 varieties of 5dr, one in brown and black with the likeness of Sir Edward Codrington, another in a little darker shade of brown with the name "Sir Codrington", one in red and black featuring Van Der Heyden, and the other in blue and black carrying the portrait of De Rigney. These four values are 27mm x 33mm in size.

Lithuania. — 10th Anniversary Issue is to hand from Whitfield King & Co., 5, 10, 15, 25, 50, 60c and 1l.

Peru. — The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 2c Pro Tacna y Arica stamp, without circles around the figures of value, in violet.

Poland.—Further details of the projected Warsaw Stamp Exhibition commemoratives are to hand from the Continent. We now learn that the two values, 50gr and 1zl, are being printed, in sepia, in miniature sheets (as was done for the Strasbourg Exhibition last year) with the inscription "Warsaw 1928" (the city spelled presumably in Polish) between the two stamps. A 25 groszy stamp is on the way with portrait of General Bem, described as "one of the military glories of Poland." In extenuation, it is added that the bold Bem took an active part in the Polish insurrection in 1831, and in the Hungarian revolution in 1848; he died in exile in Turkey.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Roumania. — Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1 leu purple, bearing the portrait of King Michael. In addition to the value noted above our correspondents advise that the following values have also been received in this design: 25b grey and black, 50b olive, 2L green, 3L rose, 5L brown, 7L50b ultramarine and 10L blue.

Tunis.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co. copies of 1fr30c orange and violet, 1fr80c olive-green and red, and 2fr55c violet and brown, design as Scott's A13 with the surcharge "Poste Aerienne" in blue just above the word "Postes" and with an airplane in the same color in the upper right corner. Also the same correspondent advises of the appearance of the 30c green, type A11, 90c orange, type A12, and the 1fr50c light blue and dark blue, design of A13.

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FREDERICK S. EATON, 70 Sachem St., New Haven, Conn., would like the address of C. B. Clark, who resides somewhere in New York state. Mr. Clark asked for a selection on approval, and the postmark on the letter is illegible.

TWO items reach us from Cecil F. Blogg. One is the advertisement of the Ford Motor Co., in a recent *Saturday Evening Post* dealing with airmail, and the other is an Obock candy wrapper, which is illustrated with pictures of stamps that are given with the return of two, eight and fifteen wrappers.

WE have received from John Frikoff, Moyers, Okla., a clipping from the *Pathfinder* dealing with the Boyd's City Express Post. It is quite interesting and we may find space for it in the WEEKLY later on.

WE are advised that M. Ohlman, the New York auctioneer, will again hold an official convention auction sale when the Society of Philatelic Americans meets in Washington on August 13-15. The sale will be held Tuesday, August 14. Note Mr. Ohlman's advertisement.

A STAMP find is noted by Herman W. Boers that is worthy of mention. He writes: "Charles Holden of Detroit, while in California, located a vertical pair of the 3c 1857 imperforate on the original cover tied to the cancellation with large margins." Mr. Boers has seen the envelope and calls it a beautiful specimen.

IN the April 7 issue of *Flynn's* was an interesting story on "The One-Penny Orange," written by Clement Wood. Clipping from G. A. Rollins.

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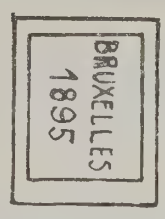

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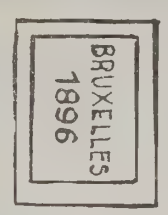

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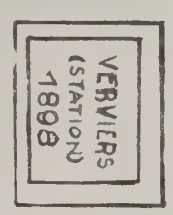

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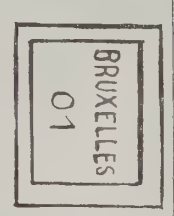

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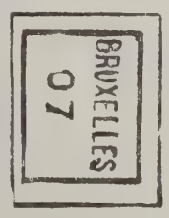

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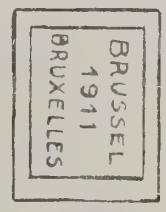

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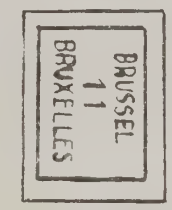

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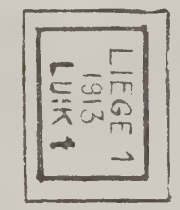

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Type 26 Fig. 10

In the two months since I wrote my "Preliminary Notes," I have been fortunate enough to secure information that enables me to amplify and correct those notes. Therefore this rather random and disconnected article is offered to aid fellow-devotees.

1. The Postal Savings Cancellation

This is what I have called a "railway cancellation," on the authority of others, in my previous "Notes," and have shown in my figure 1 therewith. Mr. Frank E. Russell, of Boston, has shown me a specimen of this, on Scott No. 164, on piece of a postal-savings form, showing clearly that this is *not* a precancellation at all, but is applied *after* the stamp is affixed. Mr. William C. Stone, of Springfield, writes me that he has similar pieces. Accordingly, this type must be definitely excluded from precancels entirely, until we have specimens showing its use as such. Material showing its use as other than a postal-savings cancellation ought to be watched for. Yvert-Tellier-Champion's 1926 catalogue says of this cancellation, that stamps with it "are generally the stamps of which the usual cancellations have been omitted by the forwarding office;" but this catalogue calls it the Savings Bank cancellation.

2. Illustrations of the Types

The artist who redrew my crude illustrations of the various types into the form published in the Weekly of March 26, made certain errors of draftsmanship, which rather cripple the value of the illustrations. By courtesy of the editor, I have prepared new illustrations, which are reproduced herewith. I therefore state here that the illustrations now shown are authentic, and disclaim all responsibility for those previously published. As previously published, types 1 and 2 are confused with each other, types 21, 22, 15 and 26, are erroneously shown. The published figures for types 21 and 26, in particular, show cancellations that I have never seen on Belgian stamps.

3. Nos. 62 and 77

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the fact that the 2 centimes, No. 83, was issued in 1907, the old stamps are continued somewhat longer. I have not yet seen No. 83 from 1907, and only few from 1908.

4. Nos. 60 and 60a

No. 60a, the 1c slate of Scott's catalogue, is unmistakable. No. 60, the common stamp, is called "gray" by the catalogues; it is a full gray, varying immensely in shade. No 60a appears almost brown-gray by the side of it, and always is less sombre in appearance. I have seen it precancelled only from 1897 to 1901 inclusive; 1901 appears to be the year in which it is most prevalent. It is never more than one-fifth as prevalent as No. 60; as a rule both No. 60 and No. 60a are found from the same place in the same year. No. 60a should not be confused with the pale shade of No. 60, similar to the usual shade of No. 82, and found all along the years.

4a. The Shift to the 1907 Issue

In 1907 the 1c No. 82 and 2c No. 83 were issued. Despite the large amount of material that I have recently worked over, I have yet to find No. 83 precancelled from this year. As the issue was put into use in September, 1907, naturally the old 1c No. 60 is far more common in 1907 precancels than is the new 1c No. 82. With 1908 I find the first precancelling of the 2c No. 83; printed, from Brussels. I have as yet run across only one other 1907 precancel of No. 83. On the contrary, the 1c in 1908 is entirely the new issue No. 82. 1909 shows both the 1c and 2c of the new issue as regular; but the old 2c, both Nos. 62 and 77, still occurs, very sparsely. The old 1c No. 60 also occurs in 1911 from Antwerp, bilingual roller type.

5. Bilingual Precancellations

In my "Notes" I have stated that bilingual precancellations began in 1911. A recent acquisition of material of 1910 has brought me bilingual roller-precancellations (my type 9), dated 1910, from Brussels and Ghent. With these exceptions, however, and with the note that both monolingual and bilingual precancellations of these years are found from both these cities, the original statement must be let stand.

6. Certain Misstatements Corrected

My statement in the "Notes" that the 1c No. 82, the 1907 issue, is found from Ostend (Station) 1905, is not correct. The particular specimen turns out to be No. 60, with the bottom perforation so close to the design that it is not easy to see whether the stamp is No. 60 or No. 82. No. 82, as mentioned above, first appears in 1907.

My type 8 precancel, of which Sichem-Lez-Diest is the typical example, probably appears as early as 1900. Similar to it, but with full date, is a type that was not known to me when the "Notes" were written, but which has appeared in recent acquisitions. I therefore interpolate it: earliest case as yet known to me: Sichem-Lez-Diest, 1896. Description:

Type 3-A. Place-name in two lines, both lines 2.1 to 2.2mm high; in French only. Date 2.2mm high: full date.

My type 3, which I record for the 1 centime, No. 60 only, has shown up in the new material I have examined, on the 2 centimes No. 62, in 1898.

The 2c, Nos. 62 and 77, which I mention as not having seen precancelled previous to 1899, is now known to me as early as 1894, from Brussels. I have it also from Brussels in 1895, Antwerp and Louvain, 1896. Mr. George C. Asby, of Caterbury, N. H., has kindly informed me of it from Brussels, 1896 and 1898, and Liege, 1897. As mentioned earlier in this article, it is always No. 62 until 1898, and thereafter both No. 62 and No. 77.

Purple ink, which I first report in 1919, has turned up from Ath, 1909, and sporadically from various places every year thereafter. Mr. Asby cites it from Mons and Tournai in 1908.

7. Discontinuance of Types

From my "Notes" it may not be entirely clear that certain types of precancellation cease entirely at certain dates. Therefore the following summary may be useful:

(1) Types 1, 2, 3 and 3-A are last used in 1899.

(2) Type 6, branch-office type with short date, is last used in 1910. After that date, I find no branch-office precancellations at all.

(3) Type 7, first used in 1901, appears to be sparingly used from 1904 to 1910 inclusive, but is revived from 1911 onwards.

(4) Type 21, introduced in 1906, is not used after 1910.

(5) Type 22 is used 1911 to 1914 inclusive, and in 1922, but at no other times.

(6) Type 23 I have seen from 1922 only.

(7) Types 24 and 25 are used in 1912, 1913 and 1914 only.

8. Cities Not Represented

Three cities in Belgium, out of those with over 25,000 population in 1923, have not yet appeared among precancelling-places in either material or lists of precancelling localities, that I have seen. These are:

Borgerhout (53,000 pop.)
St. Nicholas (35,000 pop.)
Berchem (33,000 pop.)

Precancels from these places should be watched for.

ANOTHER LEEWARDS NOTE

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Readers will recall that in a previous article, which appeared in the WEEKLY for 2nd April, I pointed out that the Leeward Ids. 5d script was obtainable at Tortola, Virgin Ids., up to at least 16th Feb., and that it was also on sale in Montserrat last autumn. Since this last article I have received a despatch from the Dominica Postmaster, enclosing the Leeward Ids. stamps on sale there up to the 2/6 duty, and *amongst them is the 5d!* The order was dated "Dominica, 22nd March," so I am afraid that this stamp is not likely to show much appreciation, regardless of statements to the contrary by dealers, speculators, and other interested parties.

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Part I. The Illustrations

Leon, Iowa—Again Leon produces an issue of type-set precancels that is very attractive. This is the second series of its kind, the first having appeared about a year ago. The illustrated type has been seen on the 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 25 and 30c.

Ashland, Wis.—The Christmas season of 1927 caused a new style to appear that, like two former types, was type-set. It is before me, reading down on the current 10c. Practically all Ashland precancels are to be found with vertical overprints. This I attribute to the fact that the first type employed, a handstamp, produced a vertical overprint and the type-set emissions that have followed since were patterned after Type I in this respect.

Denver, Colo.—I have seen half-a-dozen copies of the current 20c, bearing the illustrated precancellation. It is without question a type-setting of provisional nature. Any information on it will be welcomed.

Part II. New Handstamps

In my next article I shall continue my discussion of new handstamped precancels and illustrate six of them.

Arcadia, Calif.—Karl J. Mallard, Jr., reports this town on the 50c. The style is U-52, reading up.

Atlantic, Iowa—I have this on the 4 and 8c in the style illustrated for Wapello, Ia.

Alpena, Mich.—Prof. A. F. Gamber vouches for the 1½c in the U-75 style.

Chariton, Iowa, is another strange name to the precancel collector. The handstamp is like the illustrated Wapello. I have the following: 11c (1917), 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 20c current series.

Covington, Va.—Same style as Covington, Ga. Prof. Gamber calls it to my attention.

Charleston, Ill.—On the current 13c in the U-54. This should be a worthy item.

Cove, Oregon—In two lines of bold type, between lines, this newcomer appears. The handstamp cannot be covered by any Universal style. I have it on the 5, 11 and 15c. This will be illustrated in my next article.

East Moline, Ill., is now precanceling with U-71, which is difficult to tell from a box roller type the office is also using.

Edgerton, Wis., on the 1½c in the U-10 handstamp. This style is illustrated by El Dorado, Kans., in the next installment of the "Review." El Dorado comes to me on the current 10c.

Emory University, Ga., is an interesting one. The style is U-73, that is, small, plain caps between lines. The overprint reads EMORY UNI—VERSITY, GA., in two lines.

Eldora, Iowa, steps into the precancel fold with the U-55 style. When I chanced upon an 8c inverted, I had difficulty in calling to mind the reason why this town seemed so familiar. Finally it came to me—*Horseshoes*. If this means nothing to you, then picture a certain national tournament that is held each winter in St. Petersburg, Fla., and call to mind the various champions crowned there.

El Dorado, Kans.—This precancellation, which will be illustrated next week, is of the style of handstamp similar to U-10. The 5 and 10c have been seen by me.

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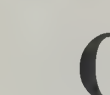

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THE PRECANCELS

By W. G. Bateman.

(This article is taken from a "Catalog of City Type Coil Precancelled Stamps" issued by Adolph Gunesch, 555 W. 103 St., Chicago, Ill. Our opinion of the book can be judged by our reprint of this article. No price is attached and precancel fans may write Mr. Gunesch.—W. O. W.)

Regular City Types

Up to the year 1920 the precancels applied to coils were almost always those used also for the regular issues. Apparently the government did not furnish special cancelling devices and in only a few cases did local authorities acquire a precancel to use simply on coils. Chicago, Des Moines, Cleveland, New York, and Rochester were among this number.

The types used by most places up to the advent of the standard ones were then whatever type hand-stamp happened to be furnished to the post-office. Those consisting of a single subject or the rather common group of 5 subjects in a row came in the most handy for the purpose altho the larger hand-stamps with several rows of subjects could be used by inking only the top row for each impression on the coil-ribbon. Of the types pictured in the standard catalog those numbered 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 80 and 81 are more commonly seen, while the other types seem to have been used only seldom or not at all. Most of the coils precancelled in this way are rather uncommon and many are decidedly scarce.

Electroplates

Electroplates for precancelling are furnished by the government. Most of them consist of 100 subjects arranged in 10 rows of 10 each, but some of the plates are only half this size. They must be used in a printing press. It is obvious that at least it is very impractical to precancel coil stamps from such plates altho at considerable trouble and waste of ink a coil might be so printed. Of course the coil could be broken up into strips of 10, and these could be attached lightly to a sheet of paper and the whole printed. This, however, renders the coil useless. Why then, should electroplates be used at all for precancelling coil stamps? Also it has always been possible for post offices to obtain hand-stamps or rollers to cancel small lots of stamps. There are coil stamps which have been undoubtedly printed from electroplates, but in most cases it is known that they were never made in the course of r business. In the other cases it seem as if the burden of proof res those who so printed the coils. standard catalog has been gradual proved many such coils have been nated and this catalog has omitte all.

The privately perforated coils a different category since they are from imperforate sheets which can be printed from electroplates befo coils are made.

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BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

I have just received from a correspondent in Venezuela the first special cancellation I have ever seen commemorating the arrival of the two French aviators, Costes and Le Brix. The special cachet is the same size and type as used to celebrate Col. Lindbergh's arrival and bears the words "Correos de Venezuela" around the top and inside of a 24mm circle. Inside, below, is "Caracas" and across the circle reads "Bienvenide a Costes y Le Brix." in two lines. The Postal cachet is dated January 19th, 1928. Apparently the Colonel's name was substituted for the names of the two French fliers when the special cachet was used for his arrival, January 30th.

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The Postal Bulletin, under date of April 11th, states that the fee for Air Mail letters weighing 20 grams or less will be 75 centavos for International Air Mail Service between Mexico City and the United States, or 37½ cents U. S. currency. This rate is apparently applicable only to the new route between Mexico City and Tampico, where letters are picked up by steamer and landed in New Orleans, Galveston or Houston. "If, when and maybe" the land Air Mail service rate will probably be a good deal more, if advices from Mexico City can be relied upon.

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A new design of Air Mail envelope has been approved by the Post Office Department, but they are wise enough to emphatically state that the envelopes ARE NOT ically state that the envelopes are not supplied by the Department. We believe the proper name for the disease is "heebie jeebie". Pink zebras, lavender alligators and other w. k. specimens are usually present at such affairs.

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An Air Mail service is now available between Lima and Iquitos, Peru. The fee for letters is 50c per ½ oz. in addition to the regular fee of 2c per oz. Seventeen days is saved by this service. "Use the Air Mail" certainly applies here.

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At this writing — April 18th — it appears that the Boston Chamber of Commerce will give recognition to the opening of the new contract Air Mail routes connecting Boston with New Orleans — by either applying a special cachet on Air Mail carried May 1st or having a special card available similar to that used July 1st, 1927, when C. A. M. No. 1 began operations.

Air Mail

—The 1928 Theodore Champion Air Mail Catalogue—A Study.

By FREDERICK D. MARKEE.

The 1928 Champion Air Mail catalogue arrived in my hands April 7. Three years have elapsed since the previous edition of the French catalogue, and during that time no real reference work on foreign flights has been available. Consequently, it was with considerable interest that I opened this new edition, which, by-the-way, is about fifty pages short of the 1925 edition.

The make-up has undergone considerable change. The French and English text still appears side by side, but the "balloon covers" have been brought up front, and a complete classification of these interesting items occupy the first forty-three pages.

The second section is devoted to the official issues of Air Mail stamps of various countries and take up eighty pages, followed by the semi-official issues of Air Mail stamps. These latter account for another fifty odd pages and list a few of this class of stamps that were not in the 1925 edition. The balance of the catalogue is comprised of a complete and exceptionally clear classification of the principal flights, cachets and obliterations, etc.

Prices, as a whole, reflect the prevailing tendency to register moderate advances, although a very large percentage of the covers classified are not given a valuation. This fact is probably due to insufficient sales to enable the publishers to establish a set valuation. It is a well known fact that many of the earlier (and some of the later) covers from little known flights are being held tight by those who are fortunate enough to possess them, hence no definite value can be set up by the compilers of a catalogue. Facts concerning the flights are clearly stated, and the reader is left to draw his own conclusions as to valuation.

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On the American flights there is no question but that the publisher was somewhat at sea as to valuations. On the European, the reverse is true. No one should have a better grasp of actual prices than Theodore Champion, and unquestionably this foreign section will stimulate the collection of covers from foreign flights, covers from which have been received in this country, but no actual measurement of value could be made until more facts were known.

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The time for the opening of the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition at Cleveland, on Monday, May 21st, draws near and while due mention of the important enterprise has been made in the press, there is some doubt whether collectors in general have the proper realization of the magnitude of the undertaking. Unquestionably, the international exhibition at New York established itself in a class beyond competition, but it remains as a stimulating influence for the Cleveland managers, who find in it an inspiration. The officers and directors of the Exhibition Company that was incorporated for the purpose of providing a sound financial foundation for the display have been working to advantage to make their exhibition one that will transcend any similar occasion ever attempted outside of the New York Exhibition. They know that expectations of a worthy exhibition must be realized, and consequently, they have been untiring in their efforts to secure results that will dignify the project as one of the signal philatelic triumphs of the times. We learn that support of the Exhibition has been received generally, and with this definite encouragement, the sponsors of the Cleveland undertaking have been able to meet their tasks with an enthusiasm that brooks no obstacles. No doubt, all will be in readiness for the successful culmination of the exhibition, May 21 to 26, 1928; and the indications are that the attendance will be large. It is certain that the exhibition will be worth going miles to see. The hospitality of Cleveland will be offered to the visitors during the philatelic week, and it would be a fine thing if the attendance of outside collectors would be a record one. The location of Cleveland is a central one in a philatelically populous section, and that fact should ensure the presence of many strangers within the gates.

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From Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley, Birchircara, Malta, we have received a copy of the current six pence surcharged, "Air Mail," in black. The overprint provides a stamp for the payment of aerial postage on a route that has been established from Malta on the Egypt-Iraq mail service maintained by the postal administration of the United Kingdom. This stamp to denote the payment of aerial postage "will be on sale at the post office in Malta and Cozo, from April 1." The mail will be sent alternate weeks, to Iraq, India, etc., and its delivery greatly facilitated through its transmission by plane.

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The sheriff of Los Angeles County, California, Wm. Traeger, is very anxious to apprehend Lewis H. Allen, who is wanted on an indictment of the grand jury, under the charge of Sec. 288, P.C. of California. A reward of three hundred dollars is offered for the detention and delivery of Allen to the sheriff or any of his deputies, according to a circular issued recently. There is a felony warrant against Allen, and he is subject to extradition, and in the circular sent out he is described as "an antique stamp collector and musician" who usually drives a Dodge sedan, and who may be found in any section of the United States. A set of finger prints is illustrated, and identification bureaus are asked to report any record of the man to A. T. Adams, Superintendent of Records and Identification, Los Angeles, California. A full face portrait and a profile are shown of No. 57126 and data, as of Oct. 18, 1925, gives Allen's age as 52; weight, 135; height, 5 ft., 7 in.; hair, brown and eyes, blue. Not long ago, we reported that Allen had decamped under circumstances that were "mysterious," to say the least and involved some official explanation, it seems, and previously, a picture of the fugitive had appeared in the WEEKLY. It is evident that a determined effort is now being made to capture him, and collectors should be informed to that effect, as the order is: "Arrest, hold and wire." Allen's philatelic operations have been such as to make him a menace, and in the past, reports of his activities have come from several different localities.

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At the annual convention of the American Philatelic Society in Detroit, August, 1924, Allen was in attendance; and previously, he had been present at several of these yearly meetings as a visitor. In fact, at Detroit, his application for membership was presented, and it was withdrawn in consequence of charges that were made, because of irregularities on his part in the east. Since that time, he has paid visits to collectors in different parts of the country, usually to their loss. His methods varied according to circumstance and usually he ingratiated himself to his hosts by his avowed interest in stamps. He said that he was devoted to tennis and upon the slightest pretext, he would seat himself at a piano, if it were available, and play with much abandon. He would appear at the surface, here and there, and reports would then come in to the effect that his conduct was suspicious. We do not know just how serious his incursions on philatelists have been, but it is possible that his profits have not been great. Our understanding is that he is wanted on a graver charge than that of philatelic swindling; and in fact, felony connotes a serious crime.

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From Captain J. D. Sague, Cristo, Oriente, Cuba, the following notice has been received: "In compliance with Presidental Decree 920 of June 27th ultimo, on March 20, 1928, all dies used for printing the postage stamps commemorating the Sixth Pan-American Conference were destroyed by means of strong acids. To comply with this disposition, the following persons were delegated: Francisco Muñiz, Ramon Luna and Octavio Rosado, representing the Treasury Department, Augustin León, the Comptroller General and G. P. Foster, the Engravers. These gentlemen accompanied by Notary Public Fernando Pella, were present at the printing offices of the Compañia de Artes Gráficas, Obispo 135-139, on said 20th day, whereupon they took the boxes containing the above mentioned dies, duly closed and sealed, to insure their being taken by the commission and notary to the captain of port's landing, thereafter carried on a launch for the purpose,—all of them seeing to it that the destruction of the plates was actually carried out as prescribed, a distance of more than three miles from the coast line, and said dies being thereafter thrown separately overboard into the sea, the dies and matrices all weighing 306½ pounds. Once this was done, the Notary Public, Doctor Pella, subscribed to the act."

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The foreign stamp press contains many references to the death of Dr. J. Brace Chittenden in which his philatelic culture and lovable personality are extolled without stint. Indeed, these comments prove that his labors were appreciated at a distance as well as in his home country, and they show the universality of philately. Though Dr. Chittenden's fame as a philatelic author, an authority on calculus, and an after-dinner speaker of rare attainments will endure, one of his closest friends says that "his assiduous attentions and services at the Collectors Club will become a monument to his work." In fact, our informant says that he had a chat with Dr. Chittenden at the Club late Saturday afternoon, from where the Doctor went home, suffered a stroke of paralysis and died the following Monday afternoon, at the age of sixty-four. Though a teacher in one of the New York colleges, Dr. Chittenden also practiced law. This intellectually gifted man had a most likeable personality and the void that is left will long remain.

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r's interest in the period of American
stry of his "Abraham Lincoln" ap-
ared in last month's issue of the *Phil-
elic Journal of Great Britain.* The
aywright contributed a pleasant piece
erse on the one-cent Confederate
am. The beginning of it goes thus:

hn Calhoun, I do not know
Qite what your titles are to fame;
somewhat faded ghost you go,
Though talismanic once your name.

ften to your company
Triously still incline,
he on a golden print I see
Your front and features leonine.

he Richmond spoke herself no less
The city of a sovereign State,
ouJohn Calhoun, came from the press,
O yellow cent, imperforate.

In a footnote it is explained that Mr.
rinkwater is not unaware of the facts,
ut elt free to use poetic license. The
ary in question was never issued.
ried in London, the main consignment
as lost, it was thought, at sea. The
estarrived too late for use. But many
Confederate stamps were seized at the
nd of the war, and the poet assumes that
or his reason the Calhoun stamps re-
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Mr. Butler's fondness for stamps is a part of him, and his philatelic wing will always flap. Come what may, stamps will never be to him a thing apart. However, as Mr. Butler progressed in his business, and made the *Prairie Farmer* what it is, another interest began to grow in Mr. Butler's mind. He became a patron of work designed to be helpful to boys and young men, and his activities in this connection have been most interesting and they have become more practical with experience, let us say. Bringing his business sense to his aid, he established the Burridge D. Butler Foundation for the purpose of making it possible for a number of boys and girls who pass the tests to obtain an agricultural college education. He disclaims all philanthropic credit as he gets a real enjoyment from his work.

The fund is a large one, and the interest from it is applied to the work, but Mr. Butler is bent on increasing the principal and has decided to sell at auction his collection, with the exception of British North America and British West Indies, in order to apply the proceeds to the Burridge D. Butler Foundation. Mr. Butler consulted his old friend, Mr. J. C. Morgenthau of New York, about his plan, and when Mr. Morgenthau found that the project was one that appealed to him, he said that he would co-operate with Mr. Butler to help the good work along. Hence, Mr. Morgenthau will sell the Butler stamps at auction on May 2nd, 3rd and 7th of May; the U. S. will be offered in the first section, and the foreign stamps through Guinea will occupy the other two. The remainder of the collection will be sold early in June. Since Mr. Butler is giving his stamps, as indicated, and Mr. Morgenthau is giving special attention to bringing about satisfactory results from the sale of them at auction, surely the WEEKLY, who owes so much to boys and young men, can give a few words of publicity to the generous impulse that animates Mr. Butler's action. We quote from the special notice in the auction catalogue: "The entire proceeds of the collection will go to a Trust Fund established by Mr. Butler, to enable boys and young men to secure an education in an agricultural college. Agriculture has been Mr. Butler's life work. It was originally his intention to leave his collection to a museum in Chicago, but when this was found to be impracticable, he decided to add the proceeds of the collection to the Trust Fund above referred to."

DR. CHASE AT WATERBURY

The Rector of All Souls' Church, A. F. Gesner, Waterbury, Connecticut, has written us an interesting letter about a recent meeting of the Waterbury Stamp Club, whose members had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. Carroll Chase. "Dr. Chase brought with him a representative collection of 3c of 1851, and 3c of 1857, and exhibited several reconstructed panes, as well as single stamps, illustrating a most minute and exhaustive study of every phase of the subject. He had, also the famous block of thirty-nine, 3c of 1857, and many pictorial covers, with local postmarks, illustrating the early history of the west, and the towns and stations along the old Overland Mail Route."

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SUBURBAN STAMP CLUB

The Suburban Stamp Club, of Boston, dated ahead their meeting of April 19 to the previous evening on account of the holiday. Their rooms at the American House were filled with an enthusiastic lot of stamp collectors. Two new members were received and an auction conducted by B. Elmer proved very enjoyable.

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Benin

A French colony on the coast of the Gulf of Benin, West Africa, which is now included in the colony of Dahomey. Postage stamps for the use of this territory were first issued in 1892, French stamps of the "Commerce" type being overprinted BENIN for the purpose. In 1893, a set bearing the name GOLFE DE BENIN was issued followed by another in the following year inscribed BENIN. These separate stamps were superseded in 1899 by the general issue for Dahomey and Dependencies.

The Collector Traveller

By M. E. BUEHLER (N. Y. "Sun").

Out on the farm lives Jamie,
Where the movies are not known;
But he keeps in reach of the things they teach
And makes the world his own.

For at night when his work is over,
With his album on his knee,
He sails and tramps with his postage stamps
Over the earth and sea.

He ventures with Columbus
In his tiny caravel,
And his heart uplifts when the seaweed drifts
From shore on the strange sea's swell.

He seeks in southern forests
Where the brilliant quetzals go;
And over plains where the Indian reigns
Chases the buffalo.

He lifts the Cap of Freedom
In Chile and Colon;
And sees where flies in Chinese skies
The Dragon of the Sun.

So Jamie sits by the fireside,
In a cosy armchair curled;
And with his stamps he sails and tramps
Over the wide, wide world.

Lindbergh Precan Collection

By Geo. W. Hawse.

I have been reading in magazines articles suggesting many ways of collecting Lindbergh "things." Some say collect covers of towns he visited on his famous American tour and also his Pan-American flight. Others say collect covers which he has carried before and since he became famous. Several countries issued special stamps commemorating his visit to that particular country, which some, likewise, collect. But has it ever occurred to anyone except my good friend in Corona, California, that a low priced Lindbergh collection can be obtained by getting precancels from each city Lindy stopped on his American trip. It may be of interest to know that Lordsburg, N. Mex., is the only town which does not issue precancels that he visited.

Candarin

The value in which all the stamps of China issued prior to 1897 were expressed. A candarin was the hundredth

part of a tael, or Chinese ounce of silver, and varied from 1½c to ½c in U. S. currency.

For the Junior

A. S. D. A. — These initials, which have now become quite well known in this country, are those of the American Stamp Dealers' Association.

Asegura Entrega Immediata Allleger a la Administracion de Destino.—The inscription shown upon the 1889 special delivery stamps of Cuba. Translated literally, it means:—"Ensures immediate delivery on arrival at the office of destination." A revised edition of the stamp with the third word more correctly spelt as "INMEDIATA" appeared in 1902.

Aspiotis. — A firm of printers at Corfu, Greece, who printed the stamps of 1911 for that country from plates made in London.

Assab.—A small town in the Italian colony of Eritrea having a population of about 5,000. It is strongly fortified, and is one of the best ports of the colony. In 1880 several values of the then current Italian stamps were recorded overprinted "ASSAB" and new values for use in this town, but in the following year they were conclusively proved to be entirely bogus.

Coffee Commemorative, Etc.

Centenario Del Cultivo Del Cafe.—June 17, 1921, a special stamp was issued by Costa Rica and remained on sale till July 7. It bore the inscription as above meaning, "Centenary of Coffee Cultivation."

Centenario Del Descubrimiento Del Mar Del Sur.—This inscription on Panama 1913, 2½c commemorative means "Centennial of the Discovery of the South Sea." Balboa is shown in the design of this stamp on a hill looking out upon the Pacific Ocean.

Centenario De Mitre.—This inscription on stamps of Argentine commemorates the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gen. Bartolome Mitre. The respective dates are shown upon the stamps in question as "1821—26 Junio—1921."

The Letter "B"

I. This letter is found overprinted upon various stamps of the Straits Settlements, and denotes that they were used at the British postoffice maintained at Bangkok, the capital of Siam, from 1882 until 1886. Bangkok is situated on the banks of the River Menam, and consists really of a succession of towns having a combined population of about 600,000. The first is the commercial town, with shipping, sawmills for teak, and rice mills; next is the town of the Asiatics, mostly built on bamboo rafts on the river; then comes the Consular district with verandahed houses and flowering trees; and lastly, the "malodorous and ill-mannered" Chinese Bangkok and the native Siamese town, dominated by the royal palace. Tramways now traverse some of the chief streets, many of which are lighted by electricity.

II. A large capital "B" in conjunction with "Depto. Zelaya" is found overprinted on several of the more modern issues of Nicaragua used in the Bluefields district. The reason given for this distinctive marking of the stamps is that the currency in Bluefields is silver worth 42c to the peso, whereas the currency in most other parts of Nicaragua is paper worth only about 25c to the peso. Bluefields has a population of about 5,000 and has one of the finest harbors in Central America.

Belgium

A small country in central Europe lying between France, Prussia, and the Netherlands. It has an area of 11,373 square miles and a population exceeding seven millions. Flemish and French are the languages spoken, both being now on an official equality, and for this reason the name of the country is expressed on its stamps as Belgie (Flemish) and Belgique (French). The kingdom was in ancient times inhabited by the Belgae—a celtic speaking German tribe—and formed part of the *Gallia Belgica* of the Romans. In 1815 the country was joined to the kingdom of the Netherlands, an arrangement which was upset by the revolution of 1830. On October 4, 1830, a National Congress proclaimed its independence and on June 4, 1831, Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg was chosen hereditary king. The first postage stamps for Belgium were issued on July 1, 1849.

THE PRECANCELS

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could precancel them. The first of machines, made by a company in Ro ter, New York, were experimental number of different types of cancell were tried out before one was offi adopted and used exclusively.

The first of these types, which only used for coils, were like the re tion precancels for they were made cordance with the department rul this subject. The cancel consisted city and state names in two lines w bar above and below. One such im sion was supposed to fit neatly on coil stamp. This aim was not al reached, for some stamps received a part impression or were not can at all.

At first the typeface used was in letters with serifs, and the little pri plates used in the machines were of rubber. Six machines were mad placed in different offices for tria was found, however, that there was more wear and tear on the plates in machines than had been expected, s the rubber plates soon wore out an on the whole, pretty poor work. type is listed in the standard catal U93. There seems little doubt th was the finest standard coil type used. Almost all the coils print this type are decidedly uncommon.

Even before the rubber plates wer carded a new typeface had been us a few cases. This is in light capita ters without serifis. The letters va size and relative position to each These appear in the standard catal U91 and U92. In general the latte smaller lettering. Doubts have bee pressed that there are really two d ent types. The rubber impression apparently all in U92, and certain au ities connected with the company makes the machines have stated that were actually two different types On the other hand stamps are k having impressions varying from (U92) to large (U91) letters with n cided breaks in the gradations. pairs of coil stamps on strips often two or more different sizes of le Such a result would come about when the rubber was discarded in of metal plates for printing. Pe the two types (91 and 92) should be consolidated. This catalog has tained those already listed, but has added any new cities using both type

Rubber proving impractical, made of electro metal were next and these, of course, were better. of the U91 and U92 items listed printed from these electroplates.

The government, however, did not the fact that the cancel sometimes to cancel, and so the company ma new type to overcome this diffic This consisted of a continuous ro boxes with the city and state name pearing in each box reading vertical the sidewise coils, and horizontall the endwise. By the use of this d every stamp was thoroly cancelled.

The typeface reverted again to se letters. The first plates had le rather too small (U94) and in s quent types they were made larger 95), and quite large in the last of kind (U96). Only a few post-o used these types for the whole a was still experimental and the gov ment did not want to contract for chines until everything was satisfac

It was found after a time that the tro metal was also too soft to withs the wear and tear of the machine w The type broke rather easily and the precancelled stamps looked anyt but neat. Finally, then, the company sorted to steel plates, which proved s

actry. The government bought quite number of the machines, which were st led in the larger post-offices. At e me time the older, single impression ac nes were made over to use steel es and placed in some of the smaller fic.

T steel plates must be made all by an so the box type of cancel with the ty nd state names in light letters with- t erifs was adopted. Since all the ms are hand cut each box on the plate sl htly different from the others.

T s type is the well known U97 which nw in use. The most recent plates ad of this type (as for Concord, N. .) are in thicker letters and perhaps is ind will be used for the other post- fic as the older plates wear out.

Variations of the U-97 Type

T single impression cancels always ac normal on the stamp, but the box pe read either up or down on the ver- al perforated coils. It appears that e Bureau always makes coils in the m way so that whether it reads up d wn in any one case depends upon the y he printing plate is made, or the ey t is put in the machine, or on the y he coil ribbon is fed.

A or almost all, the coils issued from th post-offices read the same way, thus Washington or Rochester; from ne places there are almost as many of e ind as another, New York for ex- mp. It sometimes happens that the ar device fails to work properly and e inting is too faint for good service. s ch cases the coil may be fed back th machine and the cancelling done ar with more ink. This may result in d ble printing with both impressions rd g up or down, but seems more el to lead to the double print being m sed of one impression reading up d ne other down on the same stamp. Th look very peculiar, but come about oil enough since when the coil ribbon pa ed through the machine the second ne must be turned around and be in- ti with respect to its original posi- n. These up and down prints (UD) ai scarce are more common than the ho s up or down (U2, D2). In a few ce the second printing has been done w different machine than that first ed and this gives us doubles of two ffe nt types on the same stamp. These m ost uncommon and each makes a ri s item for a coil collection.

While the coil ribbon is going thru the ma ne it is unwound from its paper re goes thru at an even rate, is printed d wound on another cylinder. Some- ne this mechanism is not properly ad- ju so that one part runs faster or sw than the others. It is said that de esire of workmen to screw up hu, willy-nilly, all screws in sight te brings about this result. When a achine is not running at the right ju ed rates the printing on the stamps di torted from the normal since the ribbon is fed too slowly or pulled thru ra pidly.

Th boxes on the normal U97 imprint 2 mm in width, but due to the above ma often be found smaller than this, ran ig from 9 to 4mm. The smaller the ex the more of them appear on one ma r. The normal is two, but four or ev n the smallest size may show. Many co ors mistake these for double print- gs or for entirely different types. They ar alled "slips." Since they are made by cident, they are not listed in the ca g, but they are collectible varieties an nd much interest to the specialized co ion. In some offices the cancelling is done so carefully that these "slips" ra e occur; from other offices a whole ri e with smaller and smaller boxes can be assembled. They are most often seen th U97 style, but occasionally one of th ther box types is found with the ma variation. The explanation as to wh hese "slips" are made came directly on the inventor of the machine.

Mail-Order House Stamps

Mail-order houses receive many stamps in remittances, and by permit can pre- ca them for use on outgoing mail. Na ally this work is done in most any wa o long as it is done. A small hand- ca is used in any position in combina- tion with any colored ink-pad that is handy. In some places the odd stamps are attached lightly to a piece of paper to form rough sheets of 100, and the whole lot then cancelled with a hand-stamp or roller. The stamps may be put on upside down or sideways, and the cancel pressed on from any angle or used several times with over-lapping impressions. This all gives rise to many odd varieties which add to the joy of collecting. One handstamp from Chicago has the city name mispelled "Chiacgo" and these are hard to find on coils.

There is still much research needed to be done on precancelled coils. Probably there are many unlisted varieties which should be brought to light. Except some of the items made from electroplates, and a few which seem to have been made from clipped regular stamps all known precancelled coils seem to be legitimate. The types are well established, but there is some doubt about U91 and U92. The various standard types furthermore were put into use and discontinued in such rapid sequence that various facts about them are vague or unknown. It has been hard to get accurate information about them all and perhaps some of the statements made in this article are not accurate. Also we should like more information about the precancelled coils of each city. Who used these coils, when, and for what purpose? Why did some appear on mail many years after they were issued? Which are the rare and which the common varieties? In a few places original machines were invented—one it is said was made in Des Moines from an old sewing machine. Knowledge on these points and others will make our collections more interesting.

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NEWSY ITEMS

WE have received from Herman W. Boers a clipping from the Detroit Mack Av. *Enterprise* announcing the April 19 exhibition of the Wayne Stamp Society. No doubt an account of this affair will reach us for later publication. Mr. Boers is advised by the Lindberg, Ky., postmaster, that the office was established Jan. 25. The P. O. Department admits an error in the omission of the proper final letter "h," but the name will stand as is.

WE are indebted to Dr. Geo. M. Kline for a full page story on stamp collecting, which appeared in the *Sunday Herald*, Grand Rapids, Mich., March 25. It is one of the finest publicity features that philately has known. It tells of the activities of the Furniture City Stamp Club. A number of cuts are used showing the officers of the club, and as well, pictures of Charles S. Jandorf, H. E. Sargent, Col. John G. Emery, and Lee Bierce and son, John.

THREE weeks ago we reprinted an article from a New York paper dealing with Arthur Hind's exhibit at New York. We credited the story to the *Sun*, when we should have named the New York *Times*. We apologize to Mr. Crane for the mistake we made.

WE have received from F. H. Anson an interesting postal cancellation advertising the Third British Columbia Philatelic Exhibition at Vancouver, April 13 and 14. Not only is this matter worked into the cancellation, but it is accompanied by a representation of a part of A3 as shown in the catalog. The letter V beneath the crown is surrounded by two circles within which are the words "British Columbia."

THE Cleveland Exhibition is beginning to receive considerable local publicity. Albert Brosha sends us a nice clipping from a local paper and includes a comic strip in which stamps are a prominent factor.

WE have received through the courtesy of Herman W. Boers a cover from the postoffice booth of the All-American Aircraft Show being held in Detroit the week of April 14-21. The marking of the station is an elaborate design in purple, showing an airplane.

AT the annual banquet of the Syracuse (N. Y.) Stamp Club held recently A. Atlas Leve distributed sixty-two WEEKLY subscription forms by mail. The envelope was postmarked "March 23, 6.30 P. M.," the exact time at which the celebration was held. It was a novel feature and we are grateful to Mr. Leve for his publicity stunt.

WE are indebted to Beach Conger, Jr., for one of the covers issued to advertise the All-American Air Craft Show on April 14.

THE Border Cities Stamp Collectors Club, Walkerville, Ont., Can., meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Visitors from other clubs cordially invited. Harry Bass, Pub. Mgr., 1304 Victoria Ave., Windsor, Ont., and Gordon E. Woodrow, Sec'y, 1064 Hall Ave., Windsor, Ont.

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72	1.92	89	.44	110	.90
73	.18	90	.48	111	1.44
73a	1.02	91	2.90	112	2.45
75	.31	92	2.90	113	3.38
76	.54	93	4.38	115	5.80
77	1.22	94	3.64	116	11.05
77a	9.80	95	6.95	117	39.20
78	.08	96	12.10	203	.90
79	.18	97	23.50	204	.37
80	.04	101	.04	205	1.92
81	.06	102	.08	206	1.35
82	.04	103	.18	207	2.82
83	.08	104	.48	208	7.28

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1	.02	10	2.45	20	.08
2	.04	11	6.95	21	*.06
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5	.14	14	.22	24	*.16
6	.24	15	.48	25	*.31
7	.24	16	2.45	26	*.72
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Washington Notes

The Greist Post Office Bill which recently passed the House, has not as yet, passed the Senate, and it is thought by some that it may not receive the Senate's approval during this Session. If this is the case, the present rates which have been in effect about two years, will remain until Congress again meets the latter part of the year.

The Kelly Bill which relates to the Air Mail Service is a separate bill, and it is more likely that this will receive Congressional approval. If it does, the Bill will no doubt, receive the signature of the President, and a new 5-cent air mail stamp, and 5-cent air mail envelope will appear in short order.

The Post Office Department contemplates preparing an Exhibit for the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Cleveland during May, and it is quite possible that they will arrange to place on sale during the week of the Exhibition stamps that are now available at the Agency. It is also expected that one or two of the Washington officials will possibly honor the Exhibition by a visit.

No action has been taken in regards to the issuing of any commemoratives, and the Postmaster General recently advised that he was not in favor of the issuing of the stamps commemorating the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands. Letters are still arriving concerning the Valley Forge emission, but the Postmaster General seems more or less positive that such a stamp will not appear.

Mr. Malcolm H. Ganser, however, kindly sends me a copy of the *Norristown Herald*, wherein statement is made that Congressman Henry W. Watson expects the approval of the Valley Forge Stamp. The clipping further mentions that Colonel William A. March, president of the Norristown Chamber of Commerce, who attended the Post Office Conference in Washington, stated he was assured by Mr. Watson that efforts are still being continued in behalf of the stamp, and that it was expected that the Postal authorities would heed the many resolutions from Norristown individuals and organizations urging the issuance of the historical stamps. It is to be hoped that his will prove true.

We recently chronicled a new booklet, brought to our attention by Mr. H. M. Southgate, of 73 cent denomination, wherein it was stated that there are four panes of the 1c rotary, and four panes of the 2c rotary. Mr. Southgate now writes that these are not of the rotary print, but are of the flat plate print, and that he had reached his original conclusion due to the fact that they show gum breaker lines on the back of the stamps, similar to the rotary product. This will make a new variety for the extreme specialist showing the flat plate stamps with ridges.

Mr. Southgate further writes: "When the rotary press 2-cent booklets were issued they resurrected the model address and put it inside on the back of the front cover driving off the Domestic postage rates. In place of the Foreign rates on the inside of the back cover, they had a few glittering generalities as to how to send money, address letters, etc."

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Messrs. Herman W. Boers, and Orville C. Rittenhouse kindly send air mail covers from Detroit under date of April 14th, bearing a special upright rectangular postmark in violet, showing airplane in flight and reading "Post Office Station, Detroit, Mich. Mailed at the All-American Aircraft Show, April 14-21, '28." In addition the covers bear the normal black circular postmark used on all mail.

The Second Assistant Postmaster General announced under date of April 10th that the Mexican Postal Administration has requested that mailers in this country be informed as to postal rates on the new Mexico-Tuxpan-Tampico air mail route which was opened on April 15th.

Belgium.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the current 1r stamp, design as A61, in carmine.

China.—In addition to the value previously noted in the Marshal Tchang So-Lin commemoratives, Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the 4c sage-green, 10c blue and $1 red.

Czechoslovakia.—Copies of the 20h and 30h red postage due stamps are to hand from Whitfield King & Co.

Germany.—Mr. A. Wagner writes under date of April 2, "I read in the daily press that the President of the German Republic has sanctioned the issue of postage stamps with the likenesses of the presidents. The new stamps of which the 15pf value will show the likeness of Hindenburg, and the 8pf value that of the late president Frederich Ebert, will probably be placed on sale on June 1st next. Whether it is intended to withdraw the 8pf and 15pf, now current, Beethoven and Bach, remains to be seen."

Italy.—Whitfield King & Co. submits for chronicle four Militia stamps of oblong format each of different design. Values are 30c+10c violet and black, 50c+20c bistre and blue, Lire 1.25+50c blue and black, and 5 lire + 2 lire carmine and black.

Malta.—In the Senate recently, Lord Strickland admitted that the Government was reverting to the use of combined "Postage and Revenue" stamps, but would not state when the change would take place, in order that speculation might not be encouraged. We don't know much about Malta postage, but they certainly take good care of their *revenue.—Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Mesopotamia (Iraq).—Stamps of the current pictorial series are now being printed on paper of about half the previous weight and thickness, owing to the difficulty of getting stamps printed on the old thick paper to adhere to letters.

Our informant, Mr. H. C. Mason, F.R.I.B.A., shows us the ½a, 1½a and 4a, on the new paper, and states that he is assured that the 1a and 2a have been issued to post offices. The 8a and 2r are in the country, and the 3a and 6a and the 5r on their way out.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Netherlands.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new series issued in commemoration of the Olympian Games. Each stamp pictures an athlete in a different event. The values and shades are 1½c green (Rowing), 2½c violet (Fencer), 3c green (Runner), 5c pale blue (Boating), 7½c orange (Shotput), 10c red (Sprinter), 15c blue (Horseback Rider), 30c brown (Boxer).

Southern Rhodesia.—Mr. L. H. Rivers has received the ½d value imperforate between the last two vertical rows of the left hand panes. Mr. Heathcote Tatham states that he has been informed by a postal official that two or three years ago one or two sheets of the 2d value entirely imperforate were included in a supply of stamps requisitioned by a counter clerk at the Salisbury P. O.—*South African Philatelist.*

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

By Bertram W. H. Poole.

THE stamps of the Argentine Re include quite a number of va which are apt to be a little disconc to the beginner. It is particularl fortunate that the catalogue illustr of Types A1 and A2 should have t literating white line drawn throu value for herein lies the clue to th ference between the two designs. stamps of Type A1 have distinctly er numerals than those shown on A2.

Two varieties of Type A3 are described as with broad or narro in Centavos. It might also have explained that in the case of the s narrow "C" variety of the 5c the n is also noticeably larger.

In the varieties of the 1867-68 is should have been noted that the ence in the groundwork refers t central portions of the designs on the portraits are placed. The tw rieties of the 5c represent quite d plates. The portrait on the variet groundwork of horizontal lines is heavily shaded and has the point collar more pronounced than on the lar stamp with ground of crossed For the 15c there was but one pla the differences are due to wear a touching.

The designs numbered A23 an confuse a very large proportion o lectors and many dealers. The named was lithographed in Lond Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co., ar latter was printed from engraved in New York by the American Note Company. The designs are quite different in detail, but a quic will be found in the dotted border Type A23 these dots are large and prominently spaced, while in Typ they are not only smaller, but are close together. The 12c is the on seemingly gives the most troubl another test for this value is the ration, which is 14 for Type A23 for the other.

In connection with the 1888 issu dies of the 5c are recorded and described, but no mention is made two equally distinct dies of the 2 the case of Die I the collar touches the small oval medallion foot of the design, while in Die space of 2mm separates the collar this oval.

No difficulty should be experien distinguishing between the 5c of 18 and the same value of 1890 if the note below the latter issue is car read, nor should there be any con between the 1c of 1888-89 (Type and the re-engraved variety of it in 1892 (Type A61) if the foot-no low the latter is studied.

The sun watermarks of the 1892- ries are troublesome in spite of th that we are told the small one me 4½mm and the large one 6mm in eter. The latter is usually more d than the former and the measurem the only real test. It should be that the small sun is not a true mark, but was impressed in the pap

Type 88 exists in two sizes for and 12c denominations, but there s be no confusion with these even if a single stamp is available for the ones are with sun watermark an smaller sized ones have honeycomb termark.

The very indistinct illustration A102 and A103 do not tend to mak differences any too obvious. The ence lies in the inscription in the b tablet between the numerals of valu type A102 this inscription is "Bu Aires Augusto de 1921," while in A103 it is "Republica Argentin *Philatelic Opinion.*

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SOUVENIR

On March 3, 1928, the members of the Philatelic Club of Los Angeles made a pilgrimage to Sandberg, California, where they were royally entertained by Mr. H. Sandberg, for whom the place was named. Through the kindness of Mr. Charles Sidney Thompson, we have received a memento of the occasion in the form of a sheet showing Mr. Sandberg's Summit Hotel, with the Sandberg, Calif., postmark in green and the signatures of those who attended the convocation. Greetings were sent from Bill Bloss, J. D. Fisher, Chas. S. Thompson, George Lyma, Donald G. White, R. T. McClary, John J. Russell, Clarence G. Weisbrod, L. Stewart Deats, W. C. Lilley, Jas. E. Alexander, Wm. Hornbeck, Roy C. Mitchell, James A. Cuzner, Burt C. Wear, B. W. H. Poole, O. F. Braecklin, F. C. Plate, C. E. Mortenson, H. Sandberg, S. A. Kaasen, C. F. Nissen and Carl F. White. Incidentally, the host, Mr. Sandberg is postmaster of Sandberg, and the possessor of a most interesting collection of early U. S. covers, among other stamps. He is well remembered by delegates to the national convention at Los Angeles in August, 1925. The occasion was one of unalloyed pleasure, and those who were fortunate to participate returned to their homes with glowing accounts of the hospitality that they enjoyed at Sandberg's. We regret that a cut that was made of the "Greetings" sent us did not show a satisfactory impression, especially as its failure to take well has delayed our acknowledgment of the gracious act of the members of the thriving Philatelic Club of Los Angeles, in so honoring us.

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HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

By BILL BLOSS.

Even catalog makers must have their little jokes, so our good friends Clark and Luff kick the New Zealand Auckland Exhibition stamps, the Salvador Centenarios, the Ecuador Quito-Esmeraldas, the Dutch Indies Bandoeng fairs, and the Malay-Borneos (good work!) out of the cat. Then, they stick in the Eggwiped Port Guads, or Port Frauds, as you will, and then come through with the long set of Turkish recently overprinted for the Smyrna exhibition. All of which cause the cat-knockers to cry long and loud about a "sinister purpose." And how!

Speaking of kicking things out of the cat, which is no form of cruelty to animals, why not economize on space and numbers by eliminating Turkey 165 to 236 and 869 to 920, and most of the other stamps that were never issued?

Here's a popular specialty for the cancellation fan—Hong Kong stamps cancelled for the various cities in China. It is possible to make a nice collection for the looking in most cases, and such a lot should command a good price when sold.

Roumania is a country that deserves more popularity than most collectors show it. The fellow who likes hard nuts to crack will find plenty of them there. Most of the ordinary stamps are low in price, and some are hard to get. A collection of the dues is mean to complete.

One of the ways to win popularity with your favorite dealer is to ask him for the two perforated Mexico 653 and 654, current type 1c and 2c, especially at the current catalog price of 2c and 3c. These stamps are from booklets, and only one page of each of these denominations (three stamps) were included in each book, the balance being 5c and 10c stamps. The change in rate to 4c and 8c made the use of the booklets unnecessary and they were taken off sale, hence had a short life.

Cerna Gora—The Black Mountain—Montenegro—thoughts of mountains bold and bare—a land of fighters—a small land that fought its bigger neighbors for the right to exist. One country that most collectors can complete, excepting No. 16.

Used copies of Salvador, 1895 first series, picturing President Ezeta and overprinted with the arms of the country, blocking out the presidential whiskers, are good birds. The set was originally prepared to honor the President, but by the time the stamps arrived in Salvador, the boys had given Sr. Ezeta the air. Hence the overprint, and a new set was ordered shortly thereafter.

Another land for the specialist who wants plenty of material for little money is Jugo-Slavia. We prophesy that some of these Jugo-Slavs will bring home the bacon some day. An endless variety of perforations, printings, papers, plate varieties, make this land the specialists' paradise.

Of all weird postage stamps, and there are many, the 1925 issue of Bolivia takes the cake, frosting and all. Yet the designs are pleasing in a way, and the engraving is excellent. The little cow-slips or whatever they are on the 10c are cute. But the condor flying toward the sea is the bird of the lot. Somebody picked him before he started! Incidentally the set is a good one—so far. Used copies are scarce, particularly of the high values, and all are worth picking up.

Incidentally, recent Bolivia as a whole will bear a lot of watching, as there are plenty of sleepers in the lot. Between the changes of engravers and the surcharges, the collector who procrastinates will be full of regrets later.—*American Philatelist.*

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By "THE SEER OF THE STRAND."

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Great Britain. — I have it on good authority that the 10d value will not be re-issued when the present stocks are exhausted. Upon enquiry, I find that many of the larger Post Offices are already without this value, so bearing in mind the American and Colonial Stamp markets, I am inclined to think that S.G. No. 428 may shortly be greatly advanced in quotation. The latest Control, G 27, should prove to be rather scarce in the near future.

Whilst on the subject of Great Britain, it has always been a matter of conjecture with me as to why the 1½d plate number, S.G. 51-2 remains at the catalogue valuation of 9d for used copies. In really fine condition, I know of several specialists who are willing to pay this price (and a little over) for all they can get. Personally, I am always on the "quivive" for this stamp, and a nice copy never gets beyond me as I am convinced that when once it does start to rise, the flight will be very rapid.

Egypt.—In my last month's notes, I mentioned that the new Statistical Congress stamps were sure to become good items. I hardly expected fulfilment of my words quite so soon, but instead of the 1/- per set retail, as advertised when that article was written, the price at the moment is 1/9. I still advise readers to buy, as in common with the other various Congress sets, this one is certain to reach a high figure.

I learn that the Medical Congress set whose issue was expected this month, will not now be sent out till December next.

South West Africa.—During the last week or so I have seen an entirely new shade of the 10/- with the sixth type of overprint. This is of a very pale shade of olive-green with almost a violet-blue centre. As I have both seen and handled many pairs, blocks, etc., of S.G. No. 39, and this being the first of this particular shade, I am of opinion that it should turn out to be a very scarce item, and discerning specialists should make sure of getting at least one pair for their collection. Don't forget that the £1 value, S.G. 40a recently listed, is now worth at least £8 the pair.

Russia. — I do not often deal with Foreign countries, but to those readers interested, I would advise early acquisition of all the recent 8kop surcharges. Of course one doesn't know when these will stop, but the whole outlay is so small that I venture to remark this doesn't matter much. I have seen quite recently really high figures paid for both mint and used specimens of S.G. 453 onwards, and I feel sure that these provisionals will hold rather an important position in the stamps of Europe at an early date. The latest to make its appearance is one of the Esperanto commemoratives surcharged 8k.

South Africa. — I understand that many rumours are current with regard to the 4d triangular stamp of this Dominion. On the one hand I learn that when the present stocks are exhausted, the same stamp will be issued perforated, whilst from another direction, and by the way, far more authentic, though I give it for what it is worth, that very shortly an entirely new stamp of this denomination in rectangular format is shortly to make its appearance. In either event, I think my readers will be well advised to retain a few very fine used copies of the present stamp, as there is little doubt that it will always be popular with the consequence that one may have to pay rather more than the odds a little later on.

Solomon Islands. — The 5/- MCA Georgian stamp of these Islands without doubt is going to be a good stamp in the near future. I foresee a big rush for it presently and many of us will be caught short. I am emphatic in my opinion that the 5/- on orange-buff, S.G. 36a, is really a classic stamp, but the ordinary S.G. 36 has not yet reached its pedestal, and I strongly urge all my followers to make sure they have at least one copy of this stamp in their collection. In making this stamp my "Best Thing of the Month," I do so with full cognisance that all my friends are expecting me to continue with the good work.

New Zealand.—I had some idea when the 2/- Admiral type was reprinted in a different shade of blue that the 3/- value would follow suit. This idea has materialised and as well as I advised readers on the one hand, I now advise them on the other. Be sure you have one or two copies of S.G. 541 mint and fine used amongst your treasures, as this is going to be a good stamp.

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—Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.

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The annual meeting of the Lee County Philatelic Society, Iowa, was held on April 10th, in the Donnellson, Iowa, High School, and was an enthusiastic gathering. The reports from the President and the Secretary showed that a remarkable growth had been made during the year. The following officers were elected: President, Smith Hamill, Keokuk, Iowa; Vice-President, H. Reitz, Donnellson, Iowa; Secretary, Rev. T. Warren, and Treasurer, H. Armknecht, both of Donnellson; and Sales Manager, R. E. Ruske, of the same city.

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NIGER COAST

One of the most attractive and esting series of stamps is the set for the Niger Coast Protectorate i These stamps are really provisiona at the time they were ordered the tory was known as the "Oil River tectorate," and they were inscribe this name. On May 13, 1893, the of the territory was changed to t the "Niger Coast Protectorate," the plates for the stamps had a been prepared, and to save time a pense in engraving new dies, the "OIL RIVERS" on each stamp was cancelled with a "graver," and th name "NIGER COAST" was added the top in sans-serif capitals. Ow lack of adequate space this latt scription extends beyond the uppe der of the design on to the margi letters of the old name can be read distinctly under the cancelling There are six different denominati this set, all of which show the sam trait of Queen Victoria, though the orately designed borders are dist for each value. The stamps we graved and printed by Messrs. Wa & Sons, Ltd., from steel plates or white unwatermarked paper. The rations, as is characteristic with the work of this firm, are variable fr to 15. It is interesting to not three sizes for the sheets were u somewhat unusual procedure in the ufacture of British Colonial stamp ½p, 1p and 2p values were prin sheets of sixty stamps arranged horizontal rows of ten each; the for the 2½p was composed of 48 s in six rows of eight; while the 5 1sh denominations were printed in of thirty (five horizontal rows of The total numbers printed were a lows: ½p, 37,000; 1p, 39,400; 2p, 1 2½p, 46,000; 5p, 25,000; and 1sh, *—Philatelic Opinion.*

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RARE STAMPS--DESIRABLE MATERIA

This is simply a representative list of scarcer stamps, mostly 20th. We can furnish thousands of others. Prices on many items are less than half list, others more a ing to cost, but much unusual material will be found listed. Stamps it will pay you to buy and when you compare cat. prices with cost a few years hence you will feel you your money wisely. Many other offers will be found in "Phillips' Monthly Bulletin," 32 pages, issued EVERY MONTH and FREE. Offers new issues, special bargain etc. About 2000 offers each issue and bringing to you the results of our buying ability and connections in all parts of the World. Our 20-page 'Approval" booklet wi bring to you the details of one of the finest approval services anywhere. Why not have the best when it costs you no more? This sign means unused (*). All goods g teed and returnable if not satisfactory. If you really want to buy stamps, appreciate one of the largest stocks in the World, and are willing to pay prices that are just as we can make and get a worth while interest return on our money investment, you should get in touch with us.

RARE STAMPS

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AZERBAIJAN 5.000r, No. 39 ..... .50
15,000r, No. 40* 3.25
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200,000r, No. 48* 4.00
AZERBAIJAN 300,000r, No. 50* 3.75
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5r, No. 301* 5.00
AZERBAIJAN 250r, No. 303* 15.00
500r, No. 305* 14.00
AZERBAIJAN 1000r, No. 307* 11.00
2000r, No. 308* 16.00
AZERBAIJAN 3000r, No. 309* 6.00
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SPAIN #762 to 771* .....
SPAIN Guinea, #79* .....
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SURINAM 1900, 50c, #42* .....
SURINAM 1911. 15c, #65* .....
SURINAM 30c, #67* .....
SURINAM 1926, #108, used or * .....
#110, used or * .....
SWAZIELAND 1923, 5gld, #103* .....
SWEDEN 2sh 6p, #6* .....
SYRIA #421 .....
#431, not centered .....
SYRIA #1 or 3*, each .....
#10* or 4*, each .....
SYRIA 100pi, #44* .....
25pi, #56, used or * .....
SYRIA 50pi, #57* .....
SYRIA #304 to 306* .....
SYRIA #304 to 306 .....
SYRIA #314 to 317* .....
SYRIA #754* .....
SYRIA #757* .....
SYRIA #763* .....
THRACE #770* .....
THRACE 1913, 25L, #2* .....
25L, #4* .....
THRACE #1 to 4* .....
THRACE #12, used .....
THRACE #13, used .....
THRACE #14, used .....
THRACE #16 to 21 .....
THRACE #22 to 30, used .....
THRACE #31 to 33, used or *, each .....
THRACE 1920, 2L, #214* .....
2dr, #217* .....
THRACE 3dr, #218* .....
25dr, #221* .....
THRACE 2d, #233* .....
THRACE 5dr, #235* .....
Same used .....
THRACE 10dr, #236* .....
25dr, #252* .....
THRACE 3dr, #258, used or * .....
5dr, #259* .....
THRACE 10dr, #260* .....
Nearly everything in Thra
TRANSJORDANIA #18* .....
TRANSJORDANIA #22 .....
TRANSJORDANIA #25* .....
TRANSJORDANIA #39* .....
TRANSJORDANIA #53 to 63* .....
TRANSJORDANIA #73-83* except 73
TRANSJORDANIA #86* .....
TRANSJORDANIA #93* .....
TRANSJORDANIA #97* .....
TRANSJORDANIA #102* .....
TRANSJORDANIA #318 to 323* ....
Anything else in jordania.
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TURKEY #625 to 632* .....
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TURKEY #1488* .....
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100pi, #3 .....
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#46f .....
TWO SICILIES ½g, #10* .....
50g, #18* .....
URUGUAY 50c, #276* .....
URUGUAY 1p, #277*, fine .....
2p, #278*, fine .....
#401* .....
URUGUAY #407, 408, each .....
#738 to 745* .....
W. UKRAINE #5 to 8* .....
W. UKRAINE #11 to 26* except 17a, 1
W. UKRAINE #18* .....
W. UKRAINE #40, used .....
W. UKRAINE #50* .....
#64* .....
W. UKRAINE #66* .....
Other rare W. Ukrain be supplied.

Please remember this is only a g list of high priced items. We can s thousands of others not on this list.

BRITISH COLONIALS

A few offers in these ever popular stamps. Mostly 20th and mint. We have a stock of both 19th and 20th B. C. and though we make no specialty of them can s a better variety than many of the so called specialist dealers in this group.

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3sch, #69* .....
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8sh, #74* .....
4sh, #85* .....
8sh, #86* .....
10sh, #89, used .....
Gold Coast, 20sh, #80 .....
Jamaica, 10sh, #87, used .....
Maldives, 15c blue* .....
Leeward Is., 2sh 6p, #44* .....
5sh, #45* .....

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FOREWORD

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By W. W. MacLAREN, *President*

A HOBBY as universal and as popular as Philately must have not one, but many attractive features.

There is, perhaps, no other hobby known to man that has such a varied list of adherents.

Men of all races, all degrees of social standing, wealth, education, and of other inclinations, find the same enjoyment in this hobby.

Its chief virtue is the fact that it affords pleasure.

First, the pleasure of acquisition, then of possession.

To those, who by choice or necessity, must consider the investment feature, there is frequently the pleasure of increment of value.

With the average collector, in fact the great majority, the chief pleasure of all is the exhibition of his treasures, and this applies to the small boy beginner and the advanced adult collector as well.

True, there have always been, and no doubt always will be, so called "stamp misers," whose pleasure, like that of the miser with his gold, consists in gloating over his possessions, and keeping them hid from public view.

The Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition is complete evidence in itself that the greatest pleasure in Philately is the display of stamps.

Every exhibitor has not only paid a rental for the space occupied by his exhibit, but in many cases he has gone to considerable expense, such as carfare, expressage, mounting, time taken from his business or profession—all that he might have the pleasure of showing his gems.

Many collectors are now privileged to view stamps that they had never even hoped to see. The public are afforded an opportunity to enjoy for a few cents the results obtained only by the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars, as well as many years of careful study and hard, though pleasant labor.

Those who have contributed their time, labor and money to make this exhibition possible, are with few exceptions collectors.

Their sole purpose is to afford enjoyment to other collectors, and to bring before the general public the many attractive features of Philately.

NEWFOUNDLAND

We have just been fortunate in securing a small supply of the 1c Guy issue showing the error "NFW" in a mint block of 4, the stamp next to this showing the variety "JAMRS"—a very interesting and unusual piece. This variety is priced in Scott's much too low—these list £1 in Stanley Gibbons in a single.
We offer mint block with both varieties for only $2.75

1923 set to 15c complete .....$1.65 or blocks of 4 6.50
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LATE ARRIVALS

Chad, Fr. Soudan, New Caledonia, Reunion, St. Pierre, Senegal, Ubangi, Upper Volta, Wallis & Futuna. 9 var., 65c values ..... .36
Costa Rica Lindbergh, 10c on 12c carm. 3.35
Egypt, A43-4. 4m, 20m. 2 var. ..... .16
A44. 100m brown violet ..... .70
India, Gwalior. 3p slate, "Service" ... .02
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By FRED J. MELVILLE.

Six years ago the United States Post Office set up a special office in Washington to supply stamp-collectors and dealers with current stamps and any recent issues of which stocks remained on hand. The changes in United States stamps are more frequent than in our own, and the persistent collector, hunting for perfect copies of current stamps at ordinary post offices, must often have proved a thorn in the flesh of the busy postmaster who had neither time nor inclination to examine stamps.

The Philatelic Agency of the Washington Post Office was opened in December, 1921, to encourage the collecting of United States stamps, which, when put into collections and not used in the post, are a clear profit to the Department. Its directors try to meet all the reasonable requests of philatelists, and they are able to select well printed and properly perforated stamps, which are not easily obtainable in the ordinary way, for a large percentage of American stamps are badly centred (between the perforations). The Agency has also done much to help and encourage the collecting of varieties showing different points of technical interest by supplying on demand the appropriate portions of the sheets.

In the first six months the Agency sold about £4,000 worth of the then current and available stamps. The American stamp trade welcomed and supported the innovation, and there was no complaining of official rivalry with the dealers. Collector and dealer were alike helped. Now the Agency sells about £30,000 worth of stamps annually, and is regarded as a most successful innovation.

Similar agencies have since been set up by the Postal Administrations of Canada (1923), Panama Canal Zone (1924), Holland, for stamps of Holland and Dutch Colonies (1925), Denmark (1926), and recently there has come to hand a little brochure from the Swedish Post Office announcing the opening of an agency in Stockholm, and giving an illustrated check list of all the stamps available.

The success of the American Agency has led the United States Postmaster-General to authorise and issue an official publication unique in the annuals of philatelic literature. It is entitled "A Description of United States Postage Stamps and Postal Cards issued by the Post Office Department from July 1, 1847, to December 31, 1927." This is a solidly set booklet of fifty-four pages, obtainable for ten cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington. It is not the first time a Government has published a history of its stamps, but previous works have been issued in limited editions, chiefly for distribution in official or diplomatic circles. This guide is being issued broadcast throughout America, and will add substantially to popular knowledge of the interesting and historic issues of United States stamps.

The book will interest even the advanced student of these stamps, although the main outline and most of the official documents have been accessible in Mr. J. N. Luff's and my own books on United States stamps.

Only the first two Government issues for "ordinary" postage—those of 1847 and 1851—have been demonetised, as indeed they had to be when the Civil War broke out. They "are now obsolete and worthless for postage," says the author of the official guide, but he gives no hint that many of them are pearls of great price on the stamp market. He is content to record that the Department allowed a reasonable time after the outbreak of hostilities for people in the loyal States to redeem them.

It has been the custom of the Department to issue exact descriptions of every new stamp issued from the earliest years, and these are followed closely in the work under notice. Pictures would have helped greatly, but illustrations of United

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IRISH STAMP DESIGNS

By W. WARD.

ALMOST as soon as the Provisional Government of Southern Ireland, as it is generally called, was formed in 1921, preparations were made for a series of postage stamps for the forthcoming Free State, and a competition of designs was held. The designs had to be typical of some Irish National association or emblem, while the artists were confined to those of Irish birth and nationality.

As early as May, 1922, a number of designs were accepted out of 130 sketches by the adjudicating committee, presided over by the late Mr. Arthur Griffiths, and included a number that were finally rejected, one bearing an Irish Wolf Hound (not similar, however, to the well-known 2/- Dog Tax stamp), and a design showing hurley sticks and balls. This latter design, it is worthy of note, was intended eventually for the projected "Postage Due" stamps, but never materialised. It was, however, displayed among other accepted sketches at the Dublin Horse Show in 1922.

Map of Ireland

Mr. J. J. Walsh, then the Postmaster-General, had intended to have the stamps ready for the date of the Ratification of the Treaty, but the events of July-August (now known as the battles of the Four Courts), the deaths of Mr. Arthur Griffiths and General Michael Collins, prevented this. Nevertheless, with the assistance of Somerset House, London, a temporary issue was made on Ratification Day, December 6, 1922, of the 2d value. The London printing cannot, however, be distinguished from the later Dublin printings. This showed an outlined map of Ireland, and was received with a deal of criticism outside the Free State, for the reason that it did not show the boundaries of the six counties of Ulster (Down, Antrim, Londonderry, Tyrone, Armagh, and Fermanagh) which had been appointed their own control under the title of The Government of Northern Ireland. It was officially explained that the design merely intended to portray the outline of Ireland, and not infer any political motive. The stamp was designed by Mr. James Ingram, of Glasnevin, Dublin.

1d,	Feb. 23rd, 1923.
1½d,	Feb. 2nd, 1923.
2d,	Dec. 6th, 1922.

The Celtic Cross

Of the accepted designs, three were quite new, but the fourth was adopted, by the special request of the late President, Mr. Griffiths, from a Sinn Fein propaganda label that had been issued by his party as long back as 1908. This latter was a blue label bearing a Celtic Cross and ornamentation, very akin to the present Cross stamps. As with the propagandist label, it was designed by Miss Lily Williams, of Ranelagh, Dublin. The former labels, which were printed by Messrs. Whelan & Co., of Upper Ormonde Quay, Dublin, from an engraving made by Mr. W. H. Kirkwood, and sold at ¼d each in aid of the Sinn Fein funds, were (and often have been since) palmed off as "Republican" stamps used during the rebellion of Easter, 1916. Any stamps so used were postmarked by favour, as no stamps were used during the troubles of that date, such letters passing between the I.R.A. organisations, as in Dublin, being marked with the ordinary undated parcel postmark "killer" bearing the word "Dublin" between bars.

The Celtic Cross design was intended to appear on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1923, to commemorate the 1500th Anniversary of St. Patrick's first Missions of Christianity, and the 3d value was selected for that purpose. Meantime, however, the Free State Government declared that day a public holiday, so the stamps were issued the day previously.

This emergency issue was sold out on the afternoon of the same day, until future supplies could be obtained from London, where the first printings were made at Somerset House, but the subsequent printings were executed at Dublin Castle. Plates of the stamps were shown to members of the Philatelic Congress who visited Somerset House in 1923.

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3d,	March 17, 1923.
10d,	May 11th, 1923.

The Sword of Light

The next design to make its appearance was that of the Sword of Light, on the ½d value, in emerald green, on April 20, 1923. This stamp was designed by Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, of Westmoreland St., Dublin, and shows the Sword of Light with its name in Gaelic (An Claidheam Soluis) as the Emblem of Progress and Learning, taken from the ancient Book of Kells. Round the elliptical shield

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showing the Sword is the design in Celtic ornamentation of the Dragon, representing Evil.

The Book of Kells is a writing on the beliefs in the language or vernacular of the period, as taught in the Celtic Monasteries—the record of the Christian history of Ireland. The story of the Book of Kells—so often referred to in the chronicle of this stamp, but never before told in any stamp journal—is as follows:

One day, when St. Columba was Abbot of Durrow, he paid a visit to St. Finnan at Drom Finn, Ulster, and noticing a copy of the Psaalter, he remained after Church to copy it. He was watched by St. Finnan, who said nothing until he had accomplished his task, but then sent demanding the copy. To this St. Columba objected, and it was decided to let the matter be settled at the Justice Hall of the Hill of Tara. Diarmaid, King of Ulster, gave judgment in the words "Le gach boin a boinin" (Mine is the calf that is born of my cow).

Meantime one of the sons of the King of Connaught had killed a friend and fled to St. Columba for sanctuary. His pursuers tore him from the monk's protection, which further annoyed St. Columba, also the King of Connaught. The tribesmen were called out, and victory was attained at the battle of Cuil Dreimne by the King of Connaught, and the awards given to St. Columba—against St. Finnan.

The sequel to the story belongs to Irish history. St. Columba became an Irish missionary to Scotland!

One of the ancient illuminations is preserved on the Sword of Light stamps of Ireland.

It is noteworthy that St. Finnan founded a Monastery at Moville—from where we now get Irish Free State stamps obliterated "Moville — Londonderry."

In the Royal Irish Academy (Dawson Street) are preserved two historic relics connected with St. Columba.

One is his crosier; the other—a fragment—written on vellum. It has 58 leaves, now translated by the best Irish scholars as the Book of Battles, which confirms the traditional belief that this ancient Psalter is the identical copy which St. Columba made.

Relics of St. Columba and his missions were carried from Iona to Kells in 807 A.D. (see records of the Ven. Bede, compiler of the first history of England).

Kels (or Kells)—the residence of St. Columba now the market town of Kells, Co. Meath. Has still the ancient tower of the foundation, and many ancient crosses.

½d,	April 20th, 1923.
5d,	May 11th, 1923.
6d,	Dec. 21st, 1923.
1/-,	June 16th, 1923.

Arms Type

Finally, as late as September 7, 1923, appeared the last of the types, that of the 2½d chocolate-brown, showing the Arms of the four post-Tudor Provinces—Leinster (Harp), Connaught (divided Eagle and hand grasping dagger), Ulster (Bloody Hand surmounted on a Cross with a dotted background signifying Gold), and Munster (the three Crowns representative of the Kingdoms of Munster, South Munster and Connaught). This type was designed by Miss Millicent Girling, of the School of Art, Dublin, a native of Co. Armagh, who was only 21 years of age when she competed, but who had already taken several London and Irish honours for designing, and as a Technical Instructor of the Irish Board of Agriculture.

To explain the Arms, it is necessary to deal shortly with the status of the Provinces and their origin.

The aboriginal inhabitants were the British tribes, who gradually be merged with peoples from Greece, ar turn pressed from the North by Milesian or Scottish races, and fron South by the Iberians or Gauls. early kingdoms were, with their ca centres, Meath (Usnech), Munster (of Thactgar or Ward), Leinster mair), Ulster (Tailti or Teltown), the kingdom of Munster. Followin Scottish conquest of Ulster in A.D. when the province became the "sw lands" of the warring Scottish chief at the time of the Norman Conqu was lorded over by the O'Neills, whom it fell into the hands of th Courceys, Earls of Ulster, and final the Dukes of York, and so to the lish Crown. Leinster at the Anglo man Conquest in 1170 was divided the kingdoms of Meath and Lei During the reign of Henry VIII, M was again divided into Meath and Meath, with various county altera and additions during the reign of and James I.

Connaught under the Kings O nor was independent until 1590, wh became a Province under Elizabeth, added Co. Clare, which was restor Munster in 1602. Munster fell unde Anglo-Norman Conquests, and rem a unit Province until divided from Munster in Henry VII's reign, during the Elizabethian rebellions placed under a Lord-Deputy.

With the exceptions of certain b aries, the whole of Ireland in 19 other than the Ulster counties of donderry, Down, Antrim, Tyrone, magh and Fermanagh, became the ernment of the Free State, a Dom Constituent of the Empire.

It is interesting to note that seve the border towns of the Ulster State Counties of Donegal, Cavar Monaghan, while administered b Free State Post Office, some are under postal areas of the Northern ernment; as example, Moville, Co. egal, which has the postal cancel "Moville-Londonderry."

2½d,	Sept. 7th, 1923.
4d,	Sept. 28th, 1923.
9d,	Oct. 26th, 1923.

—*Philatelic Magaz*

AIR MAIL PROGRESS

Air Transportation as we have it may be properly described as begi with the Post Office Department's nal effort to transport mail by a tween New York and Washingt 1918—that is ten years ago.

Private capital was not interest Commercial Air Transport. It de upon the Post Office Department a United States Government to est the feasibility of this new means of portation. The original experimen tween New York and Washingto expanded as rapidly as appropri would permit. It was not until th of 1920 that the Transcontinental from New York to San Francisc established. Night flying was unhea and deemed utterly impractical an possible. Mail was carried only duri daylight hours, being transferred plane to train with the fall of nigh transferred from train to plane wi dawn.

Colonel Henderson, then Second tant Postmaster General, in char transportation of mail, decided tha less night flying was possible, the portation of mail and other comm by air could not reach its max value. He initiated a four-day t night flying between Chicago and enne in August, 1923. The perfor was 100 per cent and the result w inauguration of through Transcon tal mail schedules, flying day and in July, 1924. This marked the l ning of the rather remarkable p day development.

In February, 1925, the Kelly Law passed authorizing the Postmaster eral to contract with private indiv for the transportation of mail. Th tract air mail system was legally lished. In September, 1925, the firs tract air mail routes were awarded.

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ed the initiation of private capital
ne operation of air transport on a
ite schedule.
the early spring of 1926, service was
gurated by the various contractors
ving awards the previous Fall.
ss than three years ago, the only air
operations existing were those con-
ed by the Government between San
cisco and New York, with an added
service between Chicago and New
. Today there are seventeen con-
air mail routes in operation. Sev-
more routes will be in operation with
eginning of summer. By that time
will be close to 12,000 miles of
ays in operation. The Department of
merce is moving so rapidly in the
ing of airways, that it is difficult to
up with the developments.
July, 1925, the inauguration of night
ce between New York and Chicago,
were a little over 1,600 miles of
ed airways in the United States. To-
there are over 6,000 miles of lighted
ays. Today the planes of commer-
air transport companies fly approxi-
ly 25,000 miles every 24 hours—
around the world a day.
tional Air Transport,Inc., was or-
ed in May, 1925. In October, 1925,
company was awarded the contract
the operation of the Dallas-Chicago
, by way of Kansas City. Service
inaugurated on that route May 12,
In that operation, N. A. T. planes
flying 2,000 miles a day in the day-
hours. In April, 1927, the com-
was awarded the contract for the
tion of the day and night services
een Chicago and New York.
e Government released its last air
operations on September 1, 1927,
N. A. T. inaugurated its service be-
n New York and Chicago. The N.
daily mileage flown jumped from
to approximately 5,000 miles a day.
first air express service was inaugu-
on September 1st, with the begin-
of service by N. A. T. between New
and Chicago.

February 1, 1928, the Dallas-Chicago service was shifted from day to night schedule. At the same moment, in order to provide service for Kansas City and points north, an additional day service was inaugurated. Today National Air Transport is flying 5,800 miles a day and 3,500 of those 5,800 miles of daily flying are flown in darkness.

N. A. T. and the other air mail contractors are not yet two years old in point of operation. The company is not yet three years old in point of organization. In this brief outline it is suggested what existed but a short period ago, in comparison with what exists today. What future possibilities will be no one can definitely state. This statement of achievement over such a brief period of time can only suggest those possibilities—imagination must do the rest.—*Nat. Bulletin Board.*

DILIGENCIA STAMPS

The first three stamps of Uruguay are generally known as Diligencia stamps, and they get this name from the old diligences, or mail coaches, which for many years were the only means of transport in the interior of the Republic. These mail coaches also carried passengers and freight, and were operated more or less as a private venture.

It has been stated that in the years 1850-58 the revenue to be derived from the post office of Uruguay was every year sold at public auction, and the purchaser was left to work out his bargain in the best way he could for his own benefit. At any rate, in the year 1856, when these stamps were first issued, the administration of posts was in the hands of the contractor for the mails, and to him the Diligencia stamps were due. They were used for interior service only while letters to Buenos Aires and other foreign ports were carried by boat and the postage had to be prepaid in cash.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

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#320 to 330* ..... .90
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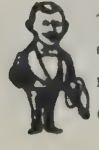

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NEWSPAPER NOTICES

There have been some of the most remarkable newspaper stories published, based on philately, during the past few months that have ever appeared anywhere. It really begins to look as though stamp collecting has made the grade in the estimation of many of the editors whose duty it is to know what readers want. We think that the most remarkable development in philately during the past five years has been its growth as an accepted subject for newspaper consideration. Our columns have recounted its progress in this regard in order that readers may know that the philatelic field is no longer the restricted area that it was less than a decade ago. In February, the St. Louis *Globe Democrat* devoted over a page in its Sunday Magazine section telling of Ralph H. Eilers, for many years an alderman, and his views on collecting. The story is illustrated by a large half-tone of our friend, and a plate of twenty selected issues from his great assortment of 100,000 stamps that has been made the basis of his collection. The Staff Writer of the *Globe-Democrat* who prepared the article is a philatelist and consequently, the text is readable, indeed. The local aspect of collecting in St. Louis covered as it is, naturally centers expressions of Alderman Eilers, is not necessary to say that philat shown in an appropriate frame. Eilers has been interested in stam thirty-seven years.

In the Dallas *Morning News* of day, March 11th, the Feature S contained a page presentation, well trated, headed: "Indoor Adventu Stamp Plucking. The Game Ha Me to Where I Gayly Swipe My Mail and Rifle Her Old Letters. V as I Was Once a Model Husban Father, Now I Miss Half My Stalking Rare Bits of Colored Not Stopping At Anything—Noth To Get 'Em." The writer is Cha Brown, and the tone of the article dicated by the spirited introd heads. Mr. Brown's induction was cent one, it seems, but he has rapid come one of the most articulate nents of the pursuit that may be ima The recital is so good that it shou read in its entirety, and if the spac at our disposal, we should "lift" t ticle with a smile. Mr. Brown is come addition to the ranks of con philatelists; and our guess that h be heard from again is a safe one.

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Special Features for Mail-Counter Customers

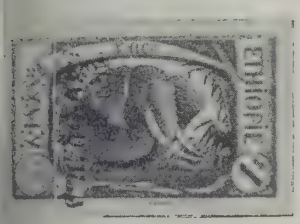
CHRIS AND I

We are firm believers in LATIN AMERICANS. A solid stock from first to test issues of these countries on sale at the **STAMP TRUST STORE**, on approval and by want-list.

Stock has been nine years in formation. Prices are moderate and competitive, I get a good turnover on this line.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK—Uruguay 8c Mercury, ǂ260, Cat. $1.00 ..... **40c**

POSTALLY USED NEW ISSUES



Correspondents in all parts of the world, banks, business houses here and abroad contribute to this interesting stock. I feel with many collectors "IF it is Postally Used, it is a Postage Stamp."

For the past three years I have been the leading seller in this difficult line.

Anyone with the money can get them unused; it takes hard digging to get them used. Do your digging at the **STAMP TRUST STORE.**

SPECIAL THIS WEEK—Siam Coronation Ticals ..... at **20c** a tick

SETS—Short and Complete

A steady and expanding list of customers have been calling for New Issue sets and older issues as well. An up-to-the-minute representation at competitive prices awaits mail customers and buyers at the **STAMP TRUST STORE.**

MODERN COVERS

An interesting drawer full of bright commercial foreign covers, airmail and a few 19th. Glad to send on approval or sell in lots as noted. Better still, drop in at the **STAMP TRUST STORE** and go over them, they will all be plainly priced.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK—
Grade Z: 100 for $1.00;
B: 20 for $1.00; **A:** 10 for $1.00

SINGLE SPECIALS

Offering better class stamps, mostly modern issues, at special rates on a turnover basis. These will be in the **Little Green Book** at the **STAMP TRUST STORE** and on approval in the **LITTLE BROWN BOOKS,** for general collectors, as the books are not grouped.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK—
TURKEY 500pi. ǂ624, Cat. $5.00 .....Net **$2.00**

SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY

AT THE

STAMP TRUST STORE

IN THE

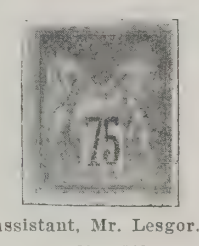
LITTLE RED BOOK

20th CENTURY COLLECTION

A nice little counter book kept filled almost as fast as the boys knock it down. A good run of popular and neglected countries, fine condition and competitive prices.

Bring your 20th along on your next trip to the **STAMP TRUST STORE** and we'll clean up some of those spaces.

FRANCE & FRENCH COLONIES



Breaking up a pretty old collection, noted for boardwalk margins. Also a group of special cancellations.

Another big outfit, must be 1000 copies all unused with margins or indisputable cancellations, of the first issues for all the colonies.

And a carefully filled stock of A and M French Cols. in charge of my able assistant, Mr. Lesgor.

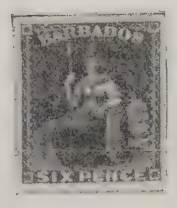
SPECIAL THIS WEEK—Fr. Col. 80c, ǂ13, Cat. $12.50 .....**Net $5.00**
15 fine copies in stock,

B. N. A.

Seein' as how I'm from Montreal, I ought to have some. I've put away and now have ready a good, steady line of the medium grade stuff, Canada and Newfoundland, with a good line of used Newf. not at all common.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK—
6c and 8c Caribou, used, Cat. $1.50, **Net $1.00**

OLD BARBADOS



The **STAMP TRUST STORE** has purchased a collection and stock of first type issues, correctly described and priced for turnover.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK—
Olive Blossom ǂ107,
Net 10c

MEDIUM PRICE U. S.

U. S.

I doubt if I have much for the specialist, but have just bought a nice collection and stock of this grade. These will be on sale at the **STAMP TRUST STORE,** in charge of my friend Mr. Gally when he isn't selling stockings. His **Special This Week** is

U. S. $2.00, ǂ547, Cat. 65c .....**Net 25c**

VOLUME III, Since 1920

Here is my pet, the Darling of the **STAMP TRUST STORE.** Filled with the little corner stamps that dealers forget. Bring in yours and check it over with a fellow fan.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK— **Bolivia 138,** the famous vacant chair (30 in stock), Cat. $2.50 ..... **$1.00**

BOOKS BY COUNTRIES ON APPROVAL

Argentine 19th
Argentine 20th
Argentine Offls.
Bolivia
Brazil 19th
Brazil 20th
Barbados first type
Canada
Canal Zone and Panama
Chile first type
Chile 19th
Chile 20th
Colombia to 1890
Colombia to Gold Issues
Colombia to date
Colombia States
Costa Rica
Congo used
Congo unused
Dominican Republic
Ecuador 19th
Ecuador 20th
Egypt and Asia Minor
France 19th
France 20th
Greece 19th
Greece 20th
Guatemala 19th
Guatemala 20th
Hayti to 1906
Hayti to date
Honduras 19th
Honduras 20th
Ireland
Morocco (fr)
Newfoundland 19th
Newfoundland 20th
Nicaragua 19th
Nicaragua to 1912
Nicaragua to 1915
Nicaragua to date
Nicaragua Zelay & Offl.
Paraguay
Peru 19th
Peru 20th
Peru Special
Russia 19th
Russia 20th
Salvador to 1896
Salvador to 1901
Salvador to 1915
Salvador to date
Sweden Coils
Syria and Lebanon
Turkey
Uruguay 19th
Uruguay 20th
Venezuela

POSTALLY USED NEW ISSUES (since 1920)

A. (Abyssinia to Azores)
B. (Bahamas to Bulgaria)
C. (Cameroon to Cyprus)
D. (Dahomey to D. E. I.)
E. (Egypt, Ec., Erit.)
F. (Fiji to Fr. Cols.)
G. (Gambia to Guat.)
H. (Hayti to Hong Kong)
I-J. (Iceland to Jugo)
K-L. (Kenya to Lux.)
M. (Madagascar to Moz. Co.)
N. (Nauru to Norway)
P. (Palestine to Portugal)
R. In Preparation
S. (Saar to Sudan)
STZ. (Straits to Zanzibar)
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1919 TIN HAT ISSUE
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1925 JUBILEE ISSUE
Nos. 166-178 Complete
Cat. $6.50
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3 Var. Complete
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27	"	12c	..	..	1.00	.70
27a	"	12c	..	..	3.00	2.00
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30a	"	1c	..	1.50	..	1.50
31	"	3c	8.00	4.50	5.00	2.50
32	"	3c	5.00	3.50	1.50	.75
33	"	5c	15.00	8.00	10.00	5.00
34	"	6c	.30	.20	.30	.20
37	1876	3c	..	..	.60	.40
40	1880	1c	.80	.60	.80	.60
42	"	3c	..	1.20	.20	.15
46	1887	2c	.15	.10	.15	.10
47	"	3c	1.20	.80	.35	.25
48	"	5c	2.00	1.50	.50	.30
51	1890	3c	..	.50	.04	.03
52	"	3c	..	..	.04	.03
52a	"	3c	..	..	.08	.06
52b	"	3c	..	..	.08	.06
52c	"	3c	..	..	.13	.10
x 53	"	6c	.50	.40	.50	.40
59	1896	3c	..	1.00	.40	.30
x 61	1897	1c	.08	.06	.08	.06
x 62	"	2c	.08	.06	.08	.06
x 63	"	3c	.08	.06	.03	.02
x 64	"	4c	.12	.10	.12	.10
65	"	5c	.15	.12	.15	.12
66	"	6c	.15	.12	.12	.10
67	"	8c	..	..	.35	.25
68	"	10c	..	..	.35	.25
69	"	12c	..	.40	.35	.25
x 70	"	15c	.40	.30	.35	.25
x 71	"	24c	.60	.50	.50	.40
x 72	"	30c	.60	.50	.50	.40
x 74	"	60c	1.20	1.00	.80	.60
75	"	1c on 3c	..	.80	1.00	.80
x 78	1898	1c	.10	.08	.08	.06
x 79	"	2c	.15	.10	.10	.08
x 87	1910	1c	.09	.07	.09	.07
x 87a	"	1c	.06	.04	.03	.02
x NF	in bl. of 4		2.50	..	..	..
x 87b	1910	1c	.09	.07	.09	.07
x 88	"	2c	.09	.07	.04	.03

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x 88a	1910	2c	.15	.12	.02
91	"	5c	.80	.60	.50
x 91a	"	5c	.35	.25	.09
92a	"	6c	1.75	1.50	1.75
106	1911	3c	.40	.30	.40
107	"	4c	.45	.35	.45
x108	"	5c	.12	.09	.05
109	"	6c	.70	.60	.70
111	"	9c	.75	.65	.75
113	"	12c	.80	.70	.80
114	"	15c	1.00	.80	1.00
Set of 11		(110a)	7.00	6.00	7.00
120	1918	6c	..	..	.80
122	"	10c	.30	.20	.12
123	"	12c	..	..	.60
x124	"	15c	.60	.50	.60
x125	"	24c	.60	.50	.60
x126	"	36c	.75	.60	.75
x127	1920	2/30c	.60	.50	.50
x128	"	3/15c	4.00	3.50	4.00
x129	"	3/15c	.90	.75	.60
x130	"	3/35c	.80	.65	.55
Set of 4			5.50	4.50	5.00
x136	1923	6c	.15	.12	.15
x137	"	8c	.20	.15	.20
138	"	9c	1.00	.80	1.00
x139	"	10c	.20	.15	.08
x140	"	11c	.35	.30	.35
x141	"	12c	.35	.30	.35
x142	"	15c	.45	.35	.35
x143	"	20c	.45	.35	.30
xSet of 12			2.00	1.60	1.60

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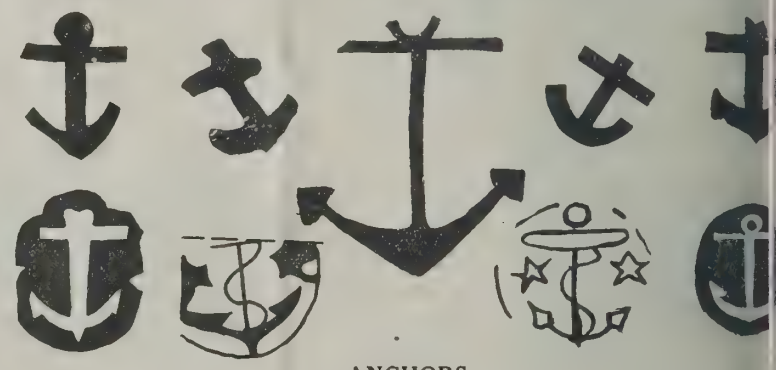

ANCHORS

No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	3c 1861	Boston, Mass.	Black	A. F. Hitchcoc
2.	10c Amer.	?	"	H. P. A.
3.	2c 1890	?	"	J. D. Cox
4.	3c 1891 Due	?	"	S. C. Rogers
5.	3c 1861	Bristol, Ct.	"	A. S. Gorham
6.	3c 1861	E. Greenwich, R I.	"	A. S. Gorham
7.	10c 1873	?	"	H. P. A.
8.	6c 1873	?	"	S. C. Rogers
9.	3c 1861	Newark, N. J.	"	D. H. Stafford

The above collection of "Mud Hooks" is rather a neat lot. There are several that have the right form; but their neatness is very doubtful, and so I picked the best of a rather large group.

No. 1 is probably in many a Boston collection. While not as common as that so-called "Codfish" on the Mass. Auto Plates, yet many are found on this 3c '61 stamp. Nos. 2, 4 and 5 are not very cleverly cut as they appear here. It is always possible for a pretty cancel to wear badly, however, and maybe these were much finer in appearance when they were younger.

Our No. 3 is really interesting. It is probably from some small town on the Mass., or Maine coast, for it has nearer the correct contour of a true and workable anchor than the others. Nos. 7 and 8 are rather artistic. Mr. Bartels i July, 1927 *Collectors Club Philo* shows our No. 8 type with heavier bottom portion, as being of the gro New York Foreign Mail cancella Doubtless this No. 7 would appear i same list if it were to be located cover.

Nos. 6 and 9 are far better cut than most Anchors. In these the a is colorless with a black backgr This type is seldom found in neat cu

Mr. J. W. Ross has sent in a pretty little anchor in a circle. T on a 3c 1861 cover postmarked "Pompey, N. Y." The Anchor an enclosing circle are of fairly heavy and the bright blue color makes a teresting cancellation. While preca are seldom of any artistic inclina

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LOMBIAN REPUBLIC (103 Var.) 1864-1899, including 50 var. or the imperf. issues, etc. Cat. $92.76 ..... 27.50

NGO (114 Var.) 1886-1926. A handsome collection of these popular stamps. Cat. $65.23 ..... 22.50

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ERNANDO PO (59 Var.) 1879-1908. A very nice lot of these hard to get stamps. Cat. $51.12 ..... 17.00

ELAND (34 Var.) 1860-1900, including the very rare 1 mark 1866 issue, etc., etc. Cat. $44.76 ..... 12.00

ENCH COLONIES (65 Var.) 1859-1894, including 80c 1871, 80c 1872, 15c gray 1876, etc., etc. Cat. $92.16 ..... 22.50

ENCH GUIANA (68 Var.) 1887-1925, including 9 surcharges, 1892 complete, 1905 complete, etc., etc. Cat. $40.09 ..... 12.50

LD COAST (26 Var.) 1875-1900, including 5 & 10 shillings 1889, 20 shillings 1894, 10 shillings 1900, etc. Cat. $50.12 ..... 17.50

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DEIRA (37 Var.) 1866-1898. A very fine lot of these rare old stamps, the collection is complete excepting 6 stamps. Cat. $260.72 ..... 80.00

MARTINIQUE (78 Var.) 1886-1927, including 21 surcharges, 1892 complete, 1908-1912 complete, etc., etc. Cat. $43.14 ..... 12.50

MEXICO (41 Var.) 1856-1872. A nice lot of these old stamps. Cat. $88.25 ..... 25.00

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SALVADOR (369 Var.) 19th Century only. A nice collection, all genuine originals, no Seebeck reprints. Cat. $100.53 ..... 25.00

SIAM (100 Var.) 1865-1925. Cat. $33.03 ..... 10.00

ICELAND (121 Var.) 20th Century only. An unusually fine lot. Cat. $45.32 ..... 18.00

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e were some covers from Tioga Cen- N. Y., with the most curious pen gns that I have ever seen. On two he covers we see a very fine sturdy nlock tree covering the entire stamp. branches start from the ground (bot- of the stamp) and run right up to top of the stamp. On another is a lar design, though it is a shrub. se are very odd in pen and ink.

n a 3c National on cover is a very full faced Jack o' Lantern from the n of Hastings, Michigan. The color he postmark and cancellation is pur- of no undecided hue. It is quite liant. There are very few Jack o' terns in color.

n a 3c 1851 cover from Freeport, ne, is a very clearly hit PAID 3 on center of the stamp. This is in a little 17mm circle. It is rather un- any of these PAID 3 cancellations, he letter A is centered directly above 3, forcing the D way round back of top loop of the 3. You can tell this, n its position, if you should have a y off cover.

his 3c grilled 1870 stamp is not so y common. I have always taken an rest in its small advances in each new log. It has a catalog value of 10c cover, and 20c on the cover. In ing a bunch of old correspondence, seldom finds any large quantity of stamp—it had too short a run—and ss the writers wrote each day, you find few from any one correspondent big accumulation, at least, this has my experience.

have been assembling new groups of cellations for the coming 20 new ups, and I have about 500 different cels from which to select. In general e are as interesting as any which e come before. It is strange how e odd and unfamiliar cancellations o coming to me. I have many come I have never seen or heard of be- , in small lots. Sometimes one will n a lot, and at other times there will several in a lot.

t would be an endless task to compile

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a complete record of cancellations in a way that would be suitable for ready reference from what I have seen of these cancellations. There is no tangible classification. Suppose we were to try to illustrate *all* of the different *star* cancellations that we have ever seen. First we would take all the solid 5 point stars. What next, those with frames and outlines around them, or those which have designs, or colorless centers? Or would we consider the stars with more or less than 5 points? There would be several classifications of stars alone. Many have lettering between the points of the stars, as PAID 5, and some say UNION. Some stars are made of two or more interlaced triangles. So you see these stars would have to be given type numbers, the solid 5 point star being Star A type. The 5 point open star would be possibly type B, those with letters and figures type C, and so on, and all this one design —the star—would end up with a huge lot of "Miscellaneous," and our classification becomes a jumble.

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70	1861,	24c red lilac	5.50
72		90c blue	7.50
100	1867,	30c orange	3.50
115	1869,	6c ultramarine	2.25
149	1870,	7c vermil., red canc., v. fine	3.50
153	1870,	24c purple, very fine	4.25
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8		10p light blue	.60
* 9-11		2½p to 9p	1.80
11		9p blk. brn., lightly canc.	.60
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* 13		5sh carmine rose	8.00
* 14		10sh gray blue	16.00
* 22		5p yellow brown	.60
24		9p black brown	.60
* 25		10p light blue	4.00
* 27		9p olive green	.85
* 29-41	1922-3,	½p to 1sh, compl.	3.85
* 42		2sh 6p brown, I setting	1.75
* 43		5sh carm. rose, I setting	3.50
* 44		10sh gray blue, I setting	8.25
* 42	1926,	2sh 6p, 5sh & 10sh, II setting	5.75

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1-3	1912,	5h to 25h, rare	1.35
* 54-61	1921,	2r to 15r	1.15
* 62-9		20rp to 1 franc	2.25

MONACO

Scott No.			Price
* 30-2	1920,	5c to 2fr, complete	1.25
* 33-5	1922,	20c to 50c, complete	.50
* 41		30c dk. grn. (now cat. $2)	1.25
* 42		50c ultramarine (now cat. $3.25)	1.80
* 46		2fr scarlet	.85
* 47		5fr red brown	6.00
* 48		10fr carmine	4.50
* 54	1923,	40c orange brown	.70
* 56		5fr dark green	3.75
*467	1925,	Dues, 1fr on 50c	.90
* 49-55	1923,	10c to 50c	1.50
* 57-9	1924,	45c to 85c	.35
* 66-77	1924-6,	1c to 10fr	2.20
* 78-85	1926,	45c to 1fr 25	1.40

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2	1856,	2s yellow	1.75
5		8s dull lake	.40
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15		8s carmine rose	.40
28	1877,	25o lilac	1.00

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*276		Switzerland 1920, 30c yell. brn. and green	2.80
*301-4		Union of So. Africa 1925, 1p-9p	1.50
*401		Uruguay 1921, 25c bistre brown	4.75
*410-13		1926, 6c to 25c, complete	2.25

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WHAT STAMPLESS COVERS SHALL I COLLEC

By Delf Norona.

As with the collecting of postage stamps there is an infinite variety of forms of collecting stampless covers. As a comparatively new convert to the lure of the stampless cover, the writer probably has considerable temerity to suggest what to collect and how and why. However, that adage that a new broom sweeps clean may apply in this case.

A collection which is different is one which attracts attention no matter how cheap in monetary value the individual items shown may be, and we give the following as a few of the many forms in which these covers may be collected.

General Collecting:

(1) Secure one cover used in each town throughout the country.

(2) One cover used in each town in some particular section or group of states.

(3) One type of each distinctively different postmark used in every town, which would include SHIP, PAID, FREE, &c.

Specializing:

(1) Secure every possible variety of postmark from each town in the particular state or group of states covered, showing the period of use of that particular postmark, as shown by early and late dates of use; and as further proof that the variety of postmark was used during the period get examples used during each year of that time.

(2) The above may be extended to include the earliest dated stamped covers, thus proving the approximate date when stampless covers were discontinued; or

(3) This may be narrowed down to the collecting of every variety of postmark used in some one town, and could be extended into the period of stamped covers and brought down to the present day (of course, running beyond the scope of stampless covers).

(4) Collecting straight-line postmarks, Paid, Free, numerals, &c.

(5) Early covers franked by pr nent personages and postmasters. (Konwiser method)

(6) Collecting scarce colored marks, green or orange, for exampl

Research and Educational Work:

In specializing, some research wor necessary properly to get together s of the groups outlined above. Some ticular forms of research work ma indulged in as follows:

(1) From the early postal guides pare a map showing the post office existence at some particular period, example, between 1810 and 1820. companying this show covers use each of the post offices in existence ing that period. This may be varie show the post offices in existence du some Presidential Administration, drew Jackson—1829-1837, for exan

(2) Prepare lists showing varying al rates from time to time, and these postal rates illustrated by mean covers with the appropriate mark either by means of stampers or m script notations.

The next two would be very diffi almost hopeless forms, but still they mentioned for whatever the sugges may be worth.

(4) Collecting of earlies—the ear possible use of some particular type postmarks, earliest cover used after formation of the United States, earl postmark used in each new state or ritory after its formation, earliest R road, earliest Confederate covers, &c.

(5) In the same way, the latest ma tackled. Latest postmarks used bef stamps were introduced. For this p pose secure the latest used covers some particular town, accompanied the earliest used cover with stan which would prove the date of disc tinuance of stampless covers in that ticular town.

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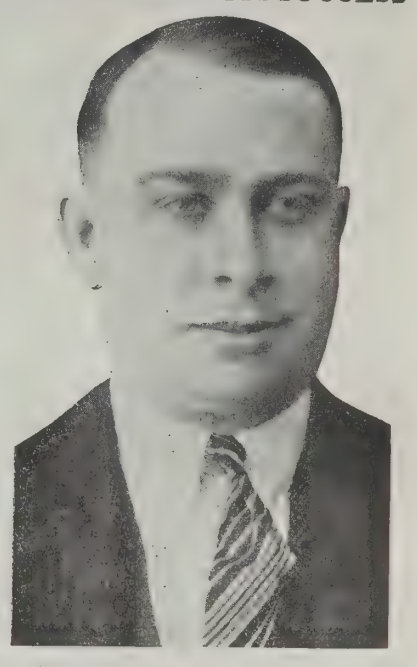

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e above are just a few forms of cting which have occurred to the r. A collector with a little imagi- n will be able to conjure up many and interesting methods.

a word of caution, one should not solely for some difficult form of cting, since it will be next to impos- to get sufficient material with which ake any sort of progress, and one ot reasonably expect the dealer or ther fellow to remember you when wants are too restricted. Take up simpler group first, and then, as a line, go in for the more intricate s of specialization and study.— *pless Covers.*

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I have received a card from the first South America-France flight, which is a special one for this occasion. It bears two of the new Argentine Air Mail stamps, a 72c and an 18c value, together with one of Scott's type 104. The cachet is round and reads —"Via Aerea-Buenos Aires — 29 Feb. 28" and is applied on the above stamps. The reverse side of the card pictures a heroic figure of an aviator, sans clothes, but with a mail pouch, helmet and a pair of wings to make up the deficiency. A train, steamer and Post Office building make up the background, with the words "Republica Argentina" faintly lined in the sky. Below the above is a panel reading "Servicio Aero - postal-Argentina-Uruguay-Brasil-Africa-Europa. Inauguracion official; 10 de Marzo de 1928." The backstamp is that of Paris March 15th, 1928.

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Watch your local papers for news that TOLEDO, OHIO is to be a stop on the Transcontinental. A feeder line will be run from Toledo to Detroit and return. And don't forget that there are fourteen towns on the route and that Toledo will make the fifteenth. Bring your covers up to the full ½ oz. weight. This helps the contractor and costs you nothing in addition to your regular expense of ten cents per letter.

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CAM 4, Los Angeles-Salt Lake City, leads the country on the amount of mail carried on a per capita basis. It is stated that more than one ninth of a pound of mail was carried for every resident along the route. For each thousand persons in the trading areas along this airway, 119 lbs. of AIR MAIL was carried. Third highest was CAM 18, with 32.1 lb. and CAM 3 with 30 lbs. CAM 1 is carrying the heaviest loads since the initial flights two years ago, over 100 lbs. being carried several days a week.

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Covers received from Detroit during the past week, that were mailed at the All American Aircraft Show Post Office Station, show a very neat cachet, rectangular in shape and applied in various colors.

New York

—Delegation from Philadelphia Visits the Collectors Club.

"Times" Clipping (John B. DeGraw).

A dozen members from the Philadelphia Stamp Club, headed by President P. M. Wolsieffer, visited the Collectors Club at 51 West Forty-eighth Street, April 18. Prior to the meeting they were entertained at dinner at the Harvard Club by John H. Hall, Jr., of the Collectors Club. Among the Philadelphians who exhibited stamps were Vincent Domenski, who is credited with having the finest collection of the Poland stamp issues in the world. Samuel Gillis showed Irish Free State stamps, Henry L. Jefferys some early United States, and F. A. Bickert a fine lot of early German States.

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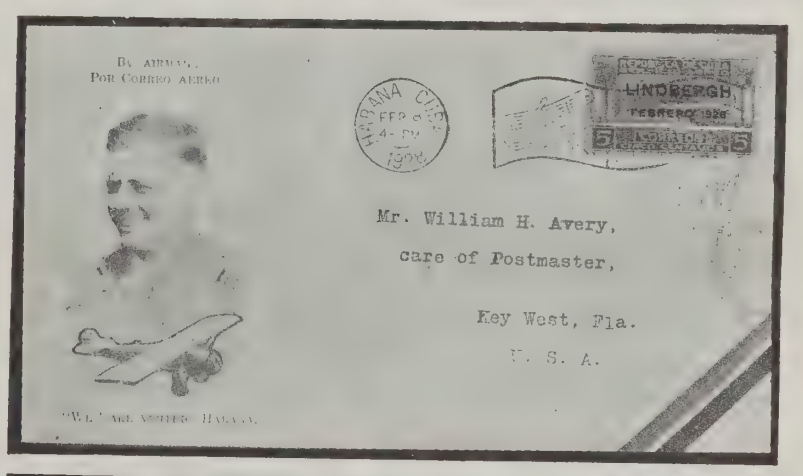

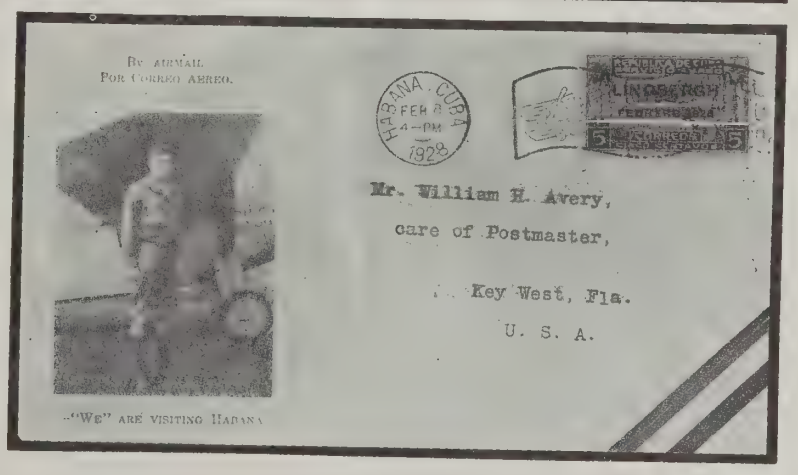

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My current prices on the Pan American commemoratives, stamp for stamp, are the following: 1c, each 10c; 2c, each 10c; 5c, each 12c; 8c, each 75c; 10c, each 12c; 13c, each 60c; 20c, each 32c; 30c, each 55c; 50c, each 55c; $1.00, each $1.90.

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EDITORIAL

We have been informed that the Cleveland exhibition is assured of a large attendance of philatelists from a distance and that it is advisable for those who expect to go there to secure their hotel reservations in Cleveland. The fine spirit that is being shown by the managers of the enterprise should be recognized by all of us and assurance may now be given that the display of stamps will be such as to command the best attention of all.

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Thanks are returned to the correspondents in China who have sent us copies of the new portrait issue of China. Reference has been made to the political complications that attend the use of these stamps which were issued in commemoration of the assumption of office by Generalissimo Chang Tso-lin. The official notice says that these stamps are good only in the six northern provinces and Sinkiang and of course, the stamps will not be surcharged for Yunnan. Mr. Theodore Siddall says that not only will Shanghai ignore the stamps but will charge the recipient of a letter bearing them with three times the postage, instead of the double deficiency on short-paid letters. The dictator is shown full-face on the stamps with the five-barred flag of the republic and the army and navy standard crossed above. The stamps are valid for postage abroad but they seem to indicate what has been called "the shrinkage of the Republic of China" since they are limited in their use to six provinces, while sixteen provinces refuse to wholly accept the stamps. The Boston *Herald* recently had an article on the subject of these commemoratives that was written by a person who knew his subject, since it contained the latest information on the issue which is described as "a strange mixture of bravado and humility."

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A critic from abroad says that in this country "ideas" are collected "like stamps for an album." This is not the most happy of similes as most of us would trade ideas for stamps at any time.

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An early year date postmark has been shown us by Dr. Roscoe L. Wickes, Chicago, in the form of a circular Middlebury, Vt., June 14, 1833. This is interesting although not the earliest date by any means, as *Stampless Covers* assigns a circular postmark to New London, in September 30, 1793. *Stampless Covers* is progressing at a remarkable rate and F. S. Eaton, editor, is performing a service of great value in bringing order out of the chaos in this historical field.

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Due notice has been given us by Mr. K. A. Wallquist, Chicago, of a new commemorative issue of Sweden to celebrate the seventieth birthday of King Gustav V, on June 16, 1928. The new stamps will come in five values: 5 ore green; 10 ore violet; 15 ore rose; 20 ore orange and 25 ore blue. Mr. Wallquist says: "They will be sold in all post offices in Sweden from June 16 to December 31, 1928, only, and at face value, plus 5 ore on each stamp. The additional 5 ore will be charged in accordance with the wishes of the king to establish a fund for combatting the ravages of cancer. The stamps will be issued in sheets of forty and they may be ordered from the philatelic agency of the Swedish post office department, Lilla Nygatan 6, Stockholm, Sweden,-postage, 50 ore." The new stamps will be of large size with portrait of the king ond the dates, 1858 and 1928, on them.

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There is a growing disposition on the part of large advertisers to utilize envelopes received from foreign countries, as well as stamps only, or pictures of them for publicity purposes. Window displays are made of the actual envelopes and cuts of stamps or envelopes with foreign stamps are woven effectively into the advertisements for general circulation. An advertising manager of experience has said that he considered the use of stamps in this manner favorably and that he advised the course when opportunity offered. For instance, he employed a half-tone edging of foreign stamps in their approximate colors for the pages of a booklet of "postage rates" that was circulated by a large mail-order advertiser. In this connection, it should be said that the display of air mail covers, including the Weekly frame, in the window of the Chicago *Herald-Examiner* has been transferred to the Union Bank of Chicago, where it has been attracting even more attention from the pedestrians in this crowded down-town section than it did at the other location.

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Many excuses are offered by correspondents for their delays in attending to letters but here literally is an old one that is new to us of this day. It appears in a letter postmarked at Zanesville, Ohio, over a hundred years ago, addressed to a point in Pennsylvania: "I should have written to you long since and thank you in the name of the girls but I had nothing worth the postage to write." Point is given to the statement when it is realized that the postage from Ohio to Pennsylvania in 1822 was 25 cents.

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Mr. Gordon H. Crouch, Toronto, Canada, submits the following particulars of a new air mail service that will entail no extra postage, for his country: "Official announcement on behalf of Hon. Peter Veniot, Postmaster-General, was made by F. W. Hay, M. P., that a tri-weekly mail service would be established in a few days, between Toronto, Montreal and Rimouski, with an estimated saving of 24 hours on mail for Great Britain and Europe; and 48 hours in transport of mail for the western provinces, according to the Toronto 'Mail and Empire.' 'Hon. Mr. Veniot said that I might say,' he said, 'that as far as his department was concerned it would be only a few days—perhaps a fortnight or less—when he was establishing an air mail route between Toronto, Montreal and Rimouski. This service means that, without extra charge for postage, a contract is being made that a plane will leave here three times a week for the places that I have mentioned. It is a trial for a year, to see if time can be saved, and if it proves a success. It means, too, in transport of mails from Toronto to Montreal, Ottawa and outgoing and incoming boats, a saving of at least 24 hours in the mails from incoming steamers to western points of Canada." It may be added that Rimouski is in the province of Quebec, well up to the mouth of the St. Lawrence.

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A letter from Mr. Victor M. Suarez, Merida, Mexico, says: "Referring to your editorial comment in the issue of April 2nd, in connection with the aerial postal service in Mexico, I have to inform you as follows: The service between Mexico and Tampico was inaugurated April 15th at 12.30 P. M., when the plane left the station at Balbuena, arriving at Tampico at 10 A. M. Among the passengers were Mr. Hay; Senor Beccerra y Soto, chief of the department of transports of the general post office; and Mr. Villasana, chief of the department of communications and general manager of the National Aerial Company. It is said that the airplane carried in its first flight about 100 kilograms of correspondence. Aerial rates are as follows: first class mail, each 20 grams or fraction thereof 25 cts. Second class (magazines, papers, etc.), for each kilogram or fraction, 1 peso. Third class, printed matter, 1.50 peso, each kilogram or fraction fourth class, samples without value 0.75 peso, each kilogram. Furthermore, the mail should have the current stamps as required for the regular mail." The kilogram is the equivalent weight of about 2 1-5 pounds.

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$1277, 1278, 1279—LATE POSTAGE DUES—5g, 14g, 28g, Type D11 ..... .14
GIAN EAST AFRICA—$29, 1.75fr/1.50fr dull blue—MEDICINE-MAN, Type A35 .14
GIUM—1926-28, POSTAGE AND PARCEL POST, priced for filling in—
$179 2c olive, Obsolete ..... .01 | $194 1.75fr ultramarine ..... .13
180 30c rose ..... .03 | 197 60c olive ..... .04
182 75c dark violet ..... .06 | NEWEST—1fr red—Type A61 ..... .06
183 1fr pale yellow ..... .09 | $659 30c PARCEL POST 1927 ..... .03
184 1.25fr deep blue ..... .10 | 660 50c magenta ..... .05
185 1.50fr bright blue ..... .12 | 661 90c slate ..... .07
186 2fr Prussian blue ..... .15 | 662 6fr bistre brown ..... .30
187 5fr emerald green ..... .30 | 663 7fr orange ..... .35
188 10fr dark brown ..... .60 | 664 8fr deep brown ..... .40
190 1.75fr/1.50fr blue ..... .15 | 665 9fr maroon ..... .45
191 3c/2c olive—Red Ink ..... .02 | 666 10fr blue green ..... .50
192 10c/15c plum—Blue Ink ..... .03 | 667 20fr magenta 1.00
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SEMI-POSTAL 1926 TUBERCULOSIS—$295-299—KING & QUEEN 1.25
1927 "THREE JOLLY SEAMEN"—$300-304—Very sad ..... .50
FISH SOLOMON ISLANDS—New Script Watermk.—4p black & red on yell., A3 .12
NEW SCRIPT WATERMARK—5p dull violet and green—Type A3 ..... .14
NEW SCRIPT WATERMARK—6p dull violet and red violet—Type A3 ..... .16
NEW SCRIPT WATERMARK—1sh black on emerald paper—Type A3 ..... .32
GARIA—$202 6L deep blue & lemon .10 NEW 30s indigo and buff—A3 ..... .02
$203 10L black and orange ..... .16 50s red and black—A3 ..... .02
NA—KIREN and HEILUNGKIANG SURCHARGES—$252-271—½c to $5, Scarce 8.90
TA RICA—LINDBERGH COMMEMOR. $147—10c/12c carmine rose—POPULAR 3.75
A—RECENT AIR POST—5c deep blue PICTORIAL—Attractive flying ..... .09
ZIG—$168-176—1924 GOLD CURRENCY—Several of these are obsolete ..... .90
$182 1g orange and black—The PICTORIALS are very fine ..... .35
183 2g rose and black—We can supply the other GULDEN values ..... .70
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1926 PROVISIONALS—$180-181—20 ore/30 ore and 20 ore/40 ore ..... .24
POSTAL JUBILEE ISSUE—$183-185—Neat and quite characteristic ..... .35
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NEW HIGH VALUE—10kr vermilion and apple green—Type A16 ..... 3.75
PT—STATISTICAL CONGRESS ISSUE—$140-142—Picturesque and good ..... .35
ONIA—$84—40m deep blue and olive brown—THEATRE PICTORIAL ..... .20
NEW TEN-YEAR JUBILEE SURCHARGES—Set of five—said to be good.. .22
1927 SEMI-POSTALS—FIVE PICTURES OF CITIES AND CASTLES ..... .75
LAND—NEW POSTHORN WMK.—1m orange, 1½m, grn. & vio., 3m blue & blk. .24
NCE—AMERICAN LEGION—$242-243—LAFAYETTE, WASHINGTON & "WE" .20
MANY—$330-336—3pf to 50pf GOLD CURRENCY EAGLES—Now Obsolete .... .70
PICTORIALS $339 1m "RHEINSTEIN". .37 | 341 3m "MARIENBURG" . 1.11
340 2m blue "KOLN" .. .74 | 350 5m green "SPEYER" . 1.75
RECENT $361 3pf bistre ..... .02 | 362 8pf 'BEETHOVEN" .. .04
3pf light yellow green ..... .03 | 436 15pf AIR POST ..... .06
INTERNATIONAL LABOR ISSUE—$363-365—"I. A. A." SURCHARGES ... .25
AIR POST $422-428 5pf to 300pf—OBSOLETE and remainders burned 3.00
429-435 5pf to 3m—CURRENT EAGLE SERIES—GOOD 2.25
SEMI-POSTAL ISSUE OF 1926—$489-492—COAT-OF-ARMS SERIES ..... .60
ECE—NEW NAVARINO COMMEMORATIVES—Complete Set of six with Error .65
GARY—$415-417—THREE MADONNAS—1, 2, 5 pengo—Three pretty stamps .. 2.25
EAGLE SERIES AIRMAIL—$662-669—Eight wings now in use ..... .95
POSTAGE DUE SURCHARGES ON AIRMAIL—$889-893—Very attractive .. .12
IA—JAIPUR STATE—$22 and 23—3a/8a and 3a/1r—Face 5p each—ODD ..... .28

ITALY—$196 1.75L deep brown—VICTOR EMANUEL—Type A85 ..... .18
$197 2.55L brown carmine—VICTOR EMANUEL—Type A85 ..... .25
NEW PNEUMATIC POST—15c brown rose—Type PN1 ..... .04
NEW "MILITIA" ISSUE—NEW COLORS & NEW VALUES—Very pretty, too .85
LATVIA—$113-125—ISSUE 1923-25—1s to 50s—Some already obsolete ..... .85
$126—1 Lat brown shades ..... .40 | $130 5 Lat green shades 1.50
127 2 Lat blue shades ..... .75 | 131 10 Lat rose shades 3.00
$132-134 Addenda—15s/40k, 15s/50k, 1L/3r—Nice little group ..... .45
NEW 6s green on yellow and 10s rose—SWASTIKA WMK.—Type A12 ..... .08
LITHUANIA—HORSEMEN LITAS—1L, 3L, 5L—Three decidedly fine bicolors 1.35
NEW JUBILEE PICTORIALS—A brilliant group of seven large stamps ... .42
LUXEMBURG—$155-165 1926 Grand Duchess Charlotte Postage Issue—Some obso. .40
$166-170 NEW VALUES 1927—25c, 30c, 75c, 90c, 1.50fr ..... .18
PROVISIONAL SURCHARGES—COMPL. SET OF EIGHT recently issued .30
PRINCE JEAN SEMI-POSTALS—$315-319—A bright little lad ..... .35
EXHIBITION ISSUE—$320-324—A very beautiful series 1.00
PRINCESS ELISABETH—$325-329—Another nice youngster ..... .30
$353-563 1926 OFFICIAL SERIES—GRAND DUCHESS CHARLOTTE ..... .40
$564-568 NEW VALUES 1927—25c, 30c, 75c, 90c, 1.50fr—"OFFICIAL" ..... .18
MONACO—EXHIBITION ISSUE—"THREE SERENE HIGHNESSES" on 3 stamps 1.00
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NEWFOUNDLAND—NEW LABRADOR PICTORIAL SERIES—1c-30c—13 vals. cpl. 1.55
PANAMA—LINDBERGH AIR POST—2c & 5c SAFETY PAPER ISSUE—POPULAR .35
PALESTINE—PICTORIAL ISSUE $74 90m bistre—SEA OF GALILEE ..... .62
75 100m bright blue—SEA OF GALILEE ..... .67
76 200m dark violet—SEA OF GALILEE 1.34
POLAND—MEDICAL CONGRESS—$246-248—A much-wanted little series ..... .15
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CURRENT PICTORIAL ISSUE COMPLETE—$120-134—Very beautiful 1.10
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SUDAN—NEW 2m dark brown & orange—ARAB POSTMAN—Mult. SG Watermark .02
NEW 10m black and carmine—ARAB POSTMAN—A2—Mult. SG Wmk. .... .08
NEW 2pi orange and violet brown—ARAB POSTMAN—A1—Mult. SG Wmk. .14
NEW 10pi violet and black—ARAB POSTMAN—A1—Mult. SG Wmk. ..... .67
SWITZERLAND—NEW COLOR IN POST. SERIES—10c emerald on buff—Type A28 .05
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NEW ISSUE—10sh violet on blue—New type is very neat 3.20
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THE PROFESSOR LOST

Some time ago, Mr. M. C. Howe, of Monson, Mass., sent us a clipping from an unidentified newspaper, perhaps to be ascribed to Waterloo, Iowa, that is somewhat unconventional in its treatment of the subject of stamps. According to Mr. Leon G. Maring "with $40,000 Albums," stamps that "represent potential millions are lost daily through the waste paper baskets of the nation." Mr. Maring has been a collector for thirty years, with 47 albums to bespeak his activity; and he is an enthusiastic proponent of his pursuit. He speaks before schools on stamps, and does much otherwise to show his colors. He says that there are, or were, 981 stamp issuing countries, and that he has specimens from 968 of them. We quote the following particulars of an interesting contest: "A few years ago, Maring was in conversation with a history professor of Iowa State College. Maring wagered a straw hat (it was in the summer) that he could write the names of more foreign countries than the professor. The professor was not a betting man, he said, but he was confident that he could best Maring. He wrote. His list contained about 150 names of countries. Then Maring wrote. His list contained more than 400, many of which the history professor confessed he had never heard of. How did Maring learn the names? Thru geography text books? No. Thru his stamps."

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By PROFESSOR P. D. METROPOULOS

CYPRUS, the third largest island of the Mediterranean, after Sicily and Sardinia, is situated in the eastern basin of the Cilician Sea, with Cilicia to the north, and Syria to the east.

On account of its situation between the most historical countries of the Near East, Greece, Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt, Cyprus played a most important rôle in history.

Its area is 3,584 miles, and its population is something approaching 340,000 inhabitants, of whom 80 per cent are Greeks, belonging to the Greek Eastern Orthodox Church; 18 per cent are Mahometan Turks, the remaining 2 per cent being of different nationalities and religious sects.

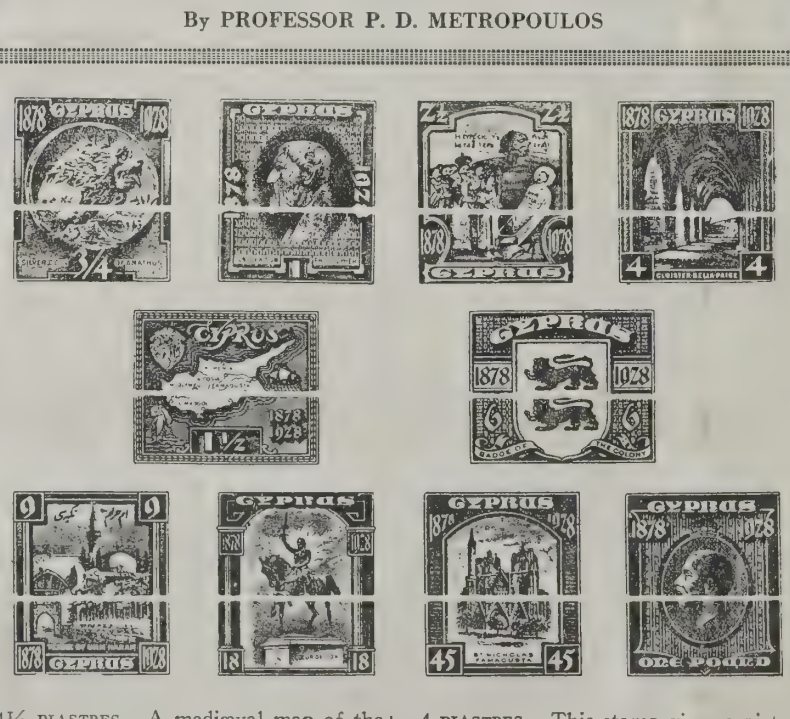
Cyprus is very rich in historical reminiscences, while remains of various periods are scattered all over the island. Monuments of Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Gothic, and Mahometan art are found everywhere.

In June, 1928, fifty years will have elapsed since the Union Jack first flew in the island. The Government of the colony will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the British occupation, and among other events a special pictorial set of stamps, roughly illustrative of the long and various history of Cyprus, was issued on 1st February. This set consists of ten denominations, and will be in use for one year, after which all remaining stock is to be destroyed.

The ten denominations are as follows:

¾ PIASTRE.—An archaic silver coin of Amathus, one of the nine Greek kingdoms of the island in the fifth century (B.C.).

1 PIASTRE.—A portrait of Philosopher Zeno, who was born in Kitium (Larnaca), and was the founder of the Stoic School of Philosophy in Athens at the close of the fourth century (B.C.). The portrait is taken from a contemporary marble statue, now in the public garden at Larnaca.



1½ PIASTRES.—A mediæval map of the island, showing the principal cities and Mount Olympus (6,400 ft.); in the southwest corner may be seen the goddess Aphrodite rising from the sea at Paphos.

2½ PIASTRES.—On this stamp, part of an eighteenth-century fresco in the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. John, Nicosia, is shown, depicting the finding at Salamis of the body of St. Barnabas in the fifth century (A.D.).

4 PIASTRES.—This stamp gives a picture of the thirteenth-century cloister of the Premonstratensian abbey of Delapais, or Bellapais, a magnificent ruin near Kyrenia, described by M. Eulart (*L'Art Gothique et la Renaissance en Chypre*) as the most beautiful and important Gothic monument in the Levant.

6 PIASTRES.—The modern arms of the Colony, as approved by H. M. King Edwards VII. It consists of two lions of gold which Richard Cœur de Lion v on his banners at the taking of Cyp

9 PIASTRES.—On this stamp we s pen-and-ink drawing of the Tekkè Umm Haram, kin of the Prophet hammed, who followed her husband U da when, in the seventh century (he invaded Cyprus. Umm Haram from her mule and died by the Lar Salt Lake. She was buried there, u a prehistoric monolithic structure. spot is now one of the most revere Moslem shrines.

18 PIASTRES.—The bronze equest statue of Richard Cœur de Lion, by H. Thorneycroft, which is erected side the House of Lords, London.

45 PIASTRES.—This stamp shows façade of St. Nicholas—now a mosq Cathedral of Famagusta, which was in 1300, and served as the holy p where the Kings of Cyprus were crow Kings of Jerusalem.

£1.—This stamp bears a profile port of H.M. King George V.

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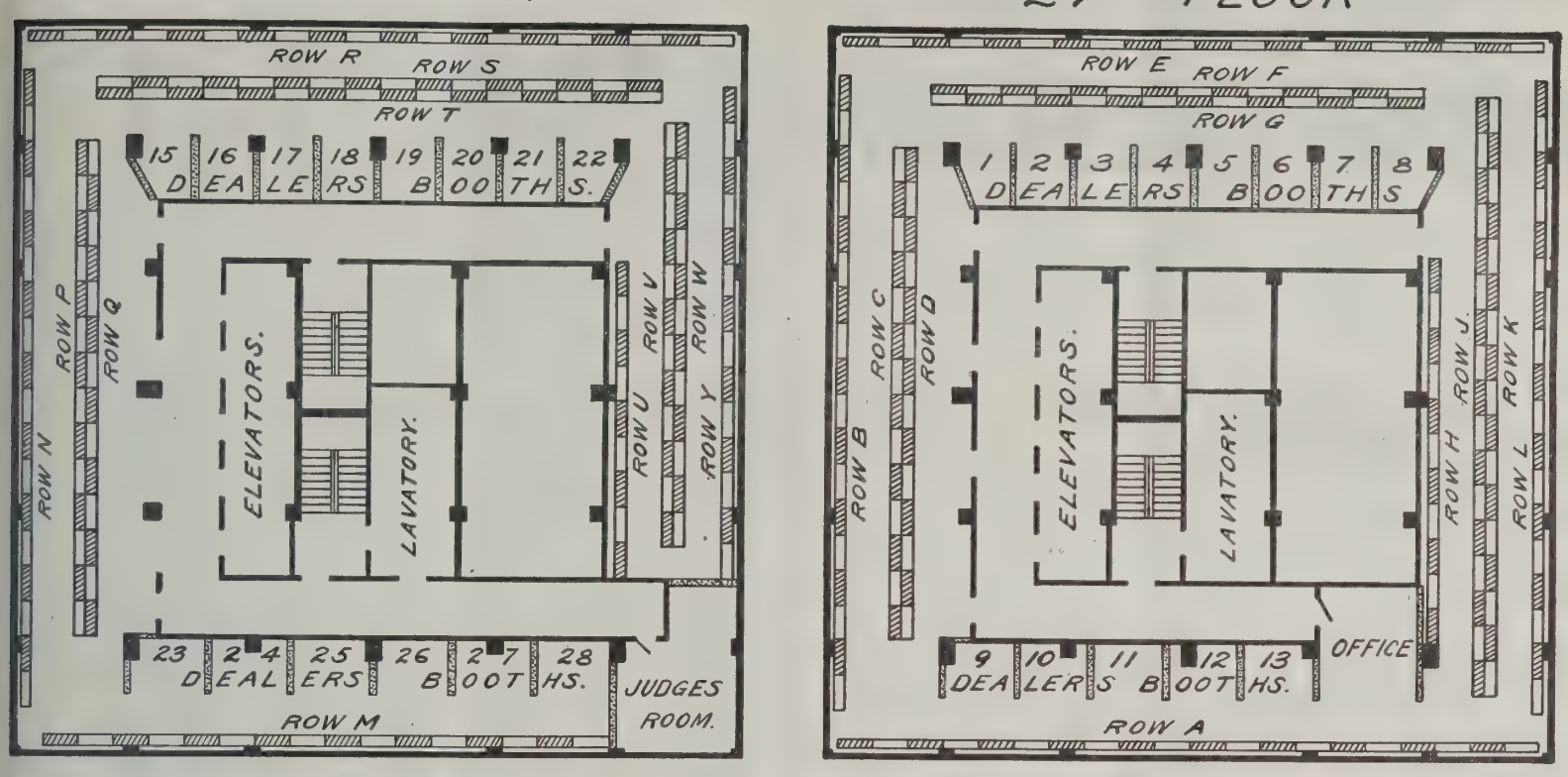

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It is extraordinary what a number of people go through life without a hobby. The man without a hobby is to be pitied, in fact, I almost think he is a curious sort of individual. Without a hobby where are you in your spare time? True that some people are right, in a sense, when they tell you that no one can claim to be hobby free. If, when a man who has no definite hobby has done his day's work and comes home for an hour's rest, he sits with his hands before him—as the saying is—even then, he either reads or smokes to pass the time. Some will say in reading he is indulging in a hobby, but who would class that sort of amusement as a hobby?

A stamp collector very seldom has one hobby. Beyond his favorite pastime, which in this case is stamp collecting, other little things take up his spare time. Primarily his mind hovers around stamps; whatever else may take his fancy for the time being it never has all his attention, for his thoughts are invariably always given to stamps and things philatelic. Lucky man. But stay, is he a lucky man? What is the true and accurate description of a real collector? Does his hobby entirely encompass him and monopolize his thoughts? Does he become a slave to it? Dreaming of it by day and by night, so that it becomes a mild worry? No; usually the thoughts of his pet hobby flit through his mind just when he has the time for it and is in the right mood to appreciate it.

Every one can afford a hobby. A man has a certain amount of money, just enough to live upon in comfort maybe, and usually a little beyond that. He cannot forget that surplus. It worries him—burns a hole in his pouch, so to speak. Therefore, he stops in his tracks and looks around for something to spend it on. "Why not adopt a hobby," suggests somebody. A good idea, he votes, and straight-away pulls off his s tucks up his pants and wades in Jolly good luck to him; may he al find the "water" warm.

Of course, you cannot carry on a by and make a success of it wi spending money. Some people appe think you can. No doubt they do well at it in their own way. They'll a grandee collection, quantity wi there, and after all, quantity is all matters to some collectors. Usua quantity collection made for ne nothing is a very fine one consisti all sorts of stamps, good, bad, indiff awful, worse than awful, shocking, f ful, awesome, etc., but no more, p

However, the gist of the matter i *must* spend some money to collect st properly. Some good folk expect t together a nice collection worth n on an expenditure of a few pence a Quite possible, if they live to be a as Moses, set themselves a date limi debar new issues. Each to his own ing, but don't spoil the chicken hous a penn'orth of pitch. If you do rain will get in, the hens get the c turn nasty tempered, won't lay, and probability, worse will befall Moral—stamp collecting is a great splendid game—*make the best of West-End Philatelist.*

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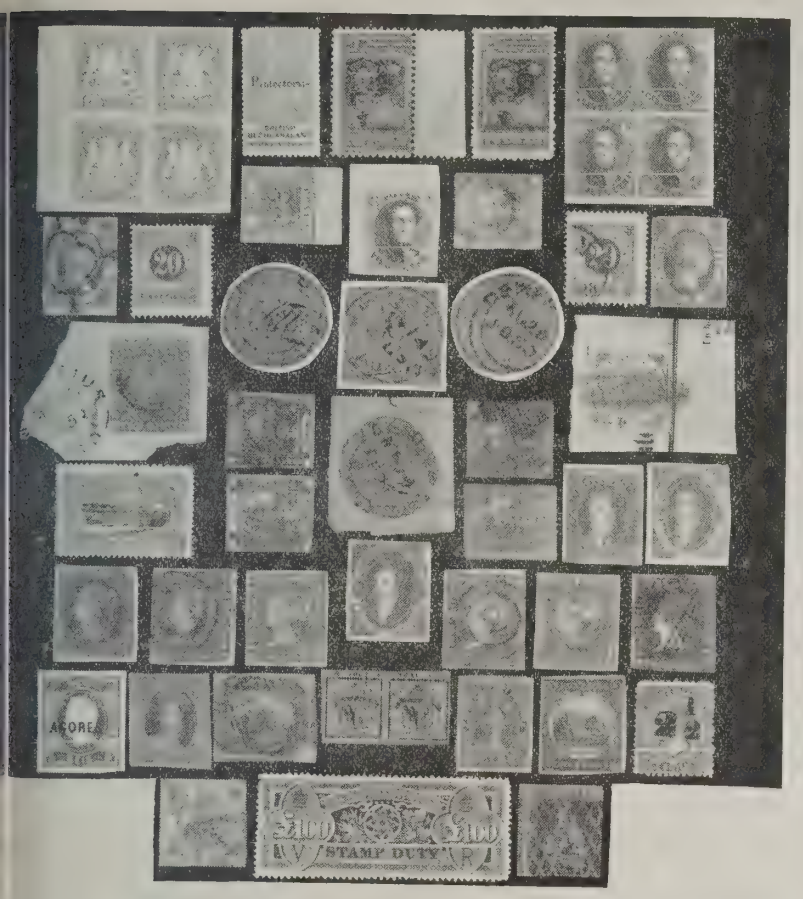

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ubmit a list of the new Express panies recently discovered through esearch at Bancroft Library, Uni- y of California. Since your last nicle, the following (unknown be- have added 32 to the check list. ers may have further information riting me, and should any further mation be desired for other West- Express items, they may have my rch memoranda. It may aid them iny ways, and this co-operation will tended to all parties in the interest rther information, historically and elic.

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PHILATELIC AGENCIES

(*Continued from page 294*)

States stamps have always been forbidden by law, although philatelic publishers are now permitted to depict portions of the frame designs very much enlarged to show technical points.

Other features of the records here collected are notes on the circumstances calling for new stamps, and specifying the postage rates for which they were required.

The sources of the designs are generally given, though the book still leaves many to be identified. The brigrigged paddle steamer "Arctic" (of the old Collins line) on the 12 cent 1869 is simply denoted as an "ocean steamship." The one-dollar Omaha issue, described on the stamp as "Western Cattle in Storm," is here noted as "Cattle in a Storm: J. MacWhirter." It was an entirely unauthorised copy of Mr. MacWhirter's "The Vanguard," and the cattle were in the Highlands.

Only one of the famous "errors" in United States stamps is mentioned, and that is one which did not get into circulation. The writer states that "a model" of the Petro Miguel locks was used as the subject of the 2 cent Panama-Pacific commemoration series of 1912-13, and the title was at first erroneously engraved "Gatun Locks." The mistake was discovered, the large supply was destroyed, and a new die engraved, and, to be altogether on the safe side, the inscription was set down as "Panama Canal."

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made early in 1912; it was obtained by photographing a working model of the locks in the War Department, with the water turned on, and model vessels placed in each lock.

The second part of the book gives a detailed description of the postcards issued since their introduction in the United States on May 1, 1873. The stamped envelopes first issued in 1853 were probably too large an order for inclusion.

Some notes in a light vein summarise the chief dates of innovations, such as books of stamps (April 16, 1900); coils (February 18, 1908); newspaper wrappers (October, 1861); and record how seventeen commemorative issues and three memorial stamps have been interspersed between the ordinary stamp issues.

Sixteen Presidents of the United States and nineteen other persons have been portrayed on the stamps. As other countries have followed America in establishing "Philatelic Agencies," it is to be hoped they will also follow this example of providing collectors with equally full official histories of their stamps.—*Postage Stamp.*

RUBBER CITY STAMP CLUB

By C. A. Bensinger.

THE Rubber City Stamp Club, Akron, O., is entirely a philatelic organization, having operated with continuous activity since December 10, 1919. Early in their history they became Life Branch No. 8, of the American Philatelic Society. One of their earliest and most active Presidents, Mr. O. S. Hart, was formerly a well known collector of 5c New York fame, and still is one of the most enthusiastic U. S. block collectors in the country.

With twenty-four local, and eight out of town members, the Club rarely misses its Thursday evening meetings in Room 601 of the Permanent Title and Trust Building. Traveling collectors are always welcome at these meetings. The personnel of the Rubber City Stamp Club comprises doctors, lawyers, accountants, traffic directors, employment managers, mechanical engineers, jewelers, etc. A few are general collectors; others, British Colonies or British North America, while the majority confine their interest to the stamps of their own country, and among these are several who still further specialize in blocks, cancellations, and plate varieties.

Exchange exhibitions with collectors and societies of nearby cities, often amplified with discussions and presentations of different philatelic subjects, are frequently found on the programs of the weekly meetings.

The following are officers: President, C. W. Bedford; Vice Pres., F. G. Rieck; Sec.-Treas., C. A. Bensinger.

C. W. BEDFORD
Pres. Rubber City Stamp Club

Mr. Bedford is a collector of s of the U. S. He has made a very tensive study and spends consider time in arranging his collection; ha made an outline or drawing of each riety, so these shifts can easily be This collection will be shown at Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition Cleveland, and must be seen to be a ciated.

MARCH SUBSCRIPTION RECORD

Our March contest was very interesting. Many new subscriptions were received, and we are greatly obliged to our many friends for their co-operation. The Ancher Stamp Co. sent in 33 subscriptions for the month, and the firm is closely pressing the Johnson Stamp Co., for second place. W. W. Betts takes the lead this month with a total of 156 for the six months. The following sent in ten or more subscriptions during March:

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RULES REGARDING PRECANCELS

By A. F. GAMBER.

I order to avoid the re-use of pre-elled stamps, and to make the use of e a privilege, the Post Office Depart- has laid down certain rules regulat- he process of precancelling, and the od of distribution and use. Post- ts using precancelled stamps are a permit to do so, and furnished a rubber roller, handstamp, or steel . Those using the two former per- the operation within the office, those ped with steel plates most frequently arrangements with some local er. It is only the very largest offices have the power driven presses that it them to precancel within the ing with steel plates.

e rules of the Department as to od of distribution and use of pre- ls are very definite and admit of no interpretations. They may seem ound and autocratic, but they are ules, and precancel collectors should them just as they should obey all If we were free to leave upon the e books only those laws that seemed ble to us, how many would there be? e first of these rules is that there be no sale of precancels over the er, except to individuals holding its to buy. These permits are se- by individuals or firms by filling blank supplied by their Post Office, hich they pledge themselves not to any precancelled stamps in their ssion to be sold or given to anyone. is the second rule.

lders of such permits may request recancellation of stamps other than at the time in the Postmaster's pre- lled stock, or they may bring in s received as remittances and re- their precancellation. The third excludes from this privilege all ex- permit holders. The object of all rules of course is to make it diffi- for precancelled stamps to be used ond time, and to restrict their use rmit holders only.

some of the larger cities where mail order houses are located, the rtment sometimes furnishes these with rubber rollers or handstamps at they may precancel stamps re- d as remittances without having to them to the office. The fourth is, that this precancelling must be in the presence of some official of cal Post Office, and that no stamps be precancelled for others.

w let's see how these rules apply to ecancel collectors. In the first place, re *not* to buy or attempt to buy stock over the counter. In most s this rule is rigidly enforced, but are places where the collector may ble, through friendship with the naster or stamp clerk, to buy some. *do it!!* By so doing you are likely to bring the wrath of the De- ent down upon the person who, for dship's sake, did you this favor. The r has in mind a case where an oblig- lerk and his Postmaster were both a six months' suspension for being bliging in this respect. Those whom obliged should have shared the sen- with them, but of course that was ssible. But that is not the chief n why we should respect this rule. chief reason is, because it is the rule.

Does any one require any other reason than that? It may be idiotic, but *it's the rule!*

In the second place, we are *not* to buy or attempt to buy our supply from permit holders. Most permit holders refuse to sell or give away a single stamp to collectors, but again friendship or influence may secure them. In this case the consequences of your thoughtfulness may cost the permit holder his permit, and secure the Postmaster an official rebuke. This is not a crushing penalty for either, but it does deprive the holder of the convenience and advantage of using precancels. This is an important matter to him, else he would not have sought his permit in the first place.

In the third place we are *not* to ask our Postmaster to precancel stamps not at the time in his precancelled stock, or to bring stamps of any denomination or issue to the office for precancellation. The penalty in this case may be the loss by the office of its right to use precancels at all, it may be the firing of the obliging clerk, or the suspension of the clerk or Postmaster for a period of time, all for your greed.

It is this third rule which is most consistently and flagrantly disobeyed by precancel collectors. This is what is meant by favor seeking. Seeking precancellation of stamps not in the Postmaster's stock constitutes what we term importing, and stamps thus precancelled are called imports of illegitimate precancels. Perhaps you noted in the December 4th issue of this paper an item to the effect that White Plains stamps were precancelled at the Tulsa, Oklahoma Post Office less than a week after they had been put on sale at the International Exhibition at New York. Here is a clear-cut case of importing. The Tulsa office did not have these stamps in stock, nor did any other, except the Exhibition Office at the Grand Central Palace, and the precancelling was done as a favor. If those stamps were sent in by mail to a clerk in that office for precancelling, it was a clear case of favor seeking, and both clerk and seeker were violating this third rule. If they were sent to some Tulsa permit holder, for him to have precancelled and returned to the seeker, the permit holder in question was likewise violating the law, as the intention of the seeker was to secure a new variety of precancel for sale or trade, while the intention of the permit holder was, not to secure stamps for postal use, but to oblige the seeker. If he did use part of them for postal purposes, his violation was of only slightly less degree. No Post Office has *any* right to precancel stamps brought in by a permit holder except for postal purposes, and no right *at all* to precancel for non permit holders. The fact that some or all of these Tulsa favors were postally used does remove one iota of the taint of favoritism and illegitimacy. Sending in dummy packages along with the stamps desired to be precancelled doesn't lessen the offense a whit.

It is highly encouraging to know that there is less of this favor seeking, and still less of this favor giving right now than there has been for quite some time. As beginners you are all urged *not* to do this thing, and if you know of a case where it has been done, or even suspect it, you are advised to lay all your knowledge or suspicions before the First Vice President of the Precancel Stamp Society, E. J. Newcomer, Yakima, Washington. Do this whether you are a Society member or not, for the Society is making a strenuous effort to put an end to this practice this year. But the large number of Post Offices and the great extent of our country makes this an enormous task, and we need all the assistance we can get.

Another way that you can help combat this evil is by refusing to buy or trade for items which you know or suspect to be favors. If the next catalog designates the known favors and prices them accordingly, as now seems very likely, you will have additional reason to regret having them in your collection.—*American Philatelist.*

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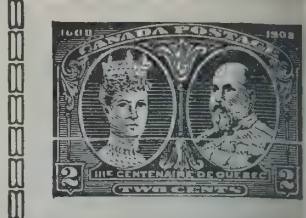

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Baden-Powell Stamps

Major-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell is, with the single and notorious exception of Postmaster O'Connell of New Brunswick, the only individual outside the Royal family whose portrait was, by his own orders, engraved on any postage stamp issued within the confines of the British Empire. The label in question known as the "Baden-Powell stamp," was issued at Mafeking during the historic siege of 1899-1900. It was produced by a photographic process, bears the facial value of 3d and was apparently only available for postage within the town of Mafeking itself. The stamp was designed by Captain Greener, who acted as Chief Paymaster during the siege.

Maldive Islands

By Henry Mayfield, Jr.

The Maldive Islands are composed of about fifteen coral islands in the Indian Ocean, southwest of Ceylon. The natives are mostly Mohammedans, ruled by a sultan, and tributary to the government of Ceylon. The capital is located at Mali. The population of the islands is about 50,000. The chief products are cocoanuts and cowries.

The first issue appeared in 1906. The stamps were surcharged MALDIVES on the then current issue of Ceylon, which was watermarked with the Multiple Crown & C. A. watermark, and with King Edward's picture upon them.

In 1909 another set was issued with a multiple flower watermark. It was composed of four values: 2c orange-brown, 3c green, 5c red-violet, and 10c carmine. In each corner is the value in a square frame. Extending down the left side between the values is the word "Maldives," and on the right side the value is spelled out. Across the top and bottom are Arabic characters. In the center there appears a design which is probably a tower of some sort with Arabian writing underneath in a rectangular frame.

Victoria Falls

In July, 1905, Rhodesia issued a set of stamps commemorating the opening of the Victoria Falls railway bridge. Quite appropriately, the design for this set is a picture of the Victoria Falls. As you look at the picture on these stamps don't you wonder some about the falls themselves? Located in the heart of Africa, on the Cape-to-Cairo railroad, nearly 1,700 miles north of Cape Town, these wonderful falls in the Zambezie River were never seen by white man until David Livingstone discovered them in 1855, and named them in honor of Queen Victoria.

On account of the narrow rocky chasm

below the falls, the water is thrown in a spray hundreds of feet into the air, and the roar can be heard for a great many miles. For this reason, the natives called it "Mosi-oa-Tunya" meaning "the smoke that thunders."

Aside from the picture of the falls as the central design on these stamps, is the date 1905, diagonally across the two upper corners, the value in the two lower corners, while above the picture are the words "British South Africa Company" and below are the words "Victoria Falls." There are six values in the set, namely 1 penny rose-red, 2½ pence ultramarine, 5 pence magenta, 1 shilling blue-green, 2½ shillings black, and the 5 shillings in violet.—A. C. LeDuc.

Oil Needed for Troubled Seas

By H. E. Bubb.

Please correct the statement in the issue of April 16, that the Progressive Stamp Club of Marysville is an elementary club of the Marysville (Cal.) Philatelic Society. The statement is not true, as the Progressive Stamp Club was organized before the present Marysville Philatelic Society, and is in no way connected with it. Your correspondent took this opportunity to "slam" our club because we would not combine with their society.

Benadir

An Italian protectorate established over that part of Somaliland between the river Djouba and British Somaliland. The territory was at first administered by "La Societa Anonima Commerciale Italiana del Benadir," with its headquarters at Milan, under an agreement with the Italian Government. The Company had to pay tribute to the Sultan of Zanzibar and smaller annuities to the Sultans of Obbia and Alula, and they also agreed to establish a postal service. This post was

not in working order until Nov. 1, 1903, and in connection therewith a set of seven stamps was issued. The administration of the Company was so unsatisfactory that from the 15th March, 1905, the Italian Government took over its government and gave the Colony the name of "Somalia Italiana Meridionale" (Italian Southern Somalia). Under an arrangement with Great Britain, Italy took definite possession of the ports of Benadir, over which it possessed only certain rights, on payment to the Government of Zanzibar of the sum of £144,000 sterling.

Junior Dictionary

Assistencia.—An overprint applied to some of the low value stamps of Portugal and Azores in 1912 and 1913. The overprint means literally "to assist" or "to aid," referring of course to the charitable disposal of the funds raised by these stamps. These stamps are used on certain designated days of the year as an additional postal tax on letters posted on these dates, the surplus receipts, above the actual postage, being devoted to the National Aid Society for Consumptives.

Assistencia Nacional Aos Tuberculosos.—(National assistance for the Tuberculous.) The inscription shown on the private stamps issued in Portugal in 1904 for the use of the National Society for aiding consumptives.

A. T.—An abbreviation for "Army Telegraphs" found overprinted on many of the stamps of the now defunct Orange Free State together with the letters "V.R.I." These stamps were used by the British army in the Orange River Colony during the Boer War.

Barkhausen, L.—Designer of the first type of postage due stamps issued in Egypt.

Barnard, J.—A watchmaker and jeweler of Port Louis, Mauritius, who engraved the dies from which the now famous "Post Office" Mauritius stamps issued in 1847 were printed. He also engraved the plates for the "Post Paid" stamps of 1848, which took the place of the 1847 issue.

Austria

By Henry Mayfield, Jr.

When Austria issued the Semi-Postal set of 1915, it evidently wished to make an impression wherever the stamps might journey that it was a military nation. The set was printed in attractive colors and showed the various war machines of the Austrians.

On the 3h+1h is a picture of a squad of infantry at the front. The 5h+2h shows a cavalry unit on the march. A heavy artillery gun with its crew is pictured on the 10h+2h. On the 20h+3h is a warship of the navy, while an early type fighting plane is shown on the 35h +3h.

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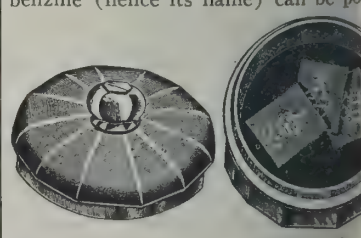

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Bengasi

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SON (ARIZ.) STAMP CLUB

By MERTON MARTENSON.

interesting writeup of the Tucson Stamp ppeared in the Arizona "Daily Star", Tucriz., April 8. Edw. G. Gay, who is the tion manager of the "Star" and also a r of the Tucson Stamp Club, sends us lowing clipping, which we publish with e. Mr. Gay writes of his enjoyment in ng and regrets that he is too busy to all the attention he would like.—ED.)

Tucson Stamp Club, organized in but disbanded after several years, me to life in the past few years in n, increasing its membership 700 nt in the past four years. Stamps ery country, color, size and price be found in the archives of the ers of the Tucson club. Stamp ors representing nearly every walk belong to the club. Bankers, mers, laborers, university professors, hts, physicians are members and ed together will discuss and argue lative merits of the little square bits per, picking flaws and looking for haracteristics in each one.

only surviving member of that band of stamp collectors back in is Reverend E. A. Brown, who has nade honorary member of the pres ub. Others may have been members e club and are living now but the s of the present club have no knowlof them.

jor Edwin A. Norton, secretary and rer of the local club, has one of the collections in the state. He has in lumes approximately 12,000 differarieties of the stamps which he has red in the course of five years.

rge L. Bradbury, president of the n stamp club, whose collection ins stamps of every description from rts of the world, has been of great ance to the younger members of ub. Bradbury's collection has been ed with great care and is considere of the best in the country. He pecialized in the stamps of Asia Minor, France and the French colonies and Portugal.

A. J. McKelvey, vice president of the club, has one of the most unique collections in the club, having specialized in pre-cancelled stamps. In his collection, McKelvey has postmarked stamps from every post office in the state. He also has the cancelled envelopes from every commercial air-mail line in the country. McKelvey took a keen interest in the study of stamps for many years and then dropped it for a time. Recently the lure of the game has taken hold of him again and he is collecting with all the enthusiasm of a boy. Charles F. Gimble, who for many years conducted a business in New York devoted solely to the collection of stamps, had a priceless collection prior to moving to Arizona. He sold his entire collection at a public auction and at present is making a study and collection of the pre-cancelled stamps. Because of his many years of experience, he meets with the club and acts in an advisory capacity to the younger members.

J. D. Barnes, another Tucsonan, who has again fallen for the lure of the game after years of absence, has started again with renewed vigor and has secured a valuable collection of English Colony stamps. F. W. Sherman has specialized in stamps from France, Great Britian and the United States.

Others who have collections of note are Lyndon R. Wilson, commissioner of streets for the city who has specialized in Mexican stamps. His collection is the result of years of gathering and has many interesting phases. The changes of government in Mexico during the past years make the collection doubly fascinating to the collector. Captain C. R. Reynard has a collection which contains nearly all of the stamps issued in British North America. W. E. Code has specialized in Canadian and United States stamps. Lyndon Hargraves has collected stamps from the revolution infested country of Nicaragua which is considered unique in stamp history.

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DISCOVERY OF A 10c BALTIMORE
Cover Hidden For Half A Century Creates Sensation In Stamp Circles

(Clipping from "N. Y. Times" Apr. 22.)

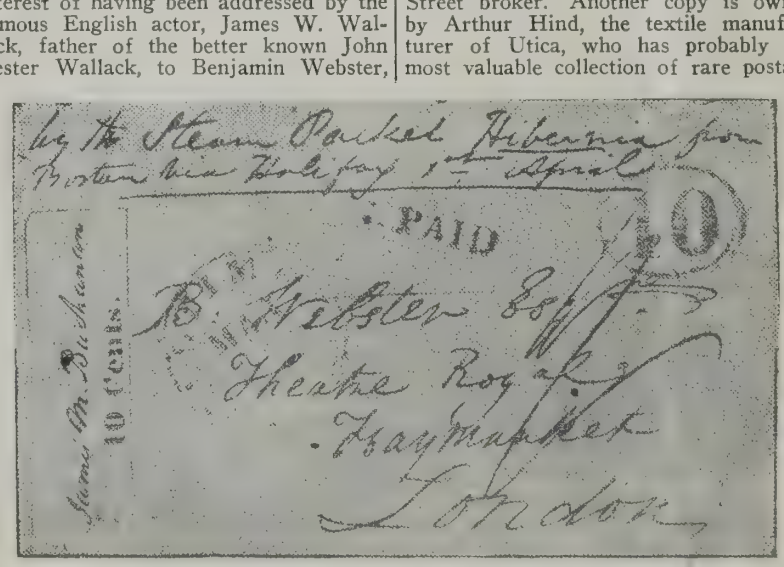
HIDDEN away for more than half a century in a box of curious documents and mementos collected by a venerable English Bishop, one of the rarest United States postage stamps known to philatelists was re-discovered a short time ago and the surviving heirs of the original owner are now several thousand dollars richer. The stamp is the scarce 10-cent denomination of the Baltimore Postmaster issue, 1845, two years prior to the first governmental United States issue.

Prior to its discovery only five copies of the Baltimore 10-cent stamp were known. Two of these are printed on blue paper and three are on white paper. The one recently found is also on white paper and makes the fourth copy of that type known to philatelists.

The stamp was purchased a few days ago by Philip H. Ward, Jr., of Philadelphia, one of the leading stamp dealers in the country. He declined to say exactly what he had paid for the "lucky find," but admitted that he expected to sell it to some collector for about $10,000, and, at that, he said, he would not make a very big profit.

Several postoffices in the United States during 1845 and 1846 issued provisional stamps for their local postal service. In most cases they had a limited use and, with the exception of the New York office, comparatively few have survived. The Baltimore stamp was issued by James M. Buchanan, the postmaster at the time. It was issued in two denominations, 5 and 10 cents. Several copies of the smaller value are known. Both varieties are similar in design, being printed on an oblong strip of paper containing simply the value with the name of the postmaster printed in autograph signature.

The copy recently discovered is also the only one known attached to an envelope sent abroad. The original envelope is in perfect condition, and apart from its philatelic value possesses the additional interest of having been addressed by the famous English actor, James W. Wallack, father of the better known John Lester Wallack, to Benjamin Webster, famous for more than a generation as one of the greatest theatrical managers in England.



James W. Wallack spent the greater part of his latter years in this country and he was evidently fulfilling an engagement in Baltimore when he wrote the letter to Benjamin Webster, which was mailed in March, 1847. It was directed to Mr. Webster at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, London.

The late owner of this rare specimen was Bishop Troughton of Morcombe, Lancashire, England. It was found after his recent death in a box with some other stamps and curiosities and was sent to his relatives in this country for sale. There is no record of how he obtained the letter, but he had a hobby for collecting curious odds and ends. None of his other stamps or curiosities had any material value.

Of the three copies hitherto known on white paper one is owned by Alfred W. Caspary of this city, a well-known Wall Street broker. Another copy is owned by Arthur Hind, the textile manufacturer of Utica, who has probably the most valuable collection of rare postage stamps and curiosities in the world, and the third copy is in the possession of H. G. Lapham of Boston. The latter was formerly the Ferrary copy and at the sale of the Ferrary stamps in Paris a few years ago brought $7,500.

Up to two or three years ago only one 10-cent Baltimore on blue paper was known. It was for many years in the Duveen collection. It is damaged and has been repaired and is now owned by the Boston collector, Mr. Lapham. The second copy on blue paper was purchased from the lucky finder about three years ago by the Scott Stamp and Coin Company. This is in fine condition an ultimately sold to Mr. Hind, givin two admirable copies of one of the United States provisionals.

ANOTHER 10c "BUCHANA

By J. M. BARTELS.

One of the most noteworthy finds in several years occurred quite re Another great "U. S. Classic" has to light, namely the fourth known of the Baltimore 10c on white pa sued by Postmaster James M. Buc in 1845 or 1846, U. S. No. 4, in ou alogs, and listed at $7,000.00.

The writer was fortunate indeed curing this great prize from the into whose hands it fell in rather a way. For many years this won cover lay dormant and unappreci the scrap book of a Bishop in En After his death, about two years some of his effects were sent to he this side of the Atlantic, and thus a has been added to the formerly three copies so highly treasured.

This find is remarkable in seve spects. The letter is addressed to land, the 10c stamp paying the p from Baltimore to Boston from wh traveled on the "Packet Hibernia" the ocean to London. The stamp cancelled, while all three other copi penstroked. The letter is in perfe dition and was written by a Jame Wallack in March, 1847. He was mous actor and the originator of lack's Theaters in New York, and b name still surviving. It is possibl the letter was saved more on acco the autograph than the stamp itse though there were a few other s and several Mulready carricatures, graphs, poems, etc., in the same book.

This newly found prize has al been acquired by one of Philade leading collectors at a price somew excess of the catalog value. The three copies are owned at prese Messrs. Arthur Hind, H. G. Lapha A. H. Caspary.

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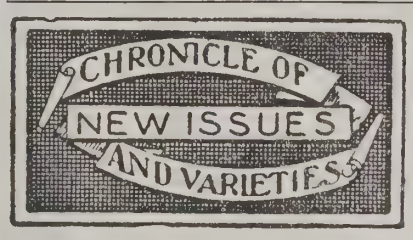

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Postal Bill

The Postal Bill which recently passed the House of Representatives has been somewhat slashed on reaching the Senate. The upper body restores the 1920 schedule on second class mail, and in the case of parcel post service charges, most of these have been removed. The Bill has been reported out, and it is feared that there will be considerable trouble before the Committee is in a position to agree upon a Bill to be passed for the President's signature.

The Bill as it now stands goes to the Senate calendar, with prospects with a fight on the floor when it comes up, by those seeking the terms of the House Bill as originally passed.

The changes made by the Senate also included a reduction in rates on circular letters from 1½c to 1c, and if this is finally approved, we would possibly surcharge the present 1½c envelope with the new value.

The Post Office Bill may not receive the approval of Congress during the present Session, in which case we would continue with rates as heretofore.

This Bill is not to be confused with the Kelly Bill, which refers to the air mail service, and which has been described in detail in this column heretofore.

New Items

Our attention has been called to a new shade in which the 3c rotary print 11x10½ is now appearing. Heretofore, the stamp may be described as a purple, whereas the new shade which is now coming precancelled—New York, we find a very light violet, which is very distinct from the former shade. This is the first real good shade that has come to my attention in the new compound rotary issues.

Mr. Henry W. Watson, representing the Ninth Pennsylvania District in Congress, which embraces the Valley Forge territory, writes that he is still in hopes of seeing the Valley Forge Stamp issued. The fact that the Postmaster General has decided to issue no commemoratives, has not resulted in the elimination of pressure being brought to bear. It is still hoped that he will re-consider his former decision, and that we will find at least one commemorative during the summer.

New Envelope Variety

Mr. H. Clay Reed advises that another envelope of the current 1c green circular design is to be added to the list of known varieties. This is Die A, Size 3, Watermark 27, Low Back on White, and Mr. Reed writes that the new discovered envelope was obtained at the Philatelic Agency at Washington, where it is available.

Finland.—The 10p light blue, watermarked Swastika, has appeared and copies are to hand from Whitfield King & Co., who report the 10m brown and black; 35m orange-red and yellow in the same type.

Gabon.—Whitfield King & Co. send word of the postage due stamps noted under Middle Congo with the same surcharge at the base, but with the "Gabon" at the top.

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Iraq 1923, 5r	cat.	1.50	.75
Official 1923, 1r	cat.	.30	.28
1925, 2r	cat.	.75	.32
Irish 1922-3, surch. ½, 1, 2	cat.	.18	.07
Current, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 1sh			.20
Malta 1914-18, 2½p	cat.	.25	.12
1926, 3p	cat.	..	.40
1926-7, 1sh	cat.	..	.25
1926-7, 1sh 6p	cat.	..	.32
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President Hindenburg, which were to be withdrawn from sale on March 31st, will continue to be issued after that date. The date on which these stamps are to be put out of use will be notified later."—*Stamp Collecting.*

Malta.—Mr. Harry Griffin has shown us the 6p King George type, stamp No. 140, with the surcharge "Air Mail" in two lines in black. Mr. Griffin advises that they are for use on letters to Iraq, India, by the air mail service from Egypt. These letters go from Malta by boat.

Middle Congo. — The Economist Stamp Co. advise of the appearance of the following values of the D2 type postage due stamps of France, with the surcharge "Moyen Congo" at the top, and "A. E. F." at the bottom of the stamp: 5c light blue, 10c chocolate, 20c olive-green, 25c rose, 30c carmine, 45c green, 50c brown-violet, 60c light brown, 1fr red-brown on straw, 2fr red-orange, and 3fr magenta.

Netherlands.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a due stamp with "3 CNT" in the centre. The color is blue, and 7 and 12c values have also been issued.

South West Africa.—Whitfield King & Co. send copies of the 1p red and black, 2p mauve and black, 3p blue and black, and 6p grey and black postage due stamps with the overprint "S.W.A." in black.

Ubangi.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the same values of postage due stamps noted under Middle Congo, with the surcharge "Oubangui—Chari" in two lines, and the same overprint at the base as noted above.

Whitfield King & Co. report the 65c brown and blue for Upper Volta, Wallis and Fortuna, New Caledonia, Reunion, St. Pierre and Miquelon, Senegal, Chad, Fr. Soudan and Ubangi.

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Year.	Scott's Nos.	Price
	ALLENSTEIN	
1920.	1-14, 5pf to 3mk	$ .80
	15-28, 5pf to 3mk, good set	1.25
	ASCENSION	
1922.	1-9, ½p to 3sh	12.95
	AUSTRIA	
1908.	126, 10 kroner	7.95
	126, 10 kroner, used	4.25
1910.	127-140, 1h to 1kr	4.75
1923.	838-846, Cities, beauties	1.65
1924.	847-851, getting very scarce	1.55
	BELGIAN EAST AFRICA	
1924.	6-17, 5c to 10fr	2.35
	BELGIUM	
1926.	295-299, 5/5c to 5/1fr	1.25
	CARINTHIA	
1920.	1-19, 5h to 20k	.55
	51-56, Jugo Slav Issue	.50
	CHILE	
1923.	146-153, 2c to 5p	1.40
	CHINA	
1923.	222, $5.00, used	1.15
	223, $10.00, fine used copies	9.85
	CONGO	
1920.	301-304, Air post	.90
	COSTA RICA	
1923.	469-473, Official	.60
1924.	552-557, Olympic Issue	1.45
	DANZIG	
1920.	1-18, 5pf to 5mk	1.50
	25-30t, 1m/30pf-10m/7½pf cpl.	24.75
1921.	49-58, Kogge Set	1.60
1922.	93-98, 3 good values	1.75
1923.	156-167, 5pf to 5gld	7.95
1924.	428-432, Air mail	1.35
1921.	601-615, Official	4.25
1924.	646-654, getting good	2.75
	DENMARK	
1904.	57-67, 1 ore to 100 ore	1.75
1907.	70-77, 5 ore to 100 ore	1.55
1912.	84, 5kr P. O. Bldg.	3.75
1913.	85-99, 1 ore to 5kr	6.95
1918.	105-112, 27/1 ore to 27/10kr	8.50
	113-122, 27/1 ore to 27/1kr	2.55
1919.	131, 2/5 ore, rare	12.50
1924.	162-173, 12 blks. of 4 all diff. positions	5.00
1926.	186-195, 7/8 ore to 7/2 ore	1.95
1919.	301-306, Postfaerge	7.95
	DUTCH INDIES	
1923.	142-146, Jubilee, 5 beauties, used	1.35
	EGYPT	
1922.	78-91, Comm. Issue cpl., used	3.75
1926.	108-110, Agric., 3 val.	.65
	115-117, Agric. surch., cpl.	.75
	118-120, Navigation cpl.	.50
	ESTONIA	
1924.	212-216, Tri. airmail, Imp.	1.00
1925.	218-222, Tri. airmail, Perf.	.75
	FRANCE	
1926.	231, 55/60c, used	2.35
1922.	412-419, 2nd Charity Issue, unused and used	1.75
	GERMANY	
1906.	80-94, 2pf to 5mk	2.40
1916.	97, 15pf	.55
1920.	115-117, 1.25/1mk to 2.50/2mk	.65
	242a, 8th m/30pf	.65
	264a, 800th m/300mk	1.75
	266a, 800th m/500mk	1.75
1924.	330-341, 3pf to 3mk	3.95
	350, 5 mark	1.75
	422-428, 5pf to 300pf	2.85
	482-485, Charity	2.85
1927.	493-496, Hindenburg Iss.	.75
	ICELAND	
1921.	130-136, 5/16 to 20/40a	1.25
1925.	143-147, Pictorial Issue	.60
	LIECHTENSTEIN	
1921.	54-69, a pretty set and scarce, unused or used	2.95
	LITHUANIA	
1919.	30-60, 10sk to 5 auk	1.55
	70-80, good set	1.65
1920.	81-91, 10sk to 5 auk	.75
1921.	97-111, 10sk to 100 auk	1.85
1923.	165-175, 10c to 5L	2.50
	176-188, Diamond set	3.50
1928.	226-232, 5c to 1L cpl.	.45
	603, 10c/10c	1.50
	LUXEMBURG	
1914.	93-106, 10c to 5fr	3.25
1915.	107-108, 62½ on 2½ and 5fr.	1.00
1916.	109-119, 10 Var.	1.10
1921.	120-134, 2c to 5fr	1.50
1923.	139 and 142, 3 and 10fr	1.30
1926.	155-165, 5c to 1.25fr	.55
1921.	301-306, Charity 1921-3 Issue	.80
1924.	307-310, Charity 1924 Issue	1.55
1925.	311-314, Charity 1925 Issue	.40
1926.	315-319, Prince Jean Issue	.40
1927.	320-324, Philatelic Exposition	1.00
1928.	325-329, Princess Elizabeth	.35
1926.	553-563, Official	.65
	MALTA	
1922.	98-109, ¼p to 10sh	14.50
1926.	114-115, 2½ and 3p	.65
1926.	116-129, Surch. Postage cpl.	22.50
1925.	401-410, Postage Dues	2.75
	MARIENWERDER	
1920.	1-14, 5pf to 5mk cpl.	2.45
	24-31, 5pf to 1mk, rare	19.75
	32-35, 1m/2pf to 5m/7½pf	2.25
	36-39, 1m to 2.50m	.55
	40-53, 5pf to 5mk	2.65
	MEMEL	
1920.	1-11, 5pf/5c to 2m/1fr	.55
	12, 3m/5fr, scarce	5.95
	15-32, 5pf to 2.50mk	7.75
1921.	39-42, 60pf/40c to 20m/45c	.55
	43-49, 15pf to 5mk	.40
1922.	50-71, complete	1.65
	72-85, 35/35 to 50m/2fr	1.25
	86-92, 7 values	.55
1923.	93-101, 3m/5 to 100m/5fr	.40
1921.	301-307, Airmail cpl., * & used	5.95
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	320-330, 3rd Issue	.65
1923.	401-418, complete	1.05
	401a, Memel omitted	.50
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	429-431, French overprints	.95
	432-444, Lighthouse Iss.	1.05
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	473-485, also good group	1.95
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1923	142-150, 2c to 1gld, used	.65
	151, 1gld/17½	.40
1924.	155-157, 10c to 35	1.35
1923.	454-455, 2 scarce ones	.65
1924.	456-460, 2 good sets	.55
1925.	461-467, Issues 1925-6	.55
1927.	468-472, Latest Charity	.40
	New Sport Set	.65
1921.	501-503, Airmail used	.55
1924.	667-671, Postage Dues	.50
	NEW ZEALAND	
1919.	165-170, ½p to 1sh	1.25
1921.	172, 8p blue, good item	.40
	NORWAY	
1925.	120-126, North Pole Issue	.85
1925.	127-130, Spitzbergen, used	.40
1922.	207-216, Postage Dues, used	.55
1925.	401-407, Officials, used	.40
	PHILIPPINES	
1926.	319-325, Comm. Issue, Cpl.	5.50
	RUSSIA	
1921.	177-186, 1r to 1000r	.75
	187, 40r slate	.25
1922.	195, 200, 2 Surcharges	.55
	211-215, 5 Imp.	.50
1923.	242-245, 1r to 7r, Imp.	.85
	246-249, 1r to 7r, Perf.	1.15
	250-259, good set	2.95
1924.	265-268, Lenin, Imp.	.75
	269-72, Lenin, Perf.	.75
	290-293, 4 r. val., used	3.50
1925.	294-297, Lenin Comm., Imp.	1.15
	298-301, Lenin Comm., Perf.	.95
	321-325, 4 r. val., used	3.75
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	336-341, 3k to 14k	1.25
	347-348, 3k & 14k	.40
	514, scarce item	13.50
1921.	515-517, 3 var., good set	.90
1922.	701, Airmail	1.45
1924.	706-709, 5k to 20k	.70
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1920.	1-17, 2pf to 1mk, * or used	5.45
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1927.	405-408, 1926 Issue Surch.	.40
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The *Pathfinder* of March 10, 1928, illustrates an article, "When Carriers Used Own Stamps," by a half-tone of three of the Boyd locals, of 1856, 1877 and 1878, respectively. It is said that Boyd's City Despatch will soon celebrate a century of service as compilers of mailing lists of firms, individuals and institutions. Boyd's classified lists were early comers in the field, and it is truthfully said that Boyd's is a name that is as familiar to the philatelist as to the mail advertiser, who may select from classifications ranging from "Advertising Sky Writers" to "Zinc Smelters" for mailing list purposes. The owner-manager of the business, Mr. Edgar J. Williams, has been identified with the business for many years. Boyd's City Despatch began operations in 1830, and as the name implies, it was a private post, which fifteen years later, began to issue stamps, and continued to do so, until 1878. The following historical particulars will appeal to collectors:

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NEW POSTAGE STAMPS

Observations of Editor of "Washington Post" Concerning Recent Issues.

(Clipping from T. R. Hungerford.)

Mature philatelists and ordinary stamp collectors of a more recent vintage will alike be interested in the activities now being displayed by the postal authorities of sundry countries in bringing out new issues. The younger members of the ever-increasing band will be specially pleased to see and, if possible, acquire examples of the first series of postage stamps issued in Roumania during the reign of Michael, because they show the boy king bare-headed and wearing a plain white jumper or sweater—a representation more natural than dignified and all the more appealing on that account. These stamps are an education in values and colors, which are: 25 bani, gray-black; 50 bani, olive; 1 leu, purple; 2 lei, green; 3 lei, rose; 5 lei, brown; 7.50 lei, ultramarine, and 10 lei, blue. In addition, Roumania is believed to be going to bring out a historical stamp issue in eight denominations to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the occupation of Dobrudja and the tenth of the annexation of Bessarabia. It is understood that the designs will include the monument to Adam Clisi and the sfatul tarie, or parliament, of Bessarabia.

Holland has recently put on a sale at Amsterdam special postage stamps in honor of the forthcoming Olympic games. These are symbolic of various sports. Thus the 1½+2½ cents, brown, represents rowing; 2+3 cents, violet, fencing; 3+4 cents, light green, football; 5+6 cents, light blue, yachting; 7½+10 cents, dark green, putting the weight; 10+12 cents, red, walking; 15+17 cents, dark blue, riding; 30+33 cents, red-brown, boxing. On all these stamps there will be a surtax, which is to be handed over to the Olympiad fund.

A highly humanitarian motive is behind the special series of Swedish postage stamps to be issued on June 15 in commemoration of the seventieth birthday of King Gustav. There will be five denominations, namely, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 ore, respectively. Each will be sold at a premium of 5 ore. The profit so made will be applied to the formation of a fund for cancer research in which the king is deeply interested.

In faraway Sarawak, in the tiny republic of Andorra, and in Bolivia there is just now great activity afoot in the matter of stamps. A new issue announced for early release in Sarawak will be printed on specially watermarked paper and will probably bear the likeness of the present rajah, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke. To Andorra la Vella, the capital of Andorra, Spanish postal officials have been sent in order to assist in organizing a national postoffice there. The stamps now in use, which are of Spanish type, will be eventually replaced by a series illustrating scenes in Andorra and the surrounding country.

Special interest attaches to the news coming from La Paz to the effect that Bolivia is about to regularize the so-called "Tiahuanaca" stamps by placing them on sale at the national postoffices for one day only. These stamps, distinguished by hieroglyphics from the ruined gateway of the ancient Inca temple of the sun, were printed three years ago, but are, so far, regarded as unofficial. Bolivia is also understood to be considering another set of stamps of nineteen different designs to the value of $2,250,000, to be sold by postoffices for a short time and then withdrawn and the balance offered for sale to philatelists.

It is evident that stamp collecting is greatly on the increase and that efforts are being made on a grand scale to cater to the collectors.

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Turks Islands.—Reference my last note, it is now evident that we are not likely to see any more of the 1922 type offered at face or just over. The remainders were destroyed on the new Postage and Revenue set coming into use on March 1st. Prior to that, certain orders had to be cut down or withheld as stocks were running very low, whilst certain duties, including the 5d, 6d and 1/- had become quite exhausted before the new set was ready. Fortunately, we were spared any provisionals. The 2/- also may turn out good; it was not in use as long as the previous stamp on MCA paper. I shall be very glad if some reader can advise me as to the numbers issued of the 2/- on old and new papers respectively? An investment in a few dozen sets of this issue should be very lucrative, at present prices, if it is held for a few years.

I.F.S.—The current high values of this country present an interesting study. The composite pairs in particular are worthy of notice, and the 2/6 especially may turn out quite good.

The 10d Thom has advanced marvellously during the last 18 months, and now is actually quoted over £1 each wholesale. When we consider that practically no regular modern Colonial under 1/- face fetches over 20/-, one may well ask if this item is so extremely rare as to justify this price? Its popularity appears to have pushed the price up until it is now too high in relation to its actual scarcity. I have no figures of numbers issued, but it must be far above the 1,000 or so, one would expect from the price. Comparatively few were used, and plenty appear to have been bought up in mint state, as one not infrequently sees it offered by the dozen, so that it is difficult to imagine it is anything like as rare as the price suggests.

The 6d Gibraltar universal, which was only on sale for a few days in 1912 and of which about 1,200 were sold, is one of the few modern Colonials (excluding provisionals or war issues) whose wholesale price (in this case about 15/-) anywhere approaches the Irish stamp. To those holding this 10d Thom, however, I would strongly advise taking advantage of the extraordinarily high prices at present ruling. Most will remember that it was selling at 2/6 as recently as 1926.

De Pinedo.—Not many of these stamps have come on the market yet, but some of the covers have fetched as high as £20. It has been rumoured that most of these are in the hands of the Newfoundland officials. I do not think it will ever go as high as "The Hawker."

Egypt.—This country has also given us some very scarce items of late. Most will remember the scramble for the P. Fuad issue, notably the 50 piastres, of which it is said only 200 were issued. It is, therefore, rather surprising to find after the free fight that occurred that a certain collector holds a block of 50, or quarter of the entire issue! It looks as though the stamps had not been fairly released, and when any special event is celebrated it would be much better numbers were not artificially rest This is what has been done in Ci where everyone can buy as many fine new set as they desire at face

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This article is a continuation from two weeks ago, in which we are discussing new varieties of handstamped precancels. All of the above illustrations are handstamped styles.

Falmouth, O.—This town appears for the first time. The style is U-54, exemplified by the Milnor overprint.

Golden, Colo.—Recently used a different style from any previous ones. The two words are in two lines without bars or lines, and in very small lettering. The stamp which brought it to my attention was the current 3c perf. 10.

Huntington, Ind.—I believe chick shipments have created a need for precancels at this office, because the 25c was the first variety I secured. When the 25c comes precancelled from a small town it usually spells "baby chicks" as this denomination is one that is seldom used otherwise by a small office. The style is the same as the El Dorado, Kans.

Independence, O., is at hand in practically the identical style used by Independence, Mo., and Iowa, except that lines are used instead of bars.

Kemp, Texas—Prof. A. F. Gamber sends me two stamps on original wrapper bearing the impression of the precancel handstamp used as a regular cancelling device. This style is U-54, a standard type, and it is unusual for it to be used in this fashion. However, this has been done before by small offices—e.g., Wahpeton, N. D., and Granada, Minn.

Kingsport, Pa.—The 4c at hand from this office bears the El Dorado style. It marks Kingsport's first use of the precancel.

Lansdale, Pa.—Here is a case where a handstamp has been kept for many years without its being used. No varieties of the 1917 series are known although the 8 and 12c perf. 10 exist. The current series 4c is listed in the Standard Precancel Catalog. I have also the 20c normal and 25c inverted.

Lankershim, Calif., makes an interesting addition to this state. Lankershim is in Los Angeles county, which is all the information I am able to give about it. The 1½c is the only item I have with the precancellation, which is a bit different in style from anything in my collection. While the overprint appears to be handstamped, close inspection shows it to be printed in dull gray ink.

London, O.—Baby chicks again! The style is like the Pella illustration.

Lidgerwood, N. D.—Another 1927 Xmas issue just coming to light. Prof. Gamber informs me that he has several varieties in the same style as Milnor.

Mentone, Ind., is now using the U-54 handstamp, although the U-51 was received recently. Perhaps it was lost or stolen, it couldn't have worn out.

New Washington, O.—Type I is obsolete, a new handstamp having been received. This produces a two line overprint reading "New Washing—ton, Ohio," in a similar font of type.

Ottawa, O., is another new Ohio office to spring up in the precancel field. Like London, the style is the same as Pella.

Ocean City, N. J.—Look at the Wapello illustration, and you can picture Ocean City on the current 2c.

Pella, Iowa—The illustrated style is this office's first precancel handstamp. I have the 6, 7, 8, 10 and 15c of the current series.

Pocahontas, Ill., has been reported in the U-54 style, but no specimens have been seen by me to verify this.

Peabody, Mass.—the U-51 style has been in use at this office for some time.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—It was somewhat of a surprise when I chanced upon a current 50c, precancelled Santa Barbara, Cal., in two lines of small caps—the U-71 style, for all previous precancels from there had come in the printed U-9.

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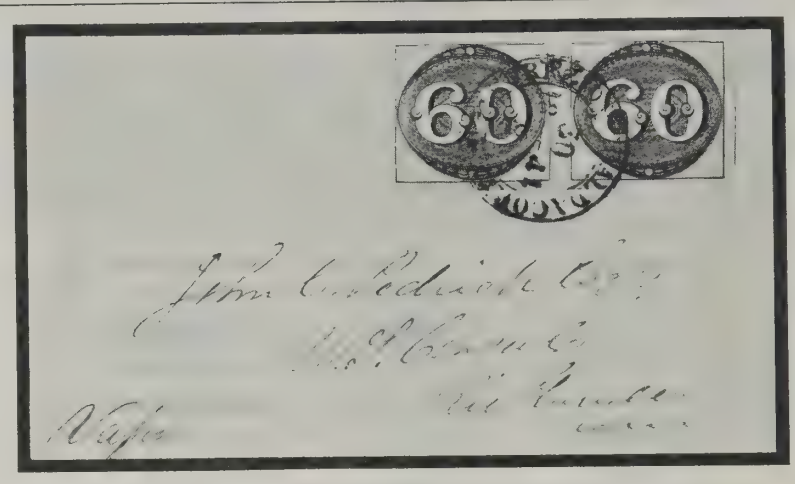

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Recently, Mr. S. Newbury of Chicago, collector extraordinary of the first issue or bull's-eyes of Brazil secured the cover that is shown here, and which he is glad to place among such aristocrats as used blocks of 17 and 9 respectively of the ninety reis, Brazil, 1843. It must be noticed that the pair of 60 reis pictured here is on the face of the cover, and that the stamps were not placed on the back as was the general custom, to serve as seals. This departure from the rule was due to the fact that the sender of the envelope was an American, who wrote from Montevideo to the U. S. Consul at Rio Janerio, Brazil, John C. Pedrick, Esq. The stamps were carried by steamer and canceled at Rio on July 30, 1844, the letter having been dated at Montevideo on July 25, 1844. The condition of the stamps is unbelievably superb, and altogether the piece is altogether the realization of a Brazil specialist's dream, almost.

Rahway, N. J.—My saddest "find" occurred last week. From a party saving precancels for me in a local mercantile house, I secured three large blocks of the current 10c airmail—about sixty stamps in all—which had been precancelled in Type I—a rubber roller overprint. On about five stamps the cancellation was readable, the balance being so faintly overprinted as to render them of little value. This roller should have been scrapped long ago, for it can no longer produce a clean cut precancellation.

Randolph, Va.—A precancel is always more desirable when it calls to mind a bit of history. Certainly Randolph, Va., is a precancellation of this sort. The U-53 handstamp is doing the work.

Shippensburg Pa.—Blaine Myers shows me the current 10c with "SHIPPENS—BURG, PA." appearing in two lines between lines, the exact style of which is shown by the Wapello illustration.

Spokane, Wash., is clearing up a supply of 1c 1912 series, imperforated, by precancelling them with a handstamp. This overprint is similar to U-54.

Talladega, Ala., is a welcome addition to the ranks, for Alabama precancels are comparatively few in number. The Talladega precancellation is of the U-51 style. I have only the 30c, reading down.

Wapello, Iowa—This third class office is using precancels for the first time. In the illustrated style I have the 10 and 13c.

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A REVIEW OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

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A great deal of confusion has resulted from the recent activity of this country as to the relative rarity of the various surcharges. South West Africa, a new comer in the philatelic world, has in a brief five years assumed an undisputed lead among 20th century British Colonials, and many of the duties bid fair to become numbered among the outstanding rarities.

This in spite of the fact that surcharged stamps as a class are looked upon with suspicion in certain quarters, and especially when the postage dues are considered. Dues as a class are not popular, and coupled with the fact that they are also surcharged, makes their popularity even more remarkable.

Here we are confronted with lack of stabilization due to lack of actual knowledge, but out of the conflicting ideas, certain facts are rapidly becoming established.

First the comparative rarity of the 1st and 2d settings is undergoing a very rapid adjustment. Collectors relying upon the cat. quotations have been of the opinion that the 2d setting was the rarer, but its becoming more apparent every day that the high duties of the 1st setting, i.e., the 5/, 10/ and the pound are more difficult to obtain than the same duties in the 2d setting.

In two instances this fact is obvious, i.e., the 5/ and 10/ Scott's Nos. 19-20 and 21-22. Already higher prices are obtained for these two pair, than can be secured from the 5 and 10/ of the 2d setting, Nos. 25-6 and 27-8, and without doubt the 10/ of the 1st setting will soon be recognized as the rarest of all the South West Africa pairs. At a very recent auction sale in N. Y. City this pair brought $39.00. Worldwide search of every available source fails to uncover any supply of this rare pair.

The case of the pound 1st setting is not so obvious, but the trend is all in favor of its becoming more valuable than the pound of the 2d setting. The 2d setting pounder still commands the better price, but again it's easier to uncover, and some day demand and supply will place these two pair in their proper stations. Water is bound to reach its own level sooner or later.

Passing to the 3d setting the pound value here is entirely underrated. Gibbons recently revised prices place this duty at eight pounds for the pair.

In the fourth setting the 2/6 Scott's Nos. 57-8 is still another pair with the value as yet unrecognized by the catalogers. It's on most want lists.

Another interesting situation developed with the unexpected withdrawal of the first pictorial surcharges when the "S.W. A." were issued. This change was accomplished before dealers either in London, or in this country had any opportunity to stock up in a speculative sense. Of course local speculators secured a supply, but this has proved insufficient for worldwide demands, and the resulting scramble sent prices skyward. I have heard South West Africa referred to as the General Motors of the stamp market, and the rapidity of advancing prices was doubtless the cause of this observation. However General Motors has some 17,000,000 shares, and commands about $190.00 a share, so I am afraid that the prices obtained even by the rare South West Africa stamps are as yet very commonplace in comparison.

Reviewing Gibbons recently issued new price schedule, I note 60/ opposite Scott's Nos. 99-100, and 5 pounds opposite Scott's Nos. 103-4. It is also interesting to note that Gibbons lists a variety of the 10/ pictorial with a wider spacing, which is priced six pounds for the pair against five pounds for the normal.

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The demand for several of the recent issues is also well maintained. **It is already months ago that I picked the 5/-, #101-102, to be the best of the first Pictorial Issue, and I so advised my customers. This stamp went out of stock before any of the other values.** This may be interesting news, especially in view of the fact that the 2/6, #99-100, was given a big boost in the London market.

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The postage dues afford an even more confusing picture, for South West Africa is noted for producing philatelic surprises, and the dues have come in for more than their share of such notoriety.

Little is known of the merits or demerits of the 5d dues on Transvaal, setting 3 and 4, Scott's Nos. 335-6, and 345-6, and until recently collectors were not aware of their existence.

Co. Worthing of South Africa is the authority, according to Gibbons for these two issues. Gibbons prices the 3d setting at a nominal price of six pounds, but one of the leading authorities in London reports this pair practically unobtainable. I never have seen a pair, and am under the impression that very few, if any, have found their way to this country.

The 4th setting of the 5d dues Scott's Nos. 345-6 have been imported in a small way, and while unpriced by both Scott and Gibbons has to my certain knowledge brought $75.00 a pair, and according to reports considerably higher.

A few pair passed thru my hands, and I submitted a pair to the Scott Co. last fall, and they were chronicled in the November *Monthly Journal* issued by that firm.

Both these two pair of dues are far rarer than the same 5d dues on Transvaal with the 2d setting, which cat. for $50.00 a pair, and while there is no way to accurately forecast the future, there is no doubt that they should be included in the outstanding rarity class for late 20th century stamps. In figuring such possibilities it must not be overlooked that it takes more than just scarcity to bring a stamp in the limelight. Scarcity plus demand is the magic combination. Only when this combination operates does an outstanding rarity result.

Among the lesser dues is still another and last of the 5d Transvaal dues surcharged for use in South West Africa, i.e., the well known "Suidwes" variety. The last sixty panes of the 5d Transvaal were used in this surcharge. This means 1,800 pair, and comparing with well known 20th century rarities such as the Malta 10/ MCA, and the pound St. Kitts No. 62, the fact is established that the number issued of this last variety of South West Africa dues is very favorable.

Another postage due that has escaped the makers of cat. quotations is the 2d duty of the 1st setting, Scott's Nos. 309-10. It's far harder to uncover than the 3d of the same setting.

Last, but not least, is the 6d Dues of the 6th setting. Scott's Nos. 367-8. Recent importations from the P. O. have always found this duty missing, and either the 4th or 8th setting of the 6d dues being supplied.

Here is a country with a postal history of about five years that includes so many scarce and rare issues, that already it takes a pretty good bank roll to complete (if possible), and a country that has captured the public imagination. Its unique place in the minds of modern collectors will soon make the task of completing this country more difficult, as the soundness of these stamps become more generally recognized.

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President Richard Meyering a toastmaster. He also walked aw the chief prize of the evening, Union of South Africa, No. 13 Dewey won the ladies prize, a tw box of candy, and promptly pa around with the result that she ha ing left for herself. Dr. Geo French told of some of his man esting experiences in his own a style. Auctioneer Jules Abeles w more successful than usual in open our pockets, and the club t profited accordingly.

No attempt was made to ha thing other than an evening of f enjoyment, and it was voted a success.

SUDDEN DEATH OF B. L. D

Just as we go to press this w learn of the death of the well dealer philatelist, Bertrand L. Dre death occurred Wednesday, May news will come as a shock to number of collectors, who have Mr. Drew through his many pl activities. He has long been a of the A. P. S. and other philat ganizations. The Boston Philate ciety was particularly loved by h he gave a great deal of time and in promoting its activities.

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ws direct to Mr. Markee and espe-
dvance news concerning first flights,
mes of cities served. The scope of
partment will not allow the treat-
flights from other than the purely
ic standpoint.)

use, N. Y., applied a very attractive
to covers mailed during the week at
craft Exposition. Dated April 30th
5th, covers seen so far are cancelled
hine and the rubber stamp impres-
shield with a six-line wording read-
ost Office Station—Mailed at the N.
te Aircraft Exposition—April 30th-
h '28. Syracuse, N. Y." is sur-
d with a monoplane headed "East".
men is at hand from A. A. Leve.

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lebration of the opening of direct
ion with the South by Air Mail,
and Hartford, through the courtesy
Colonial Air Transport, had the
e of getting letters impressed with
al cachet of neat and attractive de-
In order to receive the cachet, it was
ry to present covers to Officials of
nsport Co., who applied the impres-
d turned the mail over to the P. O.
or despatch. Over 4000 covers were
on the Southbound trip May 1st,
ng just 100 lbs. 2 oz.! The plane
g mail from Hadley Field South
AM #19, in which the Boston sacks
tored, crashed at Philadelphia, mail
elayed by the accident.

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igns point to a special cancellation
Louis on May 21st. This is the anni-
of Lindbergh's hop to Paris and I
tand that efforts are being made to
special cachet applied to mail on
te. It's worth a gamble, anyway.

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rs sent to Mexico City recently have
been returned (second time) with a
rom the consul in charge containing
tement that the State Department
longer permit Consuls purchasing
andise" in the various countries in
they are located. The letter states
tamps have been classified as mer-
se and can no longer be purchased
m for shipment out of the country!
ruling! Now, it's up to you to find
wn correspondent and not bother
Uncle Sam. Busy guy, Uncle Sam.
four inches more of red tape and it
almost enough to put the crimp in
relations for good, so far as stamp
ng is concerned.

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pping from H. W. Boers announces
osed Air Mail service between the
al cities of So. Michigan and con-
with the New York-Chicago air
Early July has been given as the
Bay City, Saginaw, Flint, Lansing,
e, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Muske-
d Grand Rapids will be covered.

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Boston-New York-New Orleans flight
was well patronized. We acknowl-
courtesies from A. E. Gorham and
Harvey Harwood (New Orleans),
Pattillo (Birmingham), Bernard M.
and Bradie Buchanan (Greenboro),
mond Carroll (Atlanta) and A. E.
n (Hartford). C. A. M. 23 and 19
outes used. We shall illustrate later
rious cachet used.

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re go to press two C. A. M. 19 and
flight covers are at hand from A. E.
n, each with a purple "Air Mail
Atlanta, Ga." circular marking and
first flight cachet in same color. On
velope face are pictures of the U. S.
New York, Atlanta and New Orleans
or. Some covers!

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Perhaps more important to the teacher of history than any of the stamps mentioned above are those showing a definite historical scene. Such stamps, nearly always of large size, have usually appeared in commemorative sets.

The United States has commemorated a number of great events in its history by the issue of one or more special stamps. In most cases the event has called forth a great exposition, of which the stamp was, in a sense, a part. Following is a complete list of the United States "commemoratives":

Date and Event.	Date of Issue.	No. of Stamps in Set
1492 Discovery of America	1893	16
1607 Settlement of Jamestown	1907	3
1609 Discovery of Hudson River	1909	1
1620 Settlement of Plymouth	1920	3
1624 Settlement of New York	1924	3
Each stamp is inscribed "Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary" thus honoring also the Huguenot colonizing efforts in Florida and South Carolina.		
1776 Battles of Lexington and Concord	1926	3
1776 Declaration of Independence	1926	Stamped env.
	1776	1
1776 Battle of White Plains	1926	1
1803 Purchase of Louisiana	1903	5
1807 Trip of Fulton's *Clermont* up the Hudson	1909	Same as Hudson Stp.
1809 Birth of Lincoln	1909	1
1825 Beginning of Norse immigration	1925	1
1869 Completion of first transcontinental railroad	1869	10
1898 Trans-Mississippi Exposition, Omaha	1898	9
1901 Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo	1901	6
1909 Alaska - Yukon - Pacific Exposition, Seattle	1909	1
1912 Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, in honor of the near-completion of the Panama Canal	1912	4
1918 Victorious conclusion of Great War	1919	1
1923 Death of Harding	1923	1
1926 Unveiling of monument in Washington to Ericsson, inventor of the *Monitor*	1926	1

At least one of the incidents portrayed on these stamps is apocryphal (Queen Isabella pledging her jewels to finance Columbus, a reproduction of a famous painting by Munoz Degrain, now in Madrid), but all are of decided interest.

The Trans-Mississippi issue is of particular interest in the study of the westward expansion of the United States. The nine stamps portray the following: "Marquette on the Mississippi," "Farming in the West," "Indian Hunting Buffalo," "Fremont in the Rocky Mountains," "Troops Guarding (Emigrant) Train," "Hardships of Emigration," "Western Mining Prospector," "Western Cattle in Storm," and the (Eads) "Mississippi River Bridge" at St. Louis.

Hispanic-American countries have apparently not been torn by revolution too frequently to issue commemorative stamps in great numbers. Of the seventeen mainland republics all, except Panama and Guatemala, have commemorated sometime between 1810 and 1825 the centennial of the general continental war for independence from Spain, or military leaders, battles, or events thereof. Six (Argentine, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Salvador, and Venezuela) have commemorated Columbus' discovery. In addition, Porto Rico (then Spanish) and several of the British West India islands have commemorated Columbus, while Brazil in 1900 honored Cabral, the first European to touch her shores (1500). These commemorative issues range from one stamp to more than a dozen, and from exceptionally beautiful sets, such as Salvador's Columbian issue, to overprinted issues such as those of Uruguay. Some of the sets have only one design, others have a different design for each value. Some countries (Bolivia, Ecuador, Salvador and Uruguay) issued two or three sets to commemorate various phases of the War for Independence. Perhaps the Independence Issue (15 values) of Chile is the most interesting. Various stamps of the set picture the battles of Chacabuco, Roble, and Maipo, the last named of decisive importance. Portraits of, or monuments to, a number of revolutionary leaders, such as O'Higgins, Carrera, San Martin, Blanco, Zenteno, and Cochrane, adorn other values.

Other political events which have led to commemorative stamps in Hispanic-America are as follows:

Argentina—Opening of the port of Rosario, second largest city in the republic (1902).

Centenary (1911) of the birth of Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, President from 1868 to 1874, but chiefly noted as an educational reformer. He was a great admirer of the United States and wrote a biography of Lincoln.

Centenary of the presidency of Bernardino Rivadavia (1926).

Bolivia—Establishment of a National Aviation School (1924).

Brazil—Centenary (1908) of the opening of Brazil's ports to foreign Commerce.

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EDITORIAL

Four new air mail routes are in the offing. The route between Albany and Buffalo, New York, will be in service on June 1, 1928. This airway will afford a route from Albany and intermediate cities that will connect with Cleveland, on the New York-San Francisco line. The service will be a daily one, with the Colonial Western Airways, Incorporated, as contractors. The other routes on which bids have been opened are from Chicago to Atlanta, Georgia; from St. Louis to Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, Nebraska, and a route running from Chicago to Kalamazoo, Michigan, that will "cover the state of Michigan like a blanket."

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A correspondent has sent in a clipping from the floral catalogue of Mr. A. E. Kunderd, Goshen, Indiana, that illustrates the plant, "Philatelia" which, according to the text, was "named to honor the great educational hobby of postage stamp collecting." The plant which is priced at ten dollars is described: "Flowers very large. Color, deep tyrian-rose. Upper portion of throat lighter. Lower petals feathered darker than main color. One of the best gladioli produced in recent years. As a landscape and vase variety it would be hard to surpass." The tribute that is paid stamp collecting by Mr. Kunderd is a graceful one, and we have an access of pride in our pursuit to know that philately has been chosen for this distinction.

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Mr. Elliott Perry, Westfield, New Jersey, one of the closest students of our earlier issues was in Chicago some weeks ago with a lot of U. S. stamps that eased the eye, especially U. S. covers from the Ackerman collection. Those who were privileged to see the covers acquired an increased knowledge and respect for them, as Mr. Perry explained that there was more to cover collecting than the mere covers themselves. Not alone does foreign and domestic destination have weight, but also, the routes and other considerations have a bearing; and any deviation from the normal is carefully studied by the advanced cover collector. For instance, an envelope from this country to Australia with a 12c of the 1870 type is scarcer than one with the same 12c addressed to Great Britain. It may be added that Mr. Perry's studies of the plating of the 10c of 1847 have made his knowledge in demand in helping aspirants in this field, which is such as to acquire a high degree of research and application. However, we learn that there are a number of collectors who are engaged in this labor of love.

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A traveller who has returned from a visit to out-of-the-way places in Europe tells the usual tale of being unable to get anything exceptionally fine off the beaten track. He declares that if he charged up the time that he spent in nosing around, the few things that he obtained were as dearly bought as Ben Franklin's whistle; and then, a great white light of inspiration coming to him, he makes the prize conservative statement that "really good old stamps are getting scarce, everywhere." No one will accuse him of radicalism, at this, as years ago, Mr. M. P. Castle wrote an article on the "Shrinkage of Rarities" that made an impression at the time, since he showed that no matter how great the demand for stamps, the supply of certain of them was as not even stationary, but ever shrinking. About the best place to buy stamp is at home.

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"If so much attention is being given to precanceled stamps and air mails, doesn't it follow that the regular stamps are being neglected correspondingly?" is a question asked by a correspondent who does not stop for an answer, but proceeds to show that he thinks that he is right. Philately, indeed, would be "to hastening ills a prey" if its welfare depended upon either artificial checks or stimulants. It may be said with truth that while collectors in many cases have preferences, they do not try to impose them on those who do not take to them kindly. Philately has been relatively free from propaganda, and while attempts have been made to press-agent certain stamps, they have not been sustained or influential. The solidity of collecting is such that it is not shaken by any captious criticism of any endeavor that has to do with stamps. In fact, the very liberality that pervades the atmosphere of philately is due to a realization of its permanency. It is to be said that air mails have proved to be a feeder for philately and precanceled stamps have given as much, if not more, to the ranks of collectors than they have taken away.

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Here is a trifle heavier than air that is printed without a smile. A shrewd stamp speculator inserted an ad in a large city newspaper offering a collection for sale in the Sunday want ads; and in order to help along his game, he also had another ad. under a different key-number to buy a collection similar to the one that he offered for sale. The trick is not a new one, by-the-way. However, he got his mental wires crossed, and he wrote to the wanted-to-buy ad and found that he wanted to buy the collection that he wanted to sell. The overly sharp advertiser had answered his own ad.

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Recently, we had a visit from Mr. Franklin Coombs, New York, who called at the Chicago office of the WEEKLY; and the interval between the first and last call there of Mr. Coombs was just thirty years. It was in 1898 when Mr. Coombs first came to Chicago, where soon, he was engaged in the stamp business in a modest way; and he says that the 1898 issue of U. S. revenues gave him his start. From a small beginning, Mr. Coombs developed into a recognized dealer in a short time, such was his acuteness in opening avenues of trade that became profitable. After some years in Chicago, he yielded to the call of New York and established himself there, where his business thrived until now, Mr. Coombs may indulge in travel or what you will, without cupping his ear to hear the clamor arising from the stamp marts. One of the principal ingredients in the recipe of a successful dealer is embodied in Mr. Coombs, and that is an understanding of stamps in their collecting sense as well as commercial aspect.

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We read that a collector somewhere claims credit for having attended philatelic meetings faithfully since the year 1890, and that he thinks that he has heard more minutes of previous meetings read than any other philatelist. It is all right for him to pat himself on the back, and we say all hail to his devotion, but it is only fair that he move over and give the center of the lime-light to Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, who has been attending stamp meetings for a longer period; and even the editor of this seemly sheet has been among those present at stamp meetings since December, 1888.

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A reader says: "I am not able to buy old U. S. in prime condition because the prices of them are too high"; and we may add that the price of many a 20th century U. S. is in the clouds. However, though he may be "foiled" in getting his U. S., he will find that there are hundreds of other countries with stamps at inviting prices. Of course, if everybody wants good old U. S. at the same time, prices achieve an altitude record.

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This is a good sale and catalogs were mailed to all on our list on April 14th. Did you get yours? If not, write for a duplicate. The sale includes a plentiful supply of U. S. post, revenues, M & M, 20th Century British Cols., etc., and 1 "Stuck Down Tight Collection" in 3 Vols., catalog value $3698.26; lots of fun looking for rare watermarks, variety possibilities, etc.

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hadows a $5-£1 rate of exchange in
ther W. I. Colonies? The U. S. P.
ept. still employs the $4.90-£1 rate,
wer.

ote the 2½d and 5/- of the new set
n "lemon," so we may as well be
e lookout for shade varieties in the
rs and paper of these duties. As a
r of fact, one well-known London
Issue House, which described their
distribution of the 2½d as "reddish-
e on lemon," have already found a
r variety, which they term "deep
e on lemon."

looks as if 1928 is going to be a big
so far as modern British Colonials
oncerned. Already we have the new
foundland pictorials, the Cyprus Ju-
set, and the new Turks set; and
will very likely be new sets coming
Gibraltar and Gold Coast, and per-
Jamaica, for which a complete new
s is rumoured. The latest news, as
ew designs, is that a new pictorial
for Falkland Ids. is to be issued
the end of the year! I don't think
is much chance of the current 5/-
0/- appearing on script paper before
but you never can tell! So if you
n't these, better get them at once. A
f the current series used on pieces
ntires is well worth getting hold of;
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Canal Zone

—Gorgas and Goethals Commemoratives Are Soon to be Issued.

"N. Y. Times" Clipping (Herb Ahrend).

BALBOA, May 5.—The issue of Canal Zone postage stamps in commemoration of the work of General G. W. Goethals and General W. C. Gorgas in the construction of the Panama Canal, has been authorized by Governor M. L. Walker. The likeness of General Goethals will be used on the two-cent stamp and that of General Gorgas on the one-cent stamp.

The Bureau of Printing and Engraving at Washington will print the stamps, which are intended as part of the permanent issue of Canal Zone postage.

Before the abrogation of the Taft Agreement, the Bureau of Posts at the Canal used Panaman postage stamps surcharged "Canal Zone." Since then it has used United States stamps with the same surcharge. The Goethals and Gorgas issues are the only permanent stamps authorized at present. They will probably be placed in use on Sept. 1.

CREDIT TO MR. ACKERMAN

Cong. E. R. Ackerman very kindly wired the Beverly office about the new Valley Forge stamp, and we intended to use his information this week. On the same day, however, our Portland office received a wire and Mr. Jewett tucked it into the last form of the May 7 issue. The news was too important to hold over.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

ROMANCE IN REVENUES

By BEVERLY S. KING.
Secretary, A. P. S. Revenue Unit.

"United States Revenue Stamps? No, Sir, we have none," said a well-known dealer to me recently. "Why are you interested in 'Labels'? Collect postage stamps—they mean something, have seen service, traveled thousands of miles and are personal representatives of all countries of the world! Look at this new issue of Slato Tititi—full of action, fine colors, beautiful to look at!"

They were good looking, and "full of action"—but no more so than our revenues and myriads of stories one can conjure up regarding them. "Fine color," yes, but no finer than the exquisite engraving and beautiful tones of the early revenues. I'd much rather admire a 2c blue bank check than the animal stamp pressed on me by my friend, the dealer—and I'd hunted that particular animal, too!

Think of the romance hidden in the revenue stamps, the common 2c one for instance. I have an old check dated February 14, 1867, noted across one corner "in payment of loan"—the check came back marked "insufficient funds." There is a story there if you but use your imagination, a story of hard luck, a generous friend and, perhaps, misplaced confidence. Why the need of the money, what arguments to produce it, and whether eventually it was ever paid back. Life? Yes. Sordid? Perhaps, but romance? Lots of it, and the only reason this particular check is in existence is because of the 2c orange Internal Revenue stamp stuck askew in one corner, with the beautifully engraved head of George Washington smiling benignly on the whole sad affair.

A short while ago a friend showed me a deed to some oil lands, dated Feb. 8, 1865, on which reposed four $200 bi-colored imperforated revenues, three $50, and one $20—a show piece fit to grace any collection. But what was the story behind the stamps? Had the oil been discovered by some homesteader whose farm was heavily mortgaged? (stamps on that document). Notes overdue at the bank? (stamps on the notes). Wife sick? (possible use of a 6c Proprietary). And he one day noticed an irridescent scum oozing up in some damp corner of a field? Perhaps. Or maybe oil indications were discovered by a scout sent out by some powerful Company in the East, handlers of stocks, leases, notes, checks, mortgages, agreements and what not, all calling for revenue stamps, and each particular stamp doing its duty in its own particular way.

Then the organization of a separate Company, the issuing of stock and leasing of the land—all calling for more stamps. Eventually the importation of special machinery (Entry of Goods—Warehouse Receipt), the drilling of the oil well, workmen resting after the day's work—smoking, using matches and playing cards—more stamps.

Then might come the gradual lessening of the oil flow, the necessity of raising additional funds, either by bond sales or mortgages, the possible failure of the Company, this entailing smaller failure of its backers, and the loss of moneys by its stockholders—all phases using papers of one sort or another on which it was mandatory to use revenue stamps. A story with its many ramifications of work, play, laughter and tears.

And as its starting point an old oil lease on which repose peacefully to this day those four beautiful $200 imperforated revenues flanked with the two $50 and the one $20—and not a crease in any of them! Evidently the document was folded first and after the paper creases were established the stamps affixed and cancelled—put on, possibly, by someone who loved their serene beauty, even as you and I.

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Junior Chronicle

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

Bulgaria.—Following Germany's example, Bulgaria has issued a "Famous Men series" to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Bulgarian freedom, and the millenary of the prosperous rule of Tsar Simeon, from 893-927. In connection it might be mentioned that the issue of 1901, Scott's A15, shows the cannon which started the revolution, resulting in the liberation of Bulgaria to be commemorated. Besides Simeon, the monk, Otez Paissi, who wrote an epic chronicle of the Bulgar nation in 1762, will be portrayed on one of the issue.

Turkey.—Messrs. De La Rue and Co. have printed a new charity set of seven values for the Turkish government. The face values are ½, 1, 2½, 5, 10, 20 and 50 piastres. The design shows a map of Asia Minor, surcharged with a red crescent, since the surplus will go to the "Croissant Rouge Turc" or Turkish Red Cross.

Falkland Islands.—The postmaster of the island of South Georgia has surcharged the current 2d stamp with a large 2½, on account of a shortage of 2½d stamps. South Georgia Island is a whaling station with a population of 1,341, and we do not know how long these surcharges will be in use.

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MANAGING EDITOR.

Junior Items

—We have received from Edward Clark, a junior of thirteen years, a little story of his stamp collecting activities. In about sixteen months he has procured a collection of 5,000 stamps mounted in an International Junior Album. Congratulations, Edward.

—The South Pasadena (Cal.) High School Stamp Club has just elected officers. Redmond Couglan is president, and Robert David secretary-treasurer. The club has twelve members, and meets the second Monday in each month for business, and the fourth Monday for trading.

—There is a bill pending before Congress which aims to secure the illustrating of postage stamps. Congressman William Cohen has charge of the bill, and he would like to hear from interested persons who will assist in the passage of the bill.

—J. H. Jost informs us that changes are possible in the current 3c and 4c Newfoundland stamps. He writes that the news comes from a reliable source.

Agency

—List of Stamps for Sale by Washington Stamp Agency on April 15.

For your convenience we publish below the list of stamps which the Government has for sale at present. If you need information as to the working of the Agency a copy of our pamphlet, "The Philatelic Stamp Agency," may be of interest to you. It is free to subscribers to "Washington Stamp News."

Commemoratives—Lexington-Concord, 2c; Sesquicentenial, 2c; Ericsson, 5c; White Plains, 2c; Vermont Sesqui, 2c; Burgoyne, 2c.

Air Mail—1923, 16c and 24c; 1926, 10c, 15c, 20c; 1927, 10c Lindbergh.

Imperforate Stamps—1923-26, 1½c flat, 1½c rotary, 2c.

Issue of 1917—1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 20, 30c, $2, $5 and $2 and $5 bi-color.

Issue of 1922-6—½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 25, 30, 50c, $1, $2, $5.

Rotary Press—Perf. 10x10: 1½, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10c. Perf. 11x10½: 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10c.

Coil Stamps—1917, sidewise, 1, 4, 5c. Endwise, 1c. 1922-5, sidewise, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c. 1922-5, endwise, 1, 1½, 2c.

Special Delivery—10c motorcycle, 15c motorcycle, 20c motor truck. 10c R. P., 25c special handling, 75c parcel post.—*Washington Stamp News.*

Cantonal Stamps

Prior to the introduction of postage stamps for general use throughout Switzerland, the cantons of Zurich and Geneva and the town of Bâle (Basle) issued

stamps for local, or cantonal, purposes under the authority of their respective Councils. These are usually known as "cantonal stamps," to distinguish them from the Federal issues which appeared in 1850.

Junior Dictionary

Barnard's Cariboo Express.—A local post of British Columbia, in connection with which stamps of several types without indication of value were issued. This post is included among the local posts of the United States from the fact that the company maintained an office in San Francisco.

Sweden

—Royal Birthday Commemoratives to be Issued June 16, and be in Use to Dec. 31.

We are much obliged to E. K. Russell, for a cutting from a Swedish newspaper, of which the following is a translation:

New Commemoration Issue of Sweden.

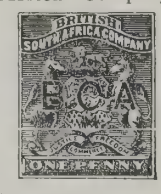
"On June 16th, King Gustaf the Fifth has completed his seventieth year, and in commemoration of his birthday a Jubilee set of five stamps will be issued. The issue consists of the values of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 öre which will be sold at 5 öre above the face value. Thus the nominal value of the set will be 1 Crown. The surplus amount is intended to form a fund for charity purposes, the King having to resolve how to dispose of this fund. According to the King's resolution, the fund thus formed will be used for the scientific struggle with the cancer diseases.

The design of the stamps, that are issued in large size, shows the portrait of King Gustaf, at top the inscription 'Gustaf V 1858-1928,' and at bottom the country name 'Sverige.'

The stamps will appear in the middle of June and will be sold until December 31st, when they are to be withdrawn. They may be used on Inland as well as Foreign correspondence."—*Stamp Collecting.*

B. C. A.

The first stamps used in British Central Africa—from 1891 to 1895—consisted of the stamps of the British South Africa Company overprinted with the



letters "B. C. A." These stamps were used in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, but when special stamps were issued their use was confined to the latter territory which was renamed the British Central Africa Protectorate.

Some "C's"

C. M. T.— (Campana Militare Timbru).—This inscription found on the stamps of Western Ukrainia means Military Campaign Stamp. They were used during the Roumanian occupation from June 28 to July 24, 1919.

Correspondencia A Debe.—This inscription on Panama stamps means practically "Postage Due." Literally the phrase signifies "correspondence upon which payment is due."

Corriente.—This word on Salvador stamps means "current" and was applied to certain official stamps in 1918 to transform them into ordinary postage stamps.

Constituente Fiumana—24. IV. 1921.—A surcharge to commemorate the granting of a constitution to the Free City of Fiume under the League of Nations, April 24, 1921.

Stamps for Andorra

We learn from a Spanish contemporary that the postal service of this diminutive Republic, which has hitherto been managed partly under French and partly under Spanish auspices, is about to become autonomous. Pending the preparation of a definitive series of postage stamps, which is likely to be of a pictorial character, depicting scenery in the Valley of Andorra, certain denominations of the current Spanish set are to be overprinted with the one word, "ANDORRA."—*Stamp Collecting.*

POSTAGE STAMPS AND THEIR

(Continued from page 325)

Third Pan-American Cong (1909). The single stamp of th sue bears portraits of Jose Bon (Brazil), Hidalgo (Mexico), O'Hi (Chili), San Martin (Argen Washington (United States), and livar (Bolivia), all prominent i freeing of the western hemis from European control.

Costa Rica—Centenary (1921) introduction of coffee raising.

Centenary (1924) of the annex of Guanacaste, previously claime Nicaragua.

Dominican Republic—Erection Mausoleum to Columbus (1899- in the city of Santo Domingo. Dominicans maintain that the ash Columbus are contained herein, Spain insists they are in Seville, ing been taken there from Hava 1898. By the treaty of Basle (Spain ceded the island of Ha France, but reserved the right move the remains of Columbus, were in fact taken in the same y Havana. However, the Domi aver that the Spaniards were misl certain ecclesiastics and disinterr remains of Columbus' son, Dieg stead of those of the discoverer self.

Fourth centenary (1902) o founding of the city of Santo D go. Duarte, Mella, and Sanchez, ers in the struggle against H rule (1843-44) are portrayed.

Centenary (1913) of the bir Duarte. The set did not actuall pear until 1914.

Ecuador—Semi-Centenary (189 the liberal revolution of 1845.

Opening of the Guayaquil- Railroad (1909), which was buil promoted by Americans, and whi an engineering feat, has no paral

Guatemala—Centenary (1909) birth of Miguel Granados, the of the Liberal Party which ouste Clericals in 1871.

Haiti—Centenary (1904) of pendence. Portraits of Toussant verture, Dessalines, and Petio national heroes.

Honduras—Re-election (1912 President Bonilla, who had been in 1907.

Assumption of power by G Lopez (1920).

Inauguration of President Ba (1925).

Nicaragua—Tenth year (190 the presidency of Zelaya.

Panama—Fouth Centenary (of Balboa's discovery of the Pac

Peru—Securing of a new con tion by President Liguia (1919).

Salvador—Formation of the " er Republic of Central America" (98) composed of Salvador, Nicar and Honduras.

Fourth centenary (1924) of founding of the city of San Salva

Centenary (1923) of the aboliti slavery.

Uruguay—Unveiling of a s (1896) to Suarez, hero of a mid tury civil war.

End of a civil war (1897).

End of another civil war (1 Both this and the preceding set sists of regular stamps overpri with "Paz" and the date. In add the 1904 set includes an olive br as part of the overprint.

Treaty of Versailles. Peace memoration issue. The set is scribed, "1914-1919."

Dedication of the new Hous Parliament, Montevideo (1925).

4 Page British Colonial List

nt on receipt of your address and 2c amp. Scott's numbering and prices in S. Dollars. I quote for and can pply all issues Mint from 1890 to 1927. ere is an extract:—

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nezuela—Centenary (1896) of the of Miranda, a revolutionary The design of the stamps, show- map of parts of Venezuela and sh Guiana, and the disputed terri- between, has little connection Miranda, however. Its historical ficances is readily apparent. th year (1905) of the rule of the dorous General Cipriana Castro. mmemoration of the inauguration successful revolution, May 23, which date they bear.

(To be continued.)

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

By SCRAPS.

ou grieve, I know, for the Esqui- whose joys are few and chill—you plodding peasant folks, as any per- will. The raring, tearing savages, horrid heathen folks, with benighted ance your sympathies provoke.

le awful-acting Arab, and the bloody , and such,—and the Hottentot, and rth, may upset you very much.

en, the Moslem wives, and others— I'm sure it makes you frown, when read, in all the papers, how they e the creatures down.

e lonely ocean dweller, you con- with regret.—There's one who is among us here, whose lot is hard- t.

t, still, the ones who know of her, ery ones who ought—the very last, iture, are, to give her fate a thought.

this poor, deluded victim, the ble is, you see—that she's sadly situ- where she never ought to be.

s—this poor, distracted creature an aggravated life. You very sel- hear of her—the stamp collector's

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A New Feeder Line Planned for a Route Between Green Bay and Milwaukee

A Motorcycle Air Mail feeder line between Green Bay and Milwaukee is expected to be placed in operation sometime this summer, according to the present outlook of the situation. This is now before the Post Office Department for consideration, but Mr. E. B. Wadsworth of the Air Mail Division states that nothing can be done in the matter until after the three months experiment is up on the line now in operation in the East.

Henry O. Meisel of Clintonville, Wis., who is the Indian motorcycle dealer for that territory, and who is also a live philatelist, has been working on the above proposition since March 10th, and everything now looks very favorable to the establishment of a motorcycle Air Mail feeder line to Milwaukee.

The plans as now worked out call for the line to be operated between Green Bay and Milwaukee with intermediate stops at De Pere, Kaukauna, Appleton, Menasha, Neenah, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and West Bend. All Air Mail to be carried from Green Bay to Milwaukee each afternoon to connect with the south bound plane on C. A. M. 9; with a return trip each forenoon from Milwaukee to Green Bay after the arrival of northwest bound plane on the Chicago-Twin Cities route.

This motorcycle service will give the users of Air Mail in the above named cities north of Milwaukee a saving of between three and four hours over the present train system. The postmasters in these cities are enthusiastic with the plans.

If this motorcycle line is authorized, which no doubt but what it will be, a special first day cachet will be in use at each city for first day covers carried in both directions. It is not advisable for any first day covers to be sent to postmasters until further notice. This information is given to inform collectors of what can be expected if the Government authorizes motorcycles on Air Mail feeder lines. The experiment now being tried out between Holyoke, Northampton, Westfield, Springfield and Hartford, on C. A. M. 1, has proved successful, and the three months will be up on June 15th, so collectors can expect more lines to be **placed in operation this summer.**

NEWS ITEMS—

WE are told that the Holden Stamp Shop, Detroit, Mich., was recently burglarized. Mr. Boers states that it was evidently the work of novices, as much valuable material was overlooked.

WE have been shown a petition for nomination of officers for the S. P. A. It is headed with Albert E. Gorham for president, and E. W. Heusinger for vice president. A large number of the names on this petition is now found on the present board of officers.

WM. LLOYD informs us that he has unearthed a fine copy of Mason's New Orleans Express 2c yellow. Another cover had the impression of one, but the stamp had fallen off. This is almost unknown on cover, and thirty years ago was cataloged at $100 used.

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United States

1857, 3c Orange-Brown

In going over the collection of 3c 1851-57 gotten together by Dr. Carroll Chase, I have noticed four covers showing the 3c 1857, Type II, in a shade that I have never noted heretofore in this stamp. These are in the true orange-brown of the 3c 1851, and in putting the stamps side by side with the imperforate variety, they seem to be identical in color. Dr. Chase has four covers with these stamps upon them, and it is odd that they should all be used from New England points. The covers bear postmarks of—Concord, N. H., Portsmouth, N. H., Northampton, Mass., and Hartford, Conn. I have never seen an unused copy of the 1857 stamp in this shade, and if it exists it must be exceedingly scarce.

1861, Odd Postmark

Mr. Eugene Klein has shown me an 1861 3c cover bearing an unusual postmark in black reading, "Chicago to Cedar Rapids, East, Jan. 15, 1861." This postmark was evidently used on the train between the two cities, and as the train moved back and forth the words "East" and "West" were changed, along with the date.

1875, 5c Cracked Plate

The same correspondent kindly shows a further variety, and while cataloged, has never come to my attention before, namely the 1875 5c Taylor on hard paper showing a very distinct crack running from the upper margin down half way along the left of the stamp, and then out through the left margin. The crack is so distinct and outstanding that it is noticed immediately without the use of a glass. The variety in question is used on the cover with a copy of the 10c from Zanesville, Ohio.

Philippines

My attention has been called to a further error in the Philippine Legislative series of stamps. The 2 centavos green and black has been located in a horizontal pair imperforate between. It seems that a sheet was found with one vertical row of perforations missing—hence, giving us ten such pairs. The 4c and 16c have been noted in similar condition heretofore. Two other errors also exist in this series—namely, the 18c with double center, and the 20c with wrong color center in imperforate state.

Alexandria.—High Values are chronicled by *L'Echangiste Universel* in the Olivier Merson Colonial Type with the value in millièmes: 50m vermilion and blue-green; 100m blue and chamois, and 250m green and red. Postage Due additional values are chronicled by the same journal: 4m lilac-rose, and 10m red.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Bermuda.—¼d Script has been despatched to the Colony for the first time.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Brazil.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the following new items of this country: 1913, Official overprinted "Servico Aereo" 200 reis on 1,000 reis; surcharged on 1919 Official, 5,000 on green, and 10,000 reis on 10 reis o

China.—In addition to the Tso Ling stamps already noted, Roberts has shown us the 4c olive blue and $1 vermilion.

Gold Coast.—*Forthcoming pict*—We have now obtained fro Crown Agents for the Colonies further particulars of the pictorial first foreshadowed in these colum January. The set will comprise t nominations of ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1s, and 5s, all of which ar in active preparation and which v printed on white Script *CA* paper. design is uniform for the serie consists of a vignette of King over a view of Christiansborg (formerly Elmina Castle, the olde ropean settlement on the West C Africa), with a palm tree on the and a cocoa tree on the left. will be announced later.—*Stamp lecting.*

Japan.—Mr. R. Roberts infor that the 5s deep violet, new sha granite paper, watermarked v wavy lines and perf. 13x13¼ ha issued.

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China.—As forecasted in our March Bulletin, a set of four commemorative stamps has been issued showing a portrait of Marshal Chang Tso Lin, values and colours as follows:—1c orange, 4c sage-green, 10c blue and $1 red. We have received only a very small supply from one of our esteemed correspondents and have also received the same stamps overprinted in Chinese characters denoting "For use in Kirin and Heilungkiang."

Costa Rica.—The 12 centavos carmine stamp, dated "1921," has been overprinted with an aeroplane, the words "Lindbergh Enero 1928" and new value, 10c, to commemorate Lindbergh's flight to Costa Rica in January. Only 20,000 of these stamps were issued, for which there was a tremendous demand as they were on sale on the morning of the day of Colonel Lindbergh's arrival. Our correspondent at San José writes us that such was the demand for the stamps that long queues formed up at the Post Office at 6 a. m., although the sale did not commence till 8. Only 50 stamps were supplied to each successful applicant, but most people went away empty handed. One speculator engaged about fifty boys to buy the stamps, but only succeeded in getting six half sheets of 50.

Estonia.—On February 24th, the tenth anniversary of the Republic of Estonia was celebrated and a special set of stamps issued by overprinting the current issue with "1918-24.II-1928," the values overprinted being 2, 5, 10, 15 and 20 marks, the stamps are sold for the new currency, cents, 100 cents being equal to 1 krone. We are informed that the total face value of the stamps overprinted is 935,000 krones.

Italy.—A new set of Militia stamps is due to appear for this country, which we understand will be in the same designs as Nos. 274 to 277 in our catalogue, but printed in new colours, 30c+10c violet and black; 50c+20c bistre and blue; Lire 1.25+50c blue and black and 5 lire +2 lire carmine and black.

Luxembourg.—Five new provisionals have been issued by overprinting types 10 and 16 in our catalogue, 15c on 20c olive-green (10); 15c on 25c green (16); 60c on 65c purple-brown (16); 60c on 80c black (10); 60c on 80c brown (16).

Monaco.—With reference to the Monaco Exhibition stamps offered to our new issue subscribers in last month's Bulletin, we find that through a printer's error the price was shown as 5/6 the set instead of 3/6 and unfortunately some sets have been sold at the incorrect price, but we shall of course allow the difference of 2/- to anyone who has purchased them at the higher rate and the matter will be adjusted when sending the March new issues.

Nigeria.—We have just received a fresh supply of 10/- stamps, which are of quite a different shade to the previous printing. The new ones printed from plate 17 are blue-green and carmine, whilst the old ones printed from plate 11 are yellow-green and carmine.

Paraguay.—The 50 centavos blue stamp issued last year, type 25 in our catalogue, has not had a very long life, we have just received this stamp in a new colour, red, also overprinted with the letter "C" for use on inland correspondence. The 3 pesos drab in the portrait design is also to hand both with and without the "C" overprint and our correspondent informs us that four high values are to appear shortly, 10, 20, 50 and 100 pesos.

Persia.—We have received a small supply of the 6 shahi, type 45 in our catalogue, redrawn. In the new type the lines of shading on Riza Khan's face have been omitted and the Persian characters in the two circles at the upper left and right corners are also different. There are other minor differences, but as we consider this stamp to be quite a distinct variety we shall include it in our catalogue, also any others that may be issued in the same type.

Roumania.—The new stamps with portrait of the young King Michael were placed on sale on March 15th, and are of eight denominations, 25 bani grey, 50 bani olive, 1 leu purple, 2 lei green, 3 lei rose, 5 lej brown, 7½ lei ultramarine and 10 lei blue.

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Turks Islands.—The new set of stamps inscribed "Postage and Revenue" was put on sale on March 1st, the denominations being as follows:—½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 5/- and 10/-. We understand that the remaining stock of the old issue inscribed "Postage" only, has been destroyed, but the stocks of the 5d, 6d and 1/- values were exhausted before the new issue was available and these three values are likely to be the best in the set.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

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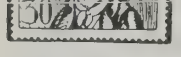

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(H. W. Boers, "Detroit Free Press".)

Germany's money troubles during the past 10 years have been reflected in her postage stamp issues, which will become rare in philatelic collections of the future, according to an interesting pamphlet which has just been published by E. Schuster, of Nuremberg.

Postage stamp history during the inflation of the German mark reflected the uncertain conditions in the country. With the creation of the German republic several new stamps with odd designs appeared, while the old Germania stamps were issued in colors. In 1920, along with some other stamps, the first aerial stamps were printed. In 1921, the new issues, with large figures of value, were followed by the "Arbeiter" stamps, symbolizing labor. In a few months a new set appeared with the postillion's horn as its characteristic design.

After the occupation of the Ruhr came another new issue which was quickly followed by an oblong series which had values up to 100,000 marks. There were several other issues, and in 1923 new stamps were put out practically every month. These stamps, with values of millions of marks, were not sufficient to pay ordinary letter postage, and stamps with milliard values were soon printed. The highest of these was the 50 milliarden, the milliard being equivalent to one billion.

Schuster points out that, at the German mark value of approximately 24 cents before the war, a stamp with a value of 50 milliarden would represent more than 10 billion dollars, whereas the stamp was actually only sufficient to cover letter postage at the time it was issued.

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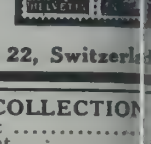

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By Art Bledsoe.

Leon has issued quite a few values for produce dealers' use. It is a small town, 500 population. Doubles, inverts, etc., are common, and red ink commoner than black. Liberal is within a few miles of the Oklahoma border, and has issued nearly all values, besides many Commemoratives. No reason is known for this latter. Lindsborg's one dated precancel is rare and much sought for. The current type is U-53, found on nearly all the current set.

McCracken's two known items are wanting in most collections, probably used by produce dealers. McPherson is another of the oldtime cattle towns, halfway between Abilene and Hutchinson. Its two stamps, both the 1c 1902, deserved the raise they got in the last catalog.

Manhattan is the home of the State Agricultural College, about 120 miles west of Topeka. Most of its precancels are very desirable. Munden, near the Nebraska line, is another new one. The current 5c and 10c were first noted at Xmas 1926, type U-51. Neodesha is the home of one of the oil refineries, that of the Standard Oil Company, in the southwest. All its precancels are scarce and much sought after.

Newton was once one of the wickedest cities, or rather towns, on the oldtime cattle trails, but it has now reformed and become the home of H. S. Dickey, music writer, music dealer and precancel nut. Olathe's handstamp is a one subject affair, type like U-76 reversed. Since Osage City is noted for its produce trade, we might expect quite an output of precancels of both the old and current issues.

Osawatomie, once the home of Old John Brown, is now the home of the State Insane Hospital. It is a railroad center in addition. Its precancels are seldom seen. Osborne has issued a raft of precancels, out of all proportion to its size, the reason for them remains to be stated. Ottawa is another of the oldtimers in Kansas, started before statehood. The Ottawa Engine Co., is the heaviest user of precancels there. The rarest from here are the Parcel Posts. Parsons has a population of 16,000, located about 30 miles from Coffeyville. It is a great railroad center, and uses many precancels. Everything from here is straight goods. Pittsburg is another mining center, most of our Kansas coal comes from there. It is a busy place, population around 19,000. The State Game Warden has his headquarters in Pratt, and the State Fish Hatchery is located there. It has several flour mills, too. Everything from here is scarce.

Rolla is a tiny town way down in the southwest part of the state, its few precancels very scarce. Rosedale is a suburb of the Kansas City office, and has but few precancels, and they are quite hard to come by. Saint Mary's is another tiny place with but one value to its credit. As its name indicates, Salina is a great producing city, several companies plants there. Its scarcest precancels the Parcel Posts in the U-1 type.

Sterling has but two or three k precancels to its credit, and all are m scarce. Topeka is our capital, one o oldest cities of the state. In additi is the seat of Washburn College and center for the Santa Fe shops which ploy many men. With a populatio 55,000, one might expect several type

Probably the largest user there is Capper Publishing Company, owned Senator Capper and issuing Capp Farmer, which so many farmers s by. Washington's precancels are scarce and much sought after. Wan is "The Old Home Town" of car fame, 70 miles west of Topeka. Wic ranks second in population, hence we expect to find a big precancel ou from there. Almost everything seem have been precanceled there at one or another. Inverts are worth no m than normals, and all are quite plent Wichita is a very good city to colle

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Valley Forge Stamp To Appear

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

UNDER date of May 3rd the Postmaster General announced that he had authorized the issuance of a special stamp to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Encampment at Valley Forge. Stamp collectors generally, and good Pennsylvanians especially may now say "Amen" to an exceedingly good piece of work which has resulted in the issue of a stamp after possibly more pressure being brought to bear than ever before.

Back in the latter part of May in 1927, I was looking over some of the commemoratives that had already been issued, and was considering what other revolutionary event worthy of such an honor. History showed that possibly the Encampment at Valley Forge was the turning point of the Revolution, for the discouraged, broken army that retired to Valley Forge, some twenty miles from Philadelphia, in December of 1777, came out a much smaller, but much more efficient army in June of the following year. It was during the time of Washington's hardship at Valley Forge that word was received that we could expect the aid of the French. It was also at Valley Forge that Baron Von Stueben, one of the generals of Frederick the Great, arrived from Prussia, and aided in training the American Army.

It was, therefore, in my United States Chronicle in MEKEEL'S that the suggestion was made for the first time that a Valley Forge stamp should be issued and our readers were requested, if the suggestion met with their approval, to write the Postmaster General. As a result, dozens of letters from all parts of the country were received at Washington. I immediately brought the proposal to the attention of Senators Reed and Vare of Pennsylvania, as well as to the Governor of the State, to Rev. W. Herbert Burk of Valley Forge Memorial Chapel, and one or two members of Congress. Both of the Senators immediately took an interest in the subject, but for some reason the Governor of Pennsylvania failed to even reply to the suggestion. Both Senators communicated with the Postmaster General, but received the usual reply stating that while the importance of the event was appreciated, there were so many commemoratives suggested that the Postmaster General was not in a position to favorably act upon the suggestion. The Senators were informed that this simply was a form letter and asked to again appeal to the Postmaster General, which they did.

In writing to numerous people relative to the stamp, I had the good fortune of enlisting the aid of Mr. Malcolm H. Ganser of Norristown, and through his efforts, not only the Norristown daily papers, but numerous other organizations in that city took a very active interest, for Valley Forge was but seven miles away. Mr. Ganser secured the support of Congressman Watson, and this gentleman not only called upon the Postmaster General personally, but asked the Governors of the thirteen original states to aid him in recommending the stamp. Every member of Congress from Pennsylvania was finally prevailed upon to lend his support, and every Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Historical Society, Revolutionary Society of Pennsylvania, and even the Fire Departments of Norristown were called upon to help by writing to their Congressmen and addressing the Postmaster General.

As a result of these many activities, thousands of letters arrived at Washington, and when I had the pleasure of an interview with the Postmaster General relative to such a stamp, he assured me that every pressure had been brought to bear and that he had given the matter serious consideration, but at that time, which was only a few weeks back, he insisted that he could not give his approval to such a stamp, although he readily admitted in its favor every point that I advanced.

Knowing that the Third Assistant Postmaster General was a good Pennsylvanian, and that not only the Chairman of the House Committee of Post Offices and Post Roads was a Pennsylvanian, but four other members also were from the Keystone State, they were again communicated with and their attention brought to the fact that since the use of postage stamps a son of Pennsylvania had never appeared upon an issue, if we except Benjamin Franklin, who was born in Massachusetts, then too, the great State of Pennsylvania had never had any of its strictly local events commemorated by a special issue, the sesquicentennial being a national issue.

In addition, several philatelic committees waited upon the Postmaster General, and it is my impression that he finally consented to issue the stamp due, not only to the fact that he felt that the event should be commemorated, but he felt that the only way to eliminate the succession of interviews and letters as

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The Valley Forge emissions are being placed on sale in West Chester, as it is the home of Congressman Butler who aided in having the stamp issued, and is the county seat, a portion of Valley Forge being in this county. Norristown is the home of Congressman Watson who also represents the Valley Forge District. Lancaster is the home of Congressman Greist, the Chairman of the Committee of Post Offices and Post Roads, and is the home of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Robert S. Regar.

After the first announcement was made the Department decided to place this stamp on sale on the first day at the branch Philatelic Agency at the Midwest Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Cleveland.

No article upon the subject could possibly be complete without mentioning the interest taken by Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey, who lent his support, and Mr. Michael L. Eidsness, Jr., Chief of the Division of Stamps.

Much credit is due our loyal readers who supported the project by their numerous letters to Washington.

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OUR REVIEW

By C. A. Howes.

We have received from Theodore Champion of Paris, the fifth edition of his *Historical and Descriptive Catalog of the Stamps of the Aerial Post,* a work which the collector of air mail stamps and covers, now so popular a branch of philately, will not want to be without. Nor will the drawback of a foreign language be any serious matter for the vast number of English speaking philatelists, for the text is bilingual throughout, French and English appearing in parallel columns on every page.

The work opens with a very interesting and complete history of the "Balloon Post" during the siege of Paris, to which is appended a chapter on the paper balloons sent out from Metz, the whole occupying 43 pages of the work. Then follows the section on official issues of air-mail stamps, that is those issued by the postal departments of various governments, which takes up 80 pages. A third section lists the stamps or cards with impressed stamps which have been issued by private parties with government authority or sanction, so-called semi-official issues, which occupies 58 pages. Lastly there is a fourth section dealing with the obliterations, postmarks, seals and special labels used on official cards or ordinary covers in connection with the principal air mail flights in all countries, with many details given in subjoined notes. This is the largest section, naturally, covering 146 pages.

The first section is purely historical without attempting to make it a priced catalogue of the Balloon Post covers. The official stamp section is arranged catalogue fashion with three columns for prices—unused, used, and on original (flown) covers. This is an excellent arrangement, it strikes us, and quite a difference may be noted at times between used prices simply and prices for the same stamps on "flown" covers. The section on semi-official stamps quite naturally has but two columns of prices—unused and used on "flown" covers, or "aerograms." In the section on cancellations prices are given for a majority of the items, but there are naturally many on which it is as yet impossible to give even an approximate value, as the market for such is a comparatively new one and hardly enough trading has been done

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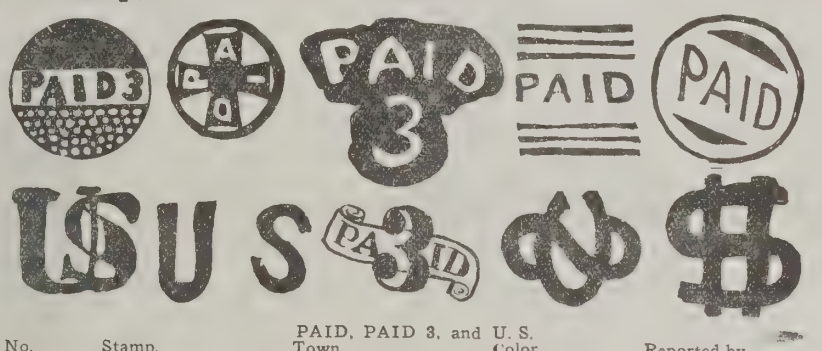

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No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1	3c 1861	Needham, Mass.	Black	S. C. Rogers
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5	3c 1861	?	Black	H. P. A.
6	3c 1869	?	"	D. F. Kelleher
7	3c Amer.	?	"	J. H. Preston
8	3c 1851	?	"	D. F. Kelleher
9	2c 1883	?	"	R. L. Hustis
10	3c 1873	?	"	H. V. Swallow

Have you ever wondered what to do with all of your old covers? Several of the Forum readers ask me how to assemble these, and how to go about collecting them.

There are countless answers to the latter part of the query. The best answer to the first seems to be to save up some shoe boxes, or envelope boxes, and reinforce the corners with tape, or heavy gummed paper, then label them so you won't have to open boxes till you find the one required. Also get some index cards, or make them yourself.

One of the prettiest forms of collecting covers—we mean the covers which are not *rare*, for they should of course be mounted in an Album—is to collect your own *state*. If you live in Arizona, and save covers through the 1869 issue starting with '47's (never saw an Arizona '47 cover though!), well, you will probably find one box is enough for all of your different town cancels on all issues till the 1869's have been assembled.

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You want to get a decent sized map and trace it. Then try and find an old list of towns in your State, and dot in those towns with their names. You can make these dots lightly in pencil, and when you get that town, you can make the dot in colored ink. It is interesting to indicate the Rail Road lines also, and very soon you will have some idea of your home State that you did not have previously. Sure, dot in the counties. If you happen to save the State of Virginia, there are only 100 counties, a nice evening's work.

I tried this with the home State of Massachusetts, and am giving you a list of what has happened to date, and I reckon it is about one-half of the total which may be obtained on the 1851 issue. Have not attempted any other issues.

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Unique United States
1851 Imperf.

We often see the word "Unique" wrongly used. I think the Classic example of this was in a London auction catalogue of Mr. Cheveley about 25 years ago. In one lot he described a scarce stamp and called it "unique". In the following lot an exactly similar lot also described as "unique"!

The "Unique" U. S. I have was found in the famous correspondence "Carroll-Hoy" of New Orleans. It consists of **one-quarter** of 12c black Imperf. used on a 3c red on buff U. S. envelope addressed to Buchanan Carroll & Co., New Orleans, used from Canton, Mi., Jan. 16th. The stamp is the upper left hand quarter of a 12c cancelled in pen and ink "3" and noted alongside "¼ of 12c 6c by stamps". PAID.

Dr. Carroll Chase has written this piece up and says it is absolutely authentic.

With this piece and from the same correspondence there is half a 12c used from Canton, Jan. 17th and another cover dated Canton, Feb. 12th, simply marked "PAID 6" showing the exhaustion of all stamps.

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ts because of our out and out policy st speculators that we have drawn d ourselves some ill feeling. While gret this very much, we know it t be helped, for someone's toes are l to be tramped upon in this con- n. We do not take the stand st commemoratives for any but un- reasons. It would be easy for remain silent and cash in on this of stamps, but it seems to us noth- ss than fraud to accept money for s of this sort which we know to been produced under such condi- as they are. How do we know their ? Simply through experience and ledge gained from making a serious of every angle of the precancel , a study which has been daily for ars.

ring the past few years progress een manifest in the elimination of lative varieties, although every com- rative issue gives rise to unneces- precancels. Collectors should see he real thrill to precancel collecting nly be secured from seeking stamps re issued during the regular course stal business. The trend is that It is only in that way that the ncel hobby can hope to progress to reat extent.—*Precancel News.*

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Kittyhawk, N. C., was scheduled to come through with a special cancellation on May 2nd, the date of the unveiling of the monument to the Wright Brothers, but covers received from that point do not carry any special cachet.

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I note one error so far on CAM #19. "Philadelphia" is missing from the First Day cancellation on some of the covers received. It should appear just under the words "First Flight." Has anyone else noted anything unusual?

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Word received from the contractor with regard to a stop of the transcontinental at Lincoln, Neb., would indicate that there is a very remote possibility of this city being included as a regular stop in the near future.

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"Aviation" states that the Montreal-Albany Air Mail Service will be inaugurated in the near future. The contract has been awarded, states this publication, to the Canadian Colonial Airways, Ltd., and the service will speed up mail arriving from Europe via Father Point, Que. Connection with the Transcontinental will be made at Albany and via Cleveland.

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I have been informed by the Secretary of the American Air Mail Society, Mr. Angers (as was ALL the membership) that a special "Air Mail Day" cancellation was used at Sharpeville, Pa. At this writing, covers have not returned. Judging from the fact that very short notice was given, it would appear that covers from this point would have exceptional interest.

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The Syracuse-San Francisco hop, looked and hoped for, by collectors, failed to materialize. Postmaster McLusky, in returning covers sent to the Aircraft Exposition in anticipation of the hop, states that the special flight was not authorized by the Post Office Dept. Too bad. Every little bit helps and this would have been a nice wind-up for the Exposition.

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Mobile, Ala., sent through a very nice cachet for the First Trip of CAM #23. It was an outline map of Alabama, suitably inscribed and not unlike the Boston cachet. Only criticism seems to be that the cachet was "smootched" in a large number of cases.

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A word of thanks to those who have written to me in regard to this column. Please don't feel offended if I fail to get a reply back to you within a reasonable length of time. Unfortunately, I have to make a living outside of the cover game, and sometimes it happens that "business before pleasure" must be my excuse. When possible, I will try and be prompt with my answers, but please be patient.

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Owing to the fact that my space is limited, will those who have so kindly sent clippings, covers and items of interest please accept my thanks for their interest. The more you send, the better this column will become, so don't hold back. Shoot them along.

MR. CARTER NOW ON PAGE 1

Hereafter the advertisements of N. E. Carter will be found regularly on page one. In this connection we desire to state that the following are in line for first page positions in the order named:—C. E. Hussman Co., Geo. B. Sloane, Old Colony Stamp Co., Th. Berg, R. Roberts, Homan, Krassa Co., Inc., and Tom V. Binmore. Failure to use space in the WEEKLY regularly forfeits a place upon this list. An advertiser must be under some form of contract to remain on the list.

MIDWAY IDS. AND CABLE STATION

Midway is a pair of coral islands lying at 28.14 north latitude and 14 minutes off the 180th meridian. It is a property of the United States staked out in 1898 and placed under the administration of the Navy Department. It is a relay station of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company, the American line across the Pacific. Early in the summer of 1903 the direct cable was laid from San Francisco to Shanghai, and the first official messages were interchanged between the extreme stations on July 4 of that same year.

Subsequently America has been communicating across the Pacific without saying to anyone, "By your leave." That is the economic side of Midway in a nutshell. At an outlay of two and one-half million dollars, the cable is to be supplemented with radio, making the third American radio service across the Pacific. While the original building of the cable station on Midway was in progress, a good many Orientals were employed as workmen and craftsmen, and a marine guard was kept there. Also, when the landing was made by the Americans in 1903, some thirty Japanese fishermen were found to have taken up headquarters there, and diplomatic intercession brought about their withdrawal, somewhat against their will, but with the utmost good will upon the part of Japan. After a few years the marine guard was removed, and for many years now the colony on Midway has consisted of some nine or ten Americans, the station force of the cable company, seven or eight Japanese employed on outside work, and five or six Chinese household servants—twenty-three to twenty-five souls all told.

Four times a year the company's steamship Dickenson voyages from Honolulu to Midway, a distance of about twelve hundred miles, with supplies. Otherwise the calls of ships are very rare. The Dickenson, of light draught, can go inside the reef except when a westerly wind is blowing. Like all atolls, the one at Midway is open at the northwest and the southeast, and the tides pour through from the north. The cable station is at the northern end of Sand Island, which is one and one-quarter miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide. The other island of the Midway atoll is Eastern Island, sometimes called Green Island on account of the foliage, of which Stevenson gives a masterly description in *The Wreckers*. At the time of the American occupation the dwarf magnolia and various hardy beach grasses had found lodgment on Eastern Island and were flourishing, birds having probably taken the first seeds of vegetation there in their annual migrations. Sand Island was bare. Westward of Midway about sixty miles lies Ocean Island, and eastward toward Honolulu lie reefs and coral barriers, some of them dignified with names. Had Brock and Schlee reached Midway and taken off safely, over a route of eleven hundred miles to Honolulu, as the gull flies, their way would have been marked out ahead by the green waters and the breakers along this coral chain. But the islands are uninhabited by men; forced landings would be unlucky.

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"Pencil Points," for May, 1928, that superb illustrated monthly journal for the drafting room gives a picture of Thurlow Merrill Prentice, the winner of the Prix Rougevin, "one of the most important annual Concours held at the École des Beaux Arts in Paris." In this contest, the prize for foreigners is apart from that offered to the French students, and only once before was it ever won by an American. The fact that Mr. Prentice's design was that of a postage stamp makes his victory the more impressive from our point of view. We quote: "The subect of the competition was a postage stamp to be dedicated to the art of Architecture in France, and used upon the occasion of an International Exposition of Fine Arts." The design of the large oblong stamp is artistic; and the denomination, 50 centimes. A female figure, symbolical of France. with arm outstretched, holds in its hand a replica of the parthenon, at Athens, Greece. At the left is the lettering: "Exposition-des-Beaux-Arts" and the incidental ornamentation of the stamp is effective.

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We are pleased to present the following letter from Professor Lowell J. Ragatz, of the George Washington University, Washington, D. C., who for many years has been a contributor to the WEEKLY: "research students along many lines, frequently ask themselves 'where can I get a file of this periodical or that one?' To answer that question, the H. H. Wilson Co., of New York, has just brought out the 'Union List of Serials in Libraries of the United States and Canada,' under the general editorship of Winifred Gregory. The appearance of this mammoth volume, indicating exactly what libraries have what volumes of the many thousand periodicals listed, after more than ten years of work, is an epoch-making event in the eyes of all research men. Although the List costs upwards of $100, it will, of course, become a standard reference work throughout the world. All of which by way of introduction. There are, it seems, files of the WEEKLY available at the libraries on the enclosed list as indicated, a fact which doubtless will be of interest to your reader." Over twenty libraries, including some of the most important ones in this country, have on their shelves, volumes of our paper, and we notice that the Carnegie Library of Pittsburg, has a complete file from 1891 to date; and this is the only public institution where such is the case. Mr. Ragatz' compilation is interesting, indeed, and he adds: "At first thought the presentation of files of a hobby journal, such as the WEEKLY, by so many libraries throughout the country, including small ones as well as the great, may seem strange, the more so, since philatelic publications have seldom been subscribed for. The explanation unquestionable is to be found in the historical value of many of the contributions which have appeared in the WEEKLY from the outset."

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A stamp in the collection of Mr. David Gage Joyce, the Saorstat overprint Irish, on the 2 shilling 6 pence, Great Britain shows a strong double transfer, which is marked in the upper left and lower right frame lines, and in the profile lines of King George and Britannia. A double transfer in the engraved stamps of Great Britain by no means is the usual thing, and one so definite as on this particular specimen deserves notice.

A set of four lithographed stamps purporting to have been issued by the Mormons of the state of Utah are objects of curiosity today; and every now and then, a correspondent inquires about them. The stamps of different colors all bear the head of Joseph Smith, the Mormon leader, and they were illustrated in some of the old foreign albums as authenticated varieties. Many years ago, or in 1876, any lingering doubts that confiding collectors may have had that the labels were entitled to consideration were removed by the following letter that was received by an investigator: "Salt Lake City, Jan. 21, 1876. Gentlemen: President Brigham Young directed me to say that the stamp book is in error in stating that he issued some five cent stamps in 1852, and further he never issued any five cent stamps at any time. Respectfully, Geo. Reynolds, Sec. to Pres. Young." Too, there was talk of the existence of a local stamp that was used in Utah over fifty years ago, but no proof of its reality was ever forthcoming.

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According to a clipping from the Brooklyn *Daily Eagle* of May 6, 1928, an unusual sale of French stamps is in prospect. It is proposed that part of the collection of the government mint be sold in hope of obtaining "big prices." All issues are included in the lot, from 1848 to date, and after a collection is made of all the stamps for the National Library, the remaining stamps will be disposed of, according to the present plans. The stamps and plates are kept in a safe with dies for coins, and the official set of platinum weights and measures. We quote: "There are several sheets of many issues of the old stamps and often a number of proofs in various colors that were never adopted. Also, there are many foreign stamps, obtained through exchanges with other governments." The French government is honest in saying that it hopes to obtain high prices for the stamps instead of making capital out of an expression of a wish to favor collectors by releasing this store of stamps.

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The post office department when designating the week of May 14th as "Air Mail Week" in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of aerial postal service under the auspices of the post office department circulated an interesting history of the air mail. The last two paragraphs of the article are of especial bearing for collectors: "Great pressure has been brought to bear to have special cancellation made for air mail carried during Air Mail We owing to the great number of citi ignated as air mail station, they t and the attendant expense and a trative work necessary, the sug was vetoed. Although extremely ful for the support of philatelists the 'cradle days' of the air mail the Postmaster General feels t grant the request for special cance at each of these 63 cities would so much labor that the service w slowed up and its primary functi of speed, would be defeated."

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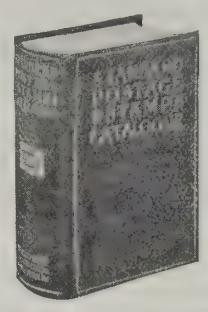

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HAITIAN POSTAL REVENUE

By HARRY E. HUBER.

For a country of Haiti's size (10,204 sq. miles) and population (2,050,000) the Post Office contributes very little to the general revenue, and in all years, the customs (on exports and imports) provides between 90 and 95% of the income of the government.

The sale of stamps to collectors and dealers is negligible, as Haiti is not a "popular" country, and the face value of those now in use is less than 52 cents U. S. currency. These comprise the 3c (Agriculture) and 15c and 25c (Commerce) of 1920; the 5c (Borno), 10c (Citadelle), 20c (Map of the Western Carribean), 50c (Borno), and 1 gourde (National Palais) of 1924, and the 35c Cafe issued on February 6, 1928, the day of Col. Lindbergh's arrival from Santo Domingo City in the "Spirit of St. Louis." (The gourde is equal to 20c U. S. currency.)

In other days, there were 50c de piastre and 1 piastre stamps (50c and $1 U. S. currency), which were at first provided (on April 1, 1906) by overprinting "En piastres fortes" on the 50c de gourde and 1 gourde of the 1898 (Simon Sam) series. Later in the same year (1906), a definite gold piastre series was issued (1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 7c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 50c and 1 piastre), and at the same time a shorter series, in "centimes de gourde" (1c, 2c, 3c and 7c)—the former for exterior correspondence, and the latter for interior. Correspondence for foreign destinations had to be paid for in U. S. currency, or its equivalent in Haitian paper (on the basis of five for one); while that for the interior, could be purchased for the depreciated paper of the country. The 50c and 1 piastre stamps were re-issued in different colors in 1913, and in the next year, both the 1906 and 1913 colors, were overprinted, "GL. O. Z.—7 FEV. 1914."

	Customs receipts. in Gourdes.	Postal receipts. Stamps.	Box rents
1919-20	32,073,029.10	148,481.08	6,814.14
1920-21	18,030,865.00	122,342.31	7,882.25
1921-22	23,366,569.70	122,118.53	7,928.25
1922-23	29,192,586.35	130,649.21	6,249.30
1923-24	29,950,907.14	119 147.96	8,734.15

The number of Post Offices scattered over the country fluctuates between 90 and 100. In October, 1926, I spent my vacation on the Royal Netherlands cargo steamer "Flora," which called at all ports from Cap Haitien on the north to Jacmel on the south, and even with specific instructions it was difficult to find the Post Offices, for rarely was there any indication on the outside of the building to inform the stranger. This does not apply to Port au Prince, nor to Cap Haitien and Petit Goave, though the Port au Prince Post Office has no reason to boast of the quarters it occupies.

35c Cafe, 1928

The initial order of the 35c de g. (issued February 6, 1928) was for 500,000 stamps, which were received at Port au Prince, January 29, 1928, and after the formalities attending the receipt of postage and revenue stamps and stamped paper, were turned over, on Friday, February 2nd, to the Banque Nationale de la Republique d'Haiti, which is the custodian of the Government stock of postage and revenue stamps, and supplies L'Administration Generale des Postes, the Post Offices, and the public.

Subsequent to Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh's acceptance, on January 5th, of the invitation of the Haitian Government to visit Port au Prince, there was agitation locally for a special stamp issue, but overprinting or surcharging was opposed by the financial authorities, because of the speculation which would be sure to result.

However, with the new 35c de g. stamp in hand, the Director General of Contributions gave instructions to the Treasury (i.e., the Banque), that the stamps should be withheld from sale until Monday morning, February 6, 1928. The Post Office at Port au Prince was open only until noon that day, as Col. Lindbergh arrived from Santo Domingo City in "The Spirit of St. Louis" at 2 p. m.

The design is most pleasing and effective, and strongly reminiscent of the Egyptian International Cotton Congress stamps (5m, 10m and 15m) issued January 25, 1927.

Consideration was at first given to a bi-colored stamp, with one branch showing ripe (red) berries, but the American Bank Note Co. advised against it; furthermore, two-color printing materially increases the manufacturing cost.

60c de g. Air Stamp

It is quite likely that at some distant date a stamp of 60c de g. denomination will be issued for use on air letters dispatched by the West Indian Aerial Express service, from Port au Prince to Santo Domingo City and San Juan, and also Santiago de Cuba. However, the report that such a stamp is now being prepared is incorrect.

25c Commerce, Reprinting

In August, 1927, a reprinting of 200,000 of the 25c Commerce was received and placed on sale. Stock of this value again began to lower in March, 1928, and another reprinting has been ordered from the American Bank Note Co.

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Danzig - Doplata

Danzig.—A former city of Germany and now considered international territory forming Poland's outlet to the Baltic Sea. Stamps were first issued in June, 1920, consisting of German stamps overprinted "Danzig."

Debreczin.—A city in Hungary where, during the World War, the Roumanian forces of Occupation issued certain Hungarian stamps suitably overprinted for their use.

Denikin Issues.—Properly speaking, all the issues of South Russia, Nos. 1 to 79, as all were made at the command of the Denikin-Wrangel administration. The name is generally used for Nos. 61 to 79 only, as this is the first definite issue, the preceding emissions being provisionthe preceding emissions being provisionals.

Desmit Rubli.—These words surcharged on stamps of Lettonia, mean "Ten roubles."

Doplata.—An inscription on "postage due" stamps of Poland and Central Lithuania meaning "additional" in connection with the word "posta."

Two Inscriptions

Ein Drittel Silbergroschen.—The inscription shown upon the 3pf stamps of Hanover in use prior to 1863. It means "one-third of a silbergroschen," and was intended to indicate that the stamp could be used for payment of the ⅓ silbergroschen rate as well as for that of 3 pfennig.

Ein Reich. Ein Volk. Ein Gott.—The motto shown upon the 5 marks stamps of Germany meaning "One empire, one people, one God."

Bulgarian Commemoratives

A Swiss journal foretells the issue of a series of historical interest, which will include the following values and subjects:

10 stot. St. Clement (885-916).
15 stot. K. Miladinof.
25 stot. Vassil Lersky.
50 stot. Monastery of Drenoro (1876).
1l Otez Paissy.
2l Czar Simeon (893-927).
3l Zuben Karaklof.
4l Oborichté (1876).
5l Gueorghi Benkowski.
6l Czar Oswoditel Alexander III.

The ostensible motive is to mark the tenth centenary of the death of Czar Simeon, under whose rule Bulgaria enjoyed her greatest prosperity. The history books tell us that he was educated at Constantinople, that he was a patron of letters, that he defeated the Byzantines in war, twice capturing Adrianople, and that he was a very cruel man.

The stamps will also serve to signalise the fiftieth anniversary of Bulgar independence.—*Stamp Collecting.*

A Correction

By A. C. LeDuc.

My attention has been called to an error in my article on Denmark, which appeared on the Junior page in the issue of April 16th. I very much regret this since this page is the worst place to have mistakes creep in. My informant says that Kings Christian IX and Frederick VIII were father and son, explaining the appearance of the two heads on Iceland stamps type A5. Much time is required in hunting information for these short articles. In this case, an encyclopedia spoke of the Duke of Auguestenburg and rival of King Christian IX as Frederick VIII, the pretender. I am glad to have this correction made as it shows that readers are interested in the Junior page.

A-A-A-A

Anotacion.—(Registered). An inscription shown on certain 5c stamps used in the Republic of Colombia from 1870 until 1881 for the prepayment of the special fee for registration. A large capital "A" is shown on the same stamp. The word means "noted" or "recorded" and hence has the signification of our term "registered."

Anotado.—An overprint found on some of the stamps of the 1868 issue of Mexico. The word means "noted" or "registered" and the stamps so overprinted were issued provisionally in 1872. The word does not mean that the stamps were intended for use on registered letters but that they were an obsolete issue temporarily brought into use again.

Antananarivo.—The capital of the island of Madagascar having a population of over 60,000. A local post, established by the British Vice-Consul and known as the "British Consular Mail," existed here from March, 1884 until 1887.

Egypt Commemoratives

Birthday Issue.—According to *Die Postmarke,* the 10th Birthday of the Crown Prince Farauk (2nd February, 1929) will be the *raison d'être* for the issue of a 5 millième stamp showing his portrait.

Medical Congress will be held in Cairo in December next, and it is possible that an issue will be made for this also.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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Aniline

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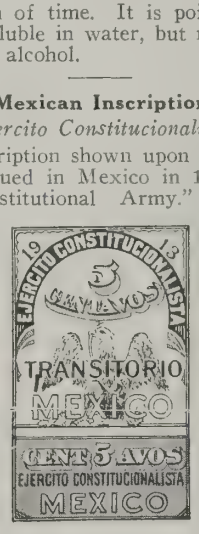
Mexican Inscription

"Ejercito Constitucionalista"

An inscription shown upon a series of stamps issued in Mexico in 1913 meaning "Constitutional Army." Although



the stamps were intended for revenue purposes they were provisionally issued for postal use pending the manufacture of a special series of postage stamps.

Cancelled-to-Order

A term applied to stamps which are sold in a cancelled condition, and which have never performed any postal duty. Whole sheets of stamps, usually with the original gum still adhering, are cancelled thus, either "by favor," for the benefit of collectors who insist on having used stamps, or so that the labels can be sold below face value. The issues of the British North Borneo Company from 1887 are notorious examples of the latter class of cancelled-to-order stamps. Sometimes, too, remainders have been cancelled so that they could be sold for a mere fraction of their original facial value, as in the case of the remainders of the St. Helena stamps. Fortunately, in the majority of cases, the marks employed for obliterating stamps of this kind differ materially from the cancellations applied to stamps which have been legitimately used for postal purposes.

Dates on Stamps

3 Novembre, 1918—This overprint on certain war charity stamps of San Marino was applied to commemorate the world war armistice of that country with Austria.

3. 6. 18.—Bahamas issued a War Charity stamp March 6, 1918, and these figures are supposed to represent the date of issue. The stamps actually appeared July 10.

31. 7. 17.—This date on the Mozambique Co., 1917, charity issue, represents the anniversary of the opening of World War hostilities in Portuguese East Africa.

MISCELLANY—

ON May 12 there was a competiti hibition of stamps between th timore Polytechnic Institute and th est Park High School at the Ma Academy of Sciences.

IN the April issue of *The No* there are illustrations of three 1c, 3c and 5c, described as "Ches Lake (Maine) Tourist Despatch. article by Louis S. Cook accompan illustrations. These labels were sense an official issue, but were ma Leonard Hilton, manager of the hotel and store, and used for th patch of mail between the local office and the neighboring camping The stamps are in one design and the head of a moose.

FOR twenty-eight years the firm T. Wilson, 18 Livingstone Rd., ingham, England, has been sendi a bi-monthly list of special offe bargains. A copy for May is at and there are many novelties th interest the general collector. A will be sent any collector upon req

IVER OAS sends us a clipping the current *National Republic* contains an interesting story up proposed United States Postal Ac This article is illustrated with p of Benjamin Franklin and Ha New, the old New York post-of 29 William St., and Chicago's firs office.

WE are indebted to Neal W. H and Emil J. Rall for clipping the *Herald* and *American* of P giving the particulars of the new and Goethals stamps to be issued Canal Zone, September 1.

IN this issue will be found an tisement of Francis J. Gross, w just returned from Miami, Fla., he has spent the winter. He w glad to resume business relation his clients.

ALLEN H. WRIGHT recent dressed two of the grades training school at the San Diego State College on "Postage Stamp Their Value in Studying Histor Geography." So much interes manifested that Mr. Wright pre his audience with a year's subsc to the Weekly.

THERE is a letter at this office Cadek. When one sends o proval selections we suggest th sheets indicate address of owner.

THE New York Precancel Stam met at the Hoovers' office, 35 St., Friday evening, May 4. Ab men were present. Arrangemen maintaining precancel frames at th lectors' Club Exhibits next Fa Winter were completed. A res had been passed at the April m urging Dr. Mitchell to stand for r nation as President of the Pre Stamp Society. The Hoovers ra monthly auction of Dr. Mitchell mense collection. Very good pri South Dakota, Kentucky and Hampshire were realized.

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IDWAY IDS. AND CABLE STATION

(*Continued from page 337*)

r are the most interesting things d Midway.

l order to bed down the sand and ent its blowing up into dunes, mar- grass was introduced in 1906, from Francisco, where it had been utilized e reclamation work at Golden Gate This Australian desert grass s in sand; you plant it deep and t off at the surface, and soon it so that you can take new cuttings plant more. Aside from its deeper it throws out a network of roots intertwine just beneath the surface e sand and tend to protect it from ind and convert it into soil. Ten of this grass were planted athwart sland like a belt, where the dunes blown up, and then it was possible nt as much more as was wanted.

was now also possible to plant trees, s, and flowers. David Haughs, ter- al forester of Hawaii, regularly seeds and cuttings; Australia again ibuted, this time the ironwood tree, here are now ironwood trees on Island forty and fifty feet high. d, it is said that the foliage on the has grown so dense in places that have to be cut through it, and be- the plants and the birds the place ly a paradise. The station is of provided with every material rt, substantial cottages, electric and power, an ice plant, an excel- ibrary, a reservoir for a fifty-thou- gallon reserve of rain water, and den of an acre of ground for thousands of tons of soil were ally brought in from Hawaii.

h this soil came a host of pests, n worms and caterpillars galore. was a new problem for the ama- agriculturists, and they solved it ally by their usual resort to science he aid of scientific friends. This story of the tranformation of ay shows, indeed, that, where the ng but ignorant peasant would be y at a loss to convert bare and g sands into productive and car- land, even the amateur, of educa- nd intelligence, need not despair. A anchored off Midway in 1909, a pair of yellow canaries were t from her Chinese steward at one for each bird. They were taken e station and carefully fed and for, at last being turned out to re- o their original wild state. Water ieed troughs were placed on the dah of the superintendent's house, is wife—for women are not pro- d from living with their husbands idway—was the keeper of the birds ll as of the flowers. The canaries plied themselves, and now there are ands of wild canaries on Sand Is- but no longer a pest of worms.

he same year the Laysan finch was luced on Sand Island, and for the purpose—getting rid of the worms caterpillars. This finch had been on Laysan Island, eastward of ay, and taken to Eastern Island in It had made its way on Eastern l, and now it made its way on Island.

imported soil also brought the to the ironwood trees; they soon red in malignant silver coatings g ill for the embryo forest. Ed- Ehrhorn, entomologist of Hono- was consulted. He sent a bug the ladybird—perhaps she who away home in the nursery rime. It plied exceedingly, and ate up the . Nowadays whenever the blight ears the ladybird returns to its at other times the useful bug keeps iding somewhere and abides its No blight, no ladybird bugs.

wingless bird on Eastern Island, bly a survivor from the Wander- Minstrel, wrecked at Midway in shares honors with the Laysan finch pest killer.

o herds of wild donkeys are a part e faunal life of Midway. A pair taken to Eastern Island and turned twenty-two years ago to subsist on each grasses. They did, and now are two small herds on the island. Some were haltered, when work was to be done on Sand Island, such as the leveling of the dunes, and when the work was done they were taken back to Eastern Island and turned loose again. They stamp holes in the sand to get down to water. The grasses introduced affording sufficient pasturage, a small herd of Jerseys is kept at the cable station to provide fresh milk, cream, and butter.

Life passes pleasantly at Midway, not only because of the work to be done with the steady volume of cables pouring through the station day and night, but because of the garden, the birds, and the plants. Midway is one of the most remarkable rookeries of wild birds in the world. Regularly every year the birds repair to Midway and make their nests—the wandering albatross, the boatswain, the frigate bird or man-o'-war hawk, the sheerwater or petrel, the booby, curlews, plovers, and terns. Tiniest of all is the white love bird, and very curious about depositing its egg, which by some queer magic it manages to place upon a leaf of some small tree or shrub so it will remain there until it hatches; and then the parents merely stand by until the fledging appears and is able to fly.

Other birds resort to the sandy beaches high above the tide to deposit their eggs. Such is the habit of the albatrosses. When you visit them, they receive you with great ceremony, bowing and making it a state affair. They conduct you to the nest, proudly show its contents, then settle down to business—when you are expected to leave. Calls are expected to be formal ones. Daddy Albatross takes his turn on the nest. Midway offers a first-rate opportunity for the scientific study of bird life. All the varieties are so tame—rather, free from any fear of man—that it is easy to observe them under wholly natural conditions.

Observe the man-o'-war hawk getting his breakfast. This old sea pirate has an enormous spread of wing and can fly countless miles and poise motionless, or seemingly so, over one spot minutes at a time. When man knows as much about flying as the man-o'-war, the Pacific will be no problem to him. The man-o'-war makes the booby bring him his breakfast. The booby, an excellent fisher, dives into the teeming waters of the atoll and comes up with a handsome fish, with which he rises high into the air in the hope of getting to a secure spot to devour it. In the offing the men-o'-war are circling, one quite near the water, and when the booby has risen high enough with the fish the others give chase, make him drop the fish, and depend on their confederate to catch it before it reaches the water. The booby does drop it, and they all feast. The poor booby has no alternative but to return to the atoll waters and try his luck again. Fortunately the fish are as plentiful as the birds; a yarn-spinner declares that the art of fishing at Midway has been reduced to an effort to make a cast without hooking a fish, considered a real feat; while to supply the kitchen the Chinese cook simply makes a single dip of his net and selects only the primest of an abundant haul.

Naturally there are sharks in the atoll waters, but they feed well enough on the fishes and never molest the swimming beach, which shelves gradually away from the land in gleaming white sand. Spearing porpoises from canoes is good sport. They float about as if asleep, but jerk the canoe furiously along after the harpoon hits them. It may be an hour or more before they give up the struggle. Ashore there is tennis, and also golf. In the latter game, owing to the sandy nature of the course and the unsatisfactory bunkers and greens, one gets within an approximate distance and then concedes himself that particular hole. But it is all reduced to rules, and genuine contests are possible.

As there are no contagious or infectious diseases on Midway, life there is healthful; the residents never even suffer from colds. Yet, in the course of twenty-five years, a few graves have been dug: there was the doctor who succumbed to an attack of angina pectoris, and the young operator who dived off the wharf and broke his neck. These and one or two more are the mortality statistics.

Midway, of course, with the cable constantly babbling, keeps in hourly touch with the world of to-day, while the past is all there, too, bound in the many and well-chosen volumes of the station library.—*Am. Chamber of Com. Jour.*

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Then he shows this stamp as well as the previous issue, on what appears to be almost tissue paper and the same stamp on practically card-board. In the way of impressions there are copies that look as if they had come from the first run of the plate and some that look as if they were printed the day before the plates were thrown away as useless. There is also a double impression which is unique.

As for the cracked plates there is a section showing single copies reconstructing every crack known and the same cracks on the entire covers. There are also numerous cracks in the 1857 Type II stamps which from my experience have been exceedingly scarce.

These are just a few of the things that I off-hand note. Pick up the Specialized Catalog, locate any plate or printing variety mentioned, and it is, no doubt, in this collection. It is being broken up and sections are being sent to responsible collectors for their inspection.

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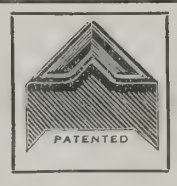

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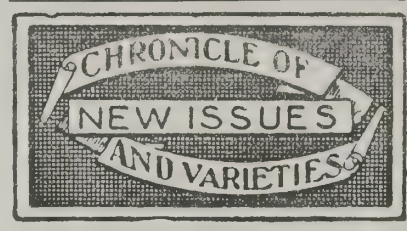

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United States

Washington Notes

I am informed by Washington that they contemplate issuing the air mail stamp in book form, and unless the new postal bill now before Congress changes the rate, the present 10-cent Lindbergh variety will appear with six stamps to the book, selling at sixty-three cents.

The Department has also decided to open a branch of the Philatelic Agency at Cleveland Exhibition. The branch will not be opened for the entire week, but in accordance with present arrangements, will open on Thursday, May 24th. On the following Saturday, the 26th, the new Valley Forge stamp will be available at the Cleveland branch on this first day of issue.

Cleveland was decided upon at the last minute, as the Midwest Philatelic Exhibition will be in progress in that City, and the stamp will appear at the branch of the Agency at the Exhibition on the opening day.

It is now contemplated that a special cancellor will be used for postmarking Exhibition mail.

3c Rotary Perf. 11x10½

Mention was recently made of the current 3c rotary perf. 11x10½ in a very light violet shade. All that had been seen were pre-cancelled, "New York, N. Y."

While the Philatelic Agency has requested their representative at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to endeavor to obtain a supply of these stamps in unused condition, they have been unsuccessful, and I have not, as yet, seen this stamp from any post office in other than pre-cancelled condition. It is quite likely that a stock may turn up later on.

1922, 2c Side-wise Coil, Broken Plate

Mr. W. F. Goerner certainly examines his stamps most carefully, for on a circular letter which he recently submitted he located the current 2-cent side-wise coil No. 599 with a slight break at the upper left corner in the margin. This is immediately to the right of the line where the plates are fitted together, and extends vertically, entirely in the margin, about a quarter of an inch. From the appearance of the specimen, I am lead to believe that the crack runs into the upper stamp. These little surface cracks are located every once in a while, but are only found by those who give very close inspection to the stamps that pass through their hands.

10c Lindbergh Double Transfer

Mr. Frederick R. McAlpin is another collector who seems to examine his stamps most carefully, for he brings to my attention several distinct double transfers which are to be found upon the Lindbergh variety, but one on Plate 18246 is the finest that has come to my attention so far.

This is the eleventh stamp—that is, the first stamp in the third row from the northwest pane. The double transfer is to be noted on the right end of the stamp and is most distinct.

The upper frame line is doubled immediately above the "E" of postage, and the lower frame line under the right end. There is a distinct shift of the "E" in postage, as well as the little curlique underneath. The tail of the plane is doubled, and the "0" of the right "10" shifts below into the inner frame line. Such a double transfer is well worthy of note, and can be seen quite clearly without the aid of a glass, although the shows up the smaller details.

Mr. McAlpin also writes tha eleventh stamp in the same position Plate 19004 of the southwest pane a distinct double transfer in the lef as well as a double transfer of th inside of the upper left curlique.

New Provisional Envelope

Mr. H. Clay Reed writes that he cated a new revalued 1-cent green die envelope. This is Die C on wh tra quality, size 5, watermark 24, wit back. The surcharge is the well Richmond, magenta.

The variety will interest the co of entire envelopes only, for it gi nothing new in so far as the colle cut squares is concerned.

I wish to thank Messrs. S. S. Charles J. Jandrue, Jr., Berna Cone, Gabriel Cannon, Reverend J. er, S. M., Armond Carroll and Re T. O. Perrin, for information of i

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Alexandria.—Denomination i lièmes; further values.—50m ve and green, 100m blue and buff, green and red; *Postage Due.*—4 genta, 10m red.—*Stamp Collecti*

Argentine.—Mr. R. Roberts adv the appearance of the ½c purple, 2c deep brown, and 5c red, with below "c" of value.

Australian Commonwealth.—M Roberts sends for chronicle the 1p perf. 13½ x 12½, on multiple sn and Crown paper. They are the of John Ash, Australian Note and Printer.

Belgium.—We understand th mail stamps are in preparation, t signs featuring an aeroplane flyin Brussels and other Belgian c *Stamp Collecting.*

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Rarotonga.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 3sh pale violet, Admiral type overprinted in red on New Zealand, Cowan paper, thick white, watermarked N Z and Star almost invisible.

Sweden.—*Royal birthday commemoratives.*—We are much obliged to Mr. E. K. Russell, the well known L.S.C. member and dealer, for a cutting from a Swedish newspaper, of which the following is a translation:

New Commemoration Issue of Sweden.

"On June 16th, King Gustaf the Fifth has completed his seventieth year, and in commemoration of his birthday a Jubilee set of five stamps will be issued. The issue consists of the values of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 öre which will be sold at 5 öre above the face value. Thus the nominal value of the set will be 1 Crown. The surplus amount is intended to form a fund for charity purposes, the King having to resolve how to dispose of this fund. According to the King's resolution, the fund thus formed will be used for the scientific struggle with the cancer diseases.

"The design of the stamps, that are issued in large size, shows the portrait of King Gusta , at top the inscription 'Gustaf V 1858-1928,' and at bottom the country name 'Sverige.'

"The stamps will appear in the middle of June and will be sold until December 31st, when they are to be withdrawn. They may be used on Inland as well as Foreign correspondence."—*Stamp Collecting.*

Switzerland.—League of Nations. New values reported in *La Suisse Philatelique.* Overprinted "Societé des Nations" on current Swiss stamps. 25c brown (William Tell), 5fr ultramarine. Overprinted "S. d. N. Bureau international du Travail." 40c blue (Helvetia). —*Philatelic Magazine.*

Turkey.—*Red Crescent Charity Stamps.* According to *Der Berner Briefmarken-Zeitung,* the new London printed issue is now out.

The design shows a map of Asia Minor overprinted with a Red Crescent and bears the inscription, in European Characters, Croissant Rouge Turc. The values, ½pi, 1pi, 2½pi (lithographed) and 5, 10, 20, 50pi (line-engraved), are the work of Thomas De La Rue & Co.

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CANADIAN PRECANCELS FOR 1927

By C. C. SONNE.

A year ago the outlook for Canadian precancel collectors did not look very bright, postage cuts and meters were being used in large numbers, and all large post offices, as well as subs and mail order houses were being supplied with cash registers for parcel post use, using the printed register slip in lieu of stamps on mail—but in spite of the gloomy prospect, old 1927 did not use us too badly at all; one new city using precancels, and three new plates, as well as a host of new stuff from the old plates. Our infant, St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., blossomed out with a very neat plate, in small serif capitals, and thin bars, using the 1c yellow only. They were not very slow in getting pretty well spread around, too bad Sherbrooke and Chatham were not as well distributed. New plates were made for Toronto, London, and Windsor, small plain capitals, with three straight thin bars, quite similar to type 23, except that the word "ont" is in smaller type, and more condensed. Windsor using the 1c yellow only, London 1c yellow and 10c light brown, but Toronto has run the whole line-up, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 20c, 50c and $1, with invert and double normal on 1c. Guelph also had their old plate dusted off and used the 2c green, followed in example by Walkerville, same denomination. A few others to appear, were (using Thompson's Type Numbers). Edmonton, type 26, 10c light brown. Hamilton, type 3, 2c green; type 25, 7c red-brown, 10c light brown. London, type 3c, 10c light brown. Montreal, type 25, 10c light brown; type 11, 2c green, double, 4c bistre, double. Regina, type 15, 3c carmine. St. Thomas, 50c gray-black. Saskatoon, 10c light brown. Toronto, type 25, 20c olive, inverted. Vancouver, type 28, $1 orange. Winnepeg, type 3, 2c green, inverted; type 24, 8c blue. Many new discoveries were also made, but I have knowledge of very few of them; among some good ones are: Hamilton, type 3, 2c red, double inverted. London, type 3, 3c brown double. Kingston, type 17, 2c carmine, double. Regina, type 15, 2c carmine, double; 5c blue, double inverted. Toronto, type 3, ½c black, blue ink overprint; type 11, 7c bistre double inverted; type 17, 20c olive, double, and Walkerville 1c yellow double.

I will not attempt to list the bar precancels that were brought to light in 1927, there have been a large number of them reported in various stamp papers, and a great deal of work is in store for the cataloguers—the items at present listed are only a fraction of the actual known specimens, it seems that every collector has one or more unlisted ones, and the work of getting a complete check list of these is extremely difficult. I have check lists of some of the most prominent collections, but apparently most collectors believe in hiding their light under a bushel, which makes it much harder to get a line on the unlisted varieties, many of which are contained in hidden collections.—*Precancel Gazette.*

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A writer in *Le Collectionneur de Timbre Poste* at the time of their issue observed: "We know well that it is not given to everyone to be beautiful; it is even permissible to be homely, but there is homliness and homliness. We have had our Revolution, of which the two principal phases, 1789 and 1793, might be personified by Mirabeau and Danton. Now, these two revolutionists were frankly homely. But what a difference between the leonine faces of these two personages and the burlesque expressions of the citizens, pardon, the Comrades Dozsa and Martinovics, between the two champions of the great French Revolution and the bearded and hairy Karl Marx and Engels!"

Surely if our Bolshevist "friends" wished to implant confidence in their doctrines and propaganda on the part of outsiders they could have given us portraits of their leaders that would be a trifle less terror inspiring.

We have been asked who these handsome fellows are so frequently that we make no apology for giving the following short biographical details of each.

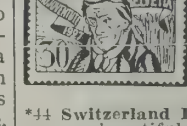
Esau in all his glory probably never had such a wonderful hirsute appearance as the Prussian Karl Marx shown on the 20 filler stamp. Marx is the true founder of modern socialism. Of Jewish ancestry he was born in Treves in 1818. In 1842 he established a radical journal at Cologne which was soon suppressed. He migrated to Paris, where he became acquainted with the writings of Proudhon, which converted him to socialism, and formed his life long friendship with Engels. The publication of a journal, *Vorwarts,* led to his expulsion from France, and he then took up his permanent residence in London. Here, while writing much on current politics, he devoted himself chiefly to the development of his economic ideas. In 1867 he launched the first volume of *Das Kapital,* which has become the Bible of modern socialism. A second volume appeared in 1885, and the third in 1895. The book itself is a marvel of erudition. In 1864 the International was founded embodying Marx's ideas, and though he never held high office in it, he was its real head, and inspired all its documents and appeals to the people. In 1872 a fierce struggle for control of the International between adherents of Marx and those of Bakunin ended in the expulsion of the latter and the crippling of the association, and thereafter its influence was practically nil. Marx died in 1883.

Sandor Petofi, whose portrait appears on the 45 filler stamp, is unquestionably the best looking of the quintet. He was born at Kiskoros, Hungary, in 1823, and became known as a writer of lyrics unrivalled in the language. His work marked an epoch, as the assertion of the more simple and romantic type of poetry against the stereotyped and classical form. He embraced the cause of the Hungarian revolutionists in 1848. He was aide-de-camp to General Bem, and distinguished himself in the battles of Deva and Ezasz-Sebes. He died in battle at Segesvar in 1849, and a statue was erected to his memory in Budapest in 1882.

The bald-headed gentleman on the 60 filler stamp is Martinovics, an old Franciscan and almoner of a regiment in Bukowina, Austria. He became one of the most rabid propagators of democratic ideas in Hungary, and on the accession of Francis II he headed a revolutionary movement and was accepted by the Committee of Public Safety as agent for Austria-Hungary. He circulated a republican questionnaire and organized a plot which was discovered by the police of Vienna in 1794. For his part in this Martinovics was condemned to death and he was beheaded in 1795.

Dozsa, the most fearsome looking of the quintet, whose portrait appears on the 75 filler value, was a Transylvanian peasant. He headed a revolt of peasants and became chief of the Hungarian jacquerie of 1514. As conqueror of Csanad he ordered all the middle portion of Hungary burned and devastated. He was eventually conquered by Bathori and Szapolyai, and as a fitting punishment for his many atrocities his captors decreed that he be seated on a red-hot iron throne and crowned with a flaming diadem.

Friedrich Engels, the last of our gallery, occupies the place of honor on the 80 filler stamp. He was also a Pru[illegible] like his friend Marx, and was bo[illegible] Barmen in 1820. He lived for a ti[illegible] England and there became interest[illegible] the Chartist and Owenite mover[illegible] He was joint-author of the famous [illegible] munist manifesto in 1848, and too[illegible] active part in the founding of the [illegible] national in 1864. After Marx's dea[illegible] issued and edited three volumes of [illegible] writer's *Das Kapital.* He wrote m[illegible] ous works himself, and died in 18[illegible] the ripe age of 75.—*Philatelic Opin[illegible]*



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Turks & Caicos Postage & Revenue 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Ordinance No. 6 of 1927, passed by the Legislative Board of the Turks & Caicos Islands, on March 25th, and approved by His Excellency the Governor of Jamaica, Sir H. E. Stubbs on April 11th, was proclaimed in the Dependency on May 7th.

By sections 2 and 5 of this ordinance it is enacted that—

"2.—*Fees collected by stamps.*

It shall be lawful for the Commissioner from time to time, to declare and direct, by Order to be published in the *Gazette*, that from and after the time specified in such Order, all or any of the fees, for the time being, payable in any Court of Justice or Public Department or Office connected with the Public Service, or to any Officer thereof, respectively, in aid of the General Revenue of the Dependency, shall be collected by means of stamps, and from and after the time specified in any such order or notice, the fees therein mentioned shall be received by such stamps as are equivalent to the amount of fees payable, and not in money.

"5.—*Dies or stamps.*

The Commissioner may take all necessary steps to provide suitable dies or stamps for the purposes of the Ordinance."

Postage and Revenue stamps therefore became necessary and in their Bulletin of July-September, 1927, the Crown Agents for the Colonies announced that such a series was in preparation to supersede the Crown type stamps issued November 20, 1922.

Until the new stamps were received, those of the small head, King George V series of 1913, and the Crown series of 1922, were used for the combined duties of postage and revenue, though inscribed only "Postage." The 5d, 6d and 1s Crown type stamps exhausted during January, 1928, and subsequent to the issue of the Postage & Revenue series, the remainders of both the 1913 and the 1922 series, were burned.

The new stamps reached Grand Turk, via. New York, on February 3, 1928, by the Columbus steamer "Solhavn," which brought 13 bags of mail and 55 tons of general cargo. They were not, however, put on sale until Thursday, March 1, 1928, and as a mail left Grand Turk the evening of February 29th, first supplies of the Postage & Revenue stamps did not leave the island until March 18th, when the Royal Netherlands S. S. "Amazone" arrived from the south and took on the mail for New York.

The stamps of this series, comprising eleven denominations (the 4d, 5d and 3s of the former series were dropped, and two new values 5s and 10s added), were line engraved and recess printed by Messrs. Thos. De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London, on multiple Crown and script CA watermarked paper, and comb perforated 14, in sheets of 120, divided into 2 panes of 60 each (6 x 10), with a margin between, and issued in Post Office sheets of 60. There is no marginal line, inscription, or plate number, although along the lower edge on some denominations (1½d and 2s) there is a band of engine turning, extending the width of the pane. Colored papers were used for the 2½d and 5s (yellow), 2s (green), and 10s (blue).

The design is a re-drawing of that used for the Crown type stamps of 1922, a profile portrait of King George V, facing the left, on an oval medallion. On a band conforming to the oval is "Turks & Caicos Islands" at the top, and "Postage & Revenue" at the bottom. In the upper corners as before, is the Imperial Crown, placed horizontally; in the lower corners, on colorless rectangles, the denomination in numerals (1d), and between, the value in words "One Penny." Small ovals containing the Turk's head cacti are inserted in the design just above the figures of value. The inscriptions are colorless.

Unfortunately, the design is more overcrowded than that of the Crown type series of 1922. The Crown, cacti and nu-

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2690	2c on 3c on Blue, Type II	.20	..
2695	2c on 3c Violet, Type III..	.05	.03
2696	2c on 3c on Amber	.08	.08
2697	2c on 3c on Buff	.09	.09
2698	2c on 3c on Blue	.12	..
2699	2c on 3c Violet, Type IV..	.08	.04
2700	2c on 3c on Amber	.20	.16
2701	2c on 3c Buff	.18	.18
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2703	2c on 1c on 3c on white ..	6.00	..
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2723	1½c on 1c on Blue (1907)	1.50	..
2725	1½c on 1c Green (1916) ..	.04	.02
2726	1½c on 1c on Amber	.50	..
2727	1½c on 1c on Buff	.23	..
2728	1½c on 1c on Blue	.05	.02
2729	1½c on 1c on Manila	.12	..
2729a	1½c on 1c on Brown	1.00	..
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2736	1½c on 1c on Buff (1907)..	.28	..
2737	1½c on 1c on Blue (1907)	.18	..
2738	1½c on 1c on Manila (1907)	.38	..
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(Communication to H. M. Grant.)

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In reply, you are informed that the present stamp was manufactured in error by the contractor, and the correct spelling of Col. Lindbergh's name should appear on the postmarking stamp. I may state for your information that a special order has been placed for a new stamp, showing the correct spelling, for use at the above-mentioned office.

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WE have been shown by a Montreal correspondent a specimen of a Canadian airflight cover which bears the hall marks of official recognition. An ordinary business size envelope is printed across the front and back with the usual airmail markings, and in the lower left-hand corner in a rectangular frame is this inscription in block letters:—"This mail was carried by postal airplane to Montreal." The postmark is from De Rimouskie, May 6. A number of routes are being planned, and we shall later on give full particulars.

W. W. MACLAREN has decided to discontinue the "Stamp Hunter," and we voice in part the great regret that will be felt at the course Mr. MacLaren is compelled to pursue. We have made use of many little articles that have appeared in the "Stamp Hunter," and we shall miss this interesting publication.

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, the names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

On **April 30th, the Government accepted bids on three new Air Mail routes. Chicago to Atlanta, with a spur from Evansville, Ind. to St. Louis, Mo., was awarded to Robert L. Harter. St. Louis-Kansas City-Omaha to Robertson Aircraft Corp. and Chicago-Bay City; Kalamazoo-Muskegon; Kalamazoo - Detroit - Pontiac went to the Thompson Aeronautical Corp. On this latter route, all fields are said to be in readiness with the exception of Pontiac, but that operations should commence in a short time.**

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It is rumored that Utica, N. Y., will go on the AM #20 when the route opens June 1st. This is not official, but it might be worth while taking a chance and having a few letters at that point for despatch.

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The Department of Commerce, Aeronautical Branch, in the Domestic Air News of April 30th, make the statement that the Transcontinental Air Mail will not be ready to operate much before the first of September, probably later. It was originally hoped that the initial flights would be made May 1st, but landing fields are not ready South of the border and a complete organization has not yet been brought together. Press reports have stated that the route would open June 1st, but in view of the foregoing, it seems probable that a later date may be expected.

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On June 20th - 21st - 22nd, Lowell, Mass., will dedicate her new Airport with elaborate ceremonies. This will be one of the finest Airports in New England, if not in the country, and a very large attendance during the three days will have ample opportunity of seeing many different types of Army, Navy and commercial planes in flight and on exhibition. It is hoped that a special cachet will be used on mail for the period of the Exposition and dedication.

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Two "flops" were registered the past week or ten days. It was expected that Kittyhawk, N. C., would do herself proud on May 2nd, when the monument to the Wright Brothers was unveiled, but nothing special came through. Sharpesville, Pa., had an Air Mail Day scheduled for May 10th and about 3000 letters piled up, ready to be cancelled, but the POD said nothing doing, so all covers were returned—minus cancellations.

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We illustrate herewith the cachet applied to letters mailed on the New York-Atlanta route May 7:—

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Will some of our good friends in the Middle and Far West please step on the gas and send through whatever they hear in the nature of news of additional pending routes? There are quite a number of rumors around regarding possible changes, etc., and I would like some verification of these stories.

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The Round the World Air Mail Derby, the first contest of its kind in the history of the world and sponsored by the Varney Air Lines, air mail operators, in co-operation with the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer", came to a close on May 5, with the return of one of the letters which completed travel around the world. The elapsed time from Seattle and back again to Seattle was 78 days and one hour and a half. This one letter used, wherever possible, established air mail routes.

The contest consisted of sending two letters from Seattle on February 17, both at the same hour; one going east and one going west using air mail lines wherever available. The eastbound letter was intercepted by the London Postmaster on March 9, and was returned under official cover to the Second Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, who in turn transmitted it to Seattle. It therefore failed to accomplish the trip intended. As there is a rule in some of the foreign countries against the sending of mail around the world, it was expected that the westbound letter would be intercepted and returned also, but it slipped through, making it even of more value because of this fact, and arrived safely back in Seattle.

The letter which completed its itinerary will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at a Water Carnival held by the Seattle Elks on June 13. As this one letter is one of the most valuable souvenirs of mail transportation in existence, it should bring a large sum in the auction. It is estimated some 60,000 people will witness this auction and some real competition is in store among the bidders. Money received from the auction will be turned over to a fund for the building of a convalescent home for crippled children. Bids have come in from all over the country on this one letter since its safe arrival back at its starting point.

Although other letters have been sent around the globe, this is, as far as is known, the only air mail letter in existence which has gone through the open mails without interference of any kind.

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C. E. Moon informs us that there will be a special flight of airmail out of Toledo June 3 at the opening of the Toledo Air Port. Covers sent to the Toledo post-office will be forwarded if properly marked. It will be the first airmail out of Toledo.

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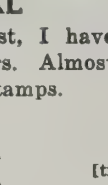

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The Brussels Handstamps

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

When the Congo was annexed by Belgium it was decided that new stamps would have to be issued bearing the inscription "Congo Belge" (Belgian Congo). In the meantime it was decided to use up the stocks on hand by overprinting the words CONGO BELGE over the now obsolete legend "Etat Independant." At first it was the intention to use handstamps for this work and sixteen of these were made in Brussels. Eight of these handstamps were shipped to the Congo with instructions that they be distributed to the eight principal post offices there, and the postmasters of these offices were informed that all stamps on hand must be overprinted before they were placed in circulation.

The remaining eight handstamps were at first used for overprinting the stamps on hand in Brussels, but this method was found too cumbersome and slow, and it was, therefore, decided to apply the overprint by means of the printing press.

The stamps with the Brussels surcharges are rare as the quantities issued were small. Speaking generally the ink was gray-black, and the letters are clearer than those of the surcharges made in the Congo itself.

The handstamps were separately engraved, consequently there are eight different types varying more or less one from the other. The distinguishing characteristics of the eight Brussels handstamps are as follows:

Type I—The upper half of the B is much smaller than the lower portion of that letter. This peculiarity also exists in Type VI, but in the latter type is less pronounced while the size of the entire surcharge is also different.

Type II—The two halves of the B are equal in size and the letter is rectangular in shape and rather narrow.

Type III—The upper curve of the C is very short and in the word BELGE the letter L is quite close to the G.

Type IV—The upper part of the B is a little larger than the lower portion, while the topmost line of the E tilts slightly upward.

Type V—The letters are very regular though the O and B are slightly larger than those in the preceding types, and the upper part of the B is a little smaller than the lower part. The length of the surcharge is 17mm.

Type VI—See remarks under Type I. The letters L and G in BELGE are rather close together, though less so than in Type III. Type VI had a frame, but the lines were in lower relief than the letters and ordinarily did not show when the surcharge was applied. Occasionally, however, specimens will be found with parts of the frame lines showing.

Type VII—This resembles Type V, but the lower curve of the C is higher and the surcharge measures 16½mm instead of 17mm.

Type VIII—This type is identical in length with Type VI, but the upper part of the letter C differs noticeably. Also the lower curve of both the letters G mount higher and, finally, the horizontal bars of the last E are shorter than in any of the other types.

The following is a list of the values known with the different types of the Brussels overprint:

Type I—5, 10, 15, 25, 50 centimes, 1fr, 3fr 50c, 5fr and 10fr.

Type II—5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50 centimes, 1fr, 3fr 50c, 5fr and 10fr.

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Type V—5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50 ce 1fr, 3fr 50c, 5fr and 10fr.

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e values 1 to 5 kopecs are of normal p size; the 1 kopec black, red, and n depicts a native woman; the 2 ko- violet, green, and brown shows a with large antlers against a back- d of valleys and pasturage; the 3 s black, yellow, and green depicts a ntain goat in appropriate setting. 4 kopecs violet and brown shows a e standing outside his hut, in the ntain forest, this type of dwelling, a pointed roof, being peculiar to the ntain dwellers. The 5 kopecs orange, , and blue has a portrait of a male te.

e 8, 10, and 14 kopecs are large ob- stamps, the first bearing the map. 10 kopecs black, green, and red- n gives a glimpse of Touvan sport, here is a trio of native archers in e attire, armed with bows and rs.

e are told that archery is a popular of recreation, especially with the g folk, and a reputation for skill at art counts for much in Touva, and, e all, makes a young fellow an eligi- arti.

e 14 kopecs, blue and orange, shows nel caravan, laden with goods, trav- g the desert, with a range of moun- in the background; the foremost l is led by a guide, and the others ied one behind the other.

e next two values are triangular. 18 kopecs blue and purple-brown s cattle grazing, a shepherd amidst e, and in the rear are seen the huts e shepherds of the plain, low-arched lings covered with felt, a contrast to omes of the mountain folk, seen on kopecs. The 28 kopecs green and n bears a landscape with trees in the ground, and a valley with a glimpse ountain tops in the distance.

new shape of stamp, of large size nearly square, is used for the 40, 50, 70 kopecs. The 40 kopecs red and nish-blue shows a file of natives on back, crossing a river, the horses submerged in the water. The 50 cs black, green, and brown, perhaps most effective design in the series, s a native girl at work making an rately designed carpet; her long es of hair are drawn under her belt ep them from impeding her move- s, and at the side is a large basin water or perhaps koumiss.

e 70 kopecs red and bistre shows a e horseman shielding his eyes from un as he gazes across the plains af- is cattle.

e remaining stamp is not one that would find convenient in use if you a large post to despatch. It is loz- -shape, a diamond turned sideways, it measures 3 in. across and 1¾ in. ight. The frame is a yellow-brown, the centre, in violet, shows natives, and women, astride reindeer on the es of the mountains—*Postage Stamp.*

DENMARK

Cat. No.		New.	Used
	1901-05		
52	24o brown	.25	.06
54	15o lilac	.10	.02
56	15o on 24o brown	.15	.06
63	15o lilac	.20	..
64	20o blue	.15	..
65	25o brown	.20	.03
66	50o dull violet	.35	.14
67	100o ochre	.65	.20
	1907-12		
73a	20o indigo	.25	..
74	25o brown	.18	..
75	35o orange	.22	.06
76	50o claret	.30	.02
77	100o bistre brown	.60	.03
	1912		
78	35o on 16o slate & brown	.40	.30
79	35o on 20o rose & gray	.40	.30
80	35o on 32o green	.70	.60
	1913-15		
92	20o deep blue	.12	..
93	25o dark brown	.15	..
94	35o orange	.25	.02
95	50o claret	.40	.03
96	80o blue green	.45	.18
97	1Kr yellow brown	.50	.03
98	2Kr gray	1.00	.06
	1915		
100	80o on 12o slate & lake	.90	.90
101	80o on 8o carmine	.90	.90

Cat. No.		New.	Used
	1918		
105	27o on 1o olive	2.75	2.75
106	27o on 5o blue	2.00	2.00
107	27o on 7o carmine	2.50	2.50
108	27o on 10o deep lilac	2.50	2.50
110	27o on 68o yellow brown	.50	.50
111	27o on 5Kr rose & green	.20	.20
112	27o on 10Kr bistre & blue	.30	.30
113	27o on 1o olive gray	.18	..
114	27o on 5o blue	.22	..
115	27o on 7o rose	.18	..
116	27o on 8o green	.20	..
117	27o on 10o deep lilac	.18	..
118	27o on 20o green	.20	..
119	27o on 29o orange	.20	..
120	27o on 38o orange	.75	..
121	27o on 41o yellow brown	.25	..
122	27o on 1Kr green & maroon	.18	..
	1918-21		
123	7o orange	.05	..
124	12o gray green	.10	..
125	27o vermilion & black	.20	.10
126	30o green & black	.15	.02
127	35o yellow & black	.20	.02
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The commemorative stamps of the rest of the world which have a political, military, or dynastic significance may be divided conveniently into those concerned with events in, (1) Western Europe, (2) Northern Europe, including Russia and the Baltic states, (3) the Near East and Africa, (4) the Far East, the Middle East, and Oceania, and (5) The British Empire.

The events in the history of Western Europe which have been commemorated by special issues of postage stamps are as follows: (The countries and dates in parentheses refer to the place and time of issue).

925—Acknowledgment of the suzerainty of the Emperor Henry the Fowler, by the Duke of Lorraine (Germany, 1925).

1394—Birth of Prince Henry, the Navigator, of Portugal (1894).

1498—Voyage of Vasco da Gama to India (Portugal, 1898).

1607—Birth of Michael de Ruyter, famous Dutch admiral (1907).

1755—Destruction of a large part of Lisbon by earthquake. The Marquis of Pombal whose energy resulted in the speedy rebuilding of the stricken area, was honored by Portugal by a special issue of stamps in 1925.

1777—Birth of Mazzini (Italy, 1922).

1811—Birth of Jon Sigurdsson, the most prominent Icelandic statesman of the nineteenth century (1911).

1813—Return to power of the House of Orange in Holland. The three King Williams and Queen Wilhelmina are portrayed (1913).

1821—Birth of Prince Regent Luitpold of Bavaria, younger brother of Maximilian (1848-1864) and uncle of Kings Louis II (1864-1886) and Otto (1886-1912). Prince Luitpold was further honored in the same year (1911) by an issue commemorating the twenty-fifth year of his regency.

1825—Birth of Camilo Castelo Branco of Portugal (1925).

1826—Beginning of constitutional government in Portugal (1926).

1830—Birth of Francis Joseph I of Austria (1910). This is the same set of stamps which was issued in 1908 in honor of the sixtieth year of his reign with the addition of a tablet bearing the date "1910." Bosnia and Herzegovina also issued a set described in another connection, in honor of his eightieth birthday.

1840—Birth of John II of Liechenstein (Two issues, 1920 and 1925, the second consisting of charity stamps).

1848—Accession of Francis Joseph I of Austria (1908). Also special issues from Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the Austrian post offices in Crete and the Levant. Portraits of Charles VI, Maria Theresa, Joseph II, Leopold II, Francis II, and Ferdinand I, as well as several different portraits of Francis Joseph I.

1849—Garibaldi's flight to San Marino after the collapse of the Roman Republic (San Marino, 1924).

1860-61—Garibaldi's expedition to Sicily, the plebiscite therein, and the formation of the Kingdom of Italy. (Three issues, 1910, 1911).

1894—Opening of new government palace in San Marino (1894).

1898—Coronation of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, who had been governing under a regent for eight years (1898). In 1923 the Dutch East Indies, Curacao and Surinam issued sets commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of her reign.

1900—Accession of Victor Emmanuel III of Italy (1925).

1918—Evacuation of Belgium by Germany and victorious conclusion of the Great War (Belgium, 1918). The stamps are inscribed "1914-1918" and bear a portrait of King Albert.

1918—Victory of the Piave River (Italy, 1921). Two years later San Marino also issued a "Victory" set in honor of its volunteers who had served in the Great War.

1920—Wedding of Charlotte Louise, daughter of Prince Albert of Monaco, and the Count of Polignac (March 20). The birth of a daughter to this royal couple (December 28) was also commemorated. The first issue consisted of charity stamps overprinted with the date; the second issue of regular stamps similarly overprinted.

1921—Reunion of Julian Venetia with Italy (1921).

1922—Fascisti seizure of power in Italy (1925).

1922—Flight of two Portuguese aviators to Brazil (Portugal, 1923).

1923—Birth of a daughter to the Grand Duchess of Luxemburg (1923).

1923—Presentation by Italy to San Marino of the Italian flag which had flown over the island of Arbe, the birthplace of St. Marinus, the founder of San Marino (San Marino, 1923).

1926—Airplane flight from Spain to the Philippines (Spain, 1926).

The following events in the history of the northern European states have been commemorated:

1521—Separation of Sweden from Denmark (Sweden, 1921). Portrait of Gustavus Vasa.

1613—Election of Michael, the first Romanov, to the throne of Russia (1913). The seventeen values bear portraits of eleven of the Romanovs, including Elizabeth and Catherine II. Three values honor Nicholas II, and two Peter the Great. There are also three Romanov palaces shown.

1625—Founding of Libau, Latvia (1925).

1814—Adoption of the Norwegian Constitution (1914).

1825—Decembrist Revolution in Russia (1925).

1917—Russian Bolshevist Revolution (Russia and Far East Republic, 1922).

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Cleveland called and collectors came. The curtain was raised and the culmination of many weeks of endeavor on the part of the philatelists of that city was revealed; and the scene evoked the plaudits of the philatelic citizenry.

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A pageant of philatelic glory was unfolded to the gaze of pilgrims who wished for the eyes of Argus in order to see it all. Indeed, there is something to talk about, think about and write about. In the words of the critic, the show will "be reviewed later."

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Air Mail Week was a seven days' wonder in showing how our unsubsidized air postal service has ascended in popular fancy. There are over eleven thousand miles of air ways, and by the end of the year the country will be covered by a network of routes. The special delivery stamp is giving way to the air mail stamp.

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It might be a good idea for some of the collectors who have a bit of paper profits in the stock market to profit by putting it in "bits of paper." We prefer not to say anything about the possibilities of profit through investment in stamps, but incidentally, a sheet of 2c and a sheet of 5c Norse-American that cost face a few years ago are now offered for $35, or five times their first price.

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A correspondent says that Señor Cosme Hinojosa, postmaster general of Mexico, whom we had the pleasure of meeting on one of his trips to this country some years ago, is desirous of developing the air mail service from the capitol of Mexico to Brownsville, Texas. The conflicting reports that have come from Mexico on the subject of mail transport by air may be said to be indicative of the interest that is felt in it in that republic. It is probable that Señor Hinojosa and the Hon. W. Irving Glover will work a plan whereby Mexico and the United States will be postally linked by air.

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Many an old collector has a mental picture of himself as a boy scanning his album pages, and it is one that does not fade with age. We have received a letter from a veteran collector in his seventy-ninth year whose "reveries" are very interesting, and among other remarks he says that "as he nears the end of his race" he finds himself dwelling in thought on his salad days as a collector. This observation proves that stamps have made a deep impression on his life and since the future "creepeth" and the present "sweepeth" only the past is motionless. To quote again: "Motionless forever stands the past." It is natural that the mind revert to one's boyhood collecting days, when one's stamp interest was full and fresh.

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Bertrand L. Drew of Boston has gone from us. For so many years has his been a familiar face to many, and his name known to all collectors that to write finis is a melancholy duty. Mr. Drew became a dealer almost forty years ago when he was at Harvard studying law,—where fifteen years or so before, John K. Tiffany was a student, preparing himself for his brilliant legal career. In 1889, Mr. Drew was advertising approval sheets from Cambridge, Mass., and later, he established himself in Boston, where for many years he conducted an individual stamp business. Although he sold out some years ago and retired from public participation commercially, he re-entered the lists and continued his dealing activities until the time of his death, which came suddenly. Latterly, he devoted much of his attention to his auction business, although he encouraged personal contact with customers and his invitation "to browse around" will remain in memory. Mr. Drew was a man of strong character, and balanced nicely the manners of the past with the customs of the present. He knew the day when condition was not the dominant note that it is now, and while never wholly forgetting his early training, he heeded the demands of today. He was a correspondent of unusual force and charm, and on occasion, his letters were shrewd commentaries on the panorama of philately. His opinions could be decided, but they were apt to be tinctured with a mellow philosophy that made them acceptable. Mr. Drew did his bit of traveling and made acquaintances throughout the country, as a consequence, and he enlarged his circle of friends through attendance at some of the conventions. His reputation for business probity and constant fairness makes the loss felt all the more keenly, and truly will it be said of him that he is gone, but not forgotten.

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A copy of "Finance & Industry," of May 12, 1928, has come from Mr. P. A. Finlayson of Cleveland; and on the pages of this solid Cleveland institution, we find an article complimenting the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club for having been instrumental in financing the stamp exhibition from the sale of stock to philatelists throughout the country. We quote: "Instead of asking for support from Cleveland merchants or other local interests as is so commonly done, members of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of this city worked out a method of underwriting in which all the various organizations heartily coöperated." The roll of societies is printed, whose members aided in building the financial structure; and the public tribute that is given to the enterprise certainly gives substance to stamps in a circle where a better understanding of philatelic values is desirable.

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The action of the post office department in selling the Valley Forge commemoratives at Cleveland on May 26th, is a graceful means of recognition. The friendly disposition of the authorities is appreciated by collectors, and the official touch that it may be said is given the Exhibition by the sale of these stamps is at once a convenience to collectors, and an expression of interest in the success of the Exhibition.

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At a banquet given by associated organizations in Chicago on May 15th, the Hon. W. Irving Glover was a principal speaker, and a number of Chicago collectors had the privilege of meeting him on that occasion. Mr. Glover's remarks were of great interest as reviewing the past, present and future of the air mail and his humorous sallies were appreciated to the utmost.

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While the tendency is to dispense with special air mail markings within reason, the authorities do not regard lightly the coöperation of collectors as shown in the earlier days of air mail. Now that the volume of air mail has increased so largely, it is necessary to attend principally to the expedition of that mail. However, Milwaukee had a special flight on Sunday, May 13, 1928, to Chicago, in honor of the trans-Atlantic flyers, on C.A.M. 9.

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On June 7th, 1928, the editor of the WEEKLY will sail for Europe where he will spend some weeks in different countries there, and inasmuch as no attempt will be made to keep up with his correspondence during his absence, it is advisable that all mail intended for the WEEKLY be sent to Beverly or Portland for the time being.

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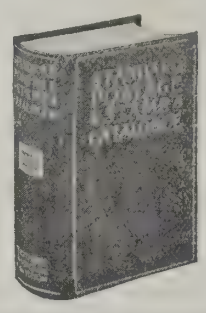

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1923—Perf 11, flat bed (Z), Carmine Shade (P), Dark Carmine (F), Light Carmine (B), Black Cancel (Z), Type (J), Grid (B), Slogan (A), Upright (A), Town (A), HS Numbers (A), No. 1 (A), Ovals (A).
1923—Perf. 10, Rotary Pr. (O), Black Cancel (O), Wave (F). Slogan (A), Air Mail (A).
1923—Horizontal Coil (H), Black Cancel (H), Wave (E), Slogan (A), Air Mail (A).
1927—Compound Perf. (Z), Black Cancel (Z), Wave (Z), Slogans (F), Air Mail (D), Mail Early (A), Straight HS Numbers (A), No. 1 (A), 31 Type Bars (A), Grids (B), with bottom tab (B), with top tab (A).
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Type E Meters—(R), 2c (N), 1½c (C).
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PRECANCEL COIL COMMENT

By ALBERT L. JONES.

Along about the time that Henry Ford became dissatisfied with the familiar Lizzie, Adolph Gunesch became dissatisfied with the way coils were listed in the standard precancel catalog and announced he would compile a coil list. And just as the general public waited eagerly for months for the new Ford so did all of us coil cranks eagerly await for months the new coil list. Finally we got the new Ford. And finally we got the new model D. coil catalog. And was it worth waiting for? I'll say, and how!

Gunesch's priced check list of city type coils is well-printed and bound in a distinctive red cover and will be read inside, too. It will not only be read, but will be kept and consulted, for it is carefully compiled and authoritative. The standard catalog plan is followed in listing the few hand stamps found on coils and they are not priced in different positions, but the mistake the Rotnem catalog made in considering the coil machine types as hand-stamps is rectified and they are priced separately when found in different positions which is as it should be. Also varieties of coils printed on a flat press are listed separately from those printed on rotary presses. Many general collectors will be greatly surprised when they learn how much more valuable are the flat press items compared with the rotary press coils.

Also collectors who have not paid any particular attention to coils will be astonished at seeing many coil items in the Gunesch list being priced at five and even ten times as much as in the Rotnem catalog. In addition to this the prices given by Gunesch are NET prices while the standard catalog prices are supposed to be subject to an average discount of fifty per cent.

From my experience with coils I really believe in general that Gunesch's prices in his catalog are justified and that in nine cases out of ten that fine copies of coils will be salable at the full price he quotes. Some representative price increases are as follows:

	Rotnem.	Gunesch
Chicago, City type XV, 1c, 25c		$2.00
Chicago, City type XV, 2c 75c		5.00
Louisville, Ky., U-97 old series 5c,	45c	2.00
Boston, U-96, 10c,	50c	3.00
New York City, U-93, 4c,	25c	2.00
Cincinnati, U-91, 5c,	25c	2.00

However, while nearly all obsolete issues show increases except on the one cent denomination, the current issues are reduced in prices and there will be general agreement on this policy, too. Another thing; where the issues appear speculative, Gunesch priced them at just about face value so as to discourage further production. Some of these items will be found very difficult to pick up at the prices quoted, but I believe the average coil collector would rather go without these specimens than encourage speculation in this branch of precancels which has been almost entirely free from the speculative and made-by-favor taint. I might mention here that the coils from Goshen, Ind., are free from speculation and I think their scarcity would warrant higher prices than assigned them in this list. I would be glad to buy some at double catalog and might pay even more.

While on the subject of prices I want to criticise a few of the Gunesch prices. I do this with hesitancy as I do not want to disparage Gunesch in the least, but of course in any catalog listing as many items as this does, and especially considering that it is a first edition, there will be prices made on some items that probably will be changed in later editions as other collectors give of their information to the coil editor.

Indianapolis: The old series 3c reading up is priced at 75c and reading down at 30c. I have never seen a copy of it reading down so consider it worth at least a dollar. Reading up, 75c is too high. 30c might be about right for it. There is only one copy known of the 10c UD so it ought to be worth more than $1.50. All the new series being issued now are coming reading up so this variety in the new series will soon become more common than the reading down on the new series and prices should change accordingly. Spencer, Ind.: the denominations above the 1½c in the new series are scarcer than the quotations indicate. This is especially true of the 3c denomination in the new series. Kansas City: The U-94 ten cent priced at $1.50 is too high. Judging from the frequency I have seen this stamp 50c would be enough. Omaha: The 3c down is listed at 15c same as in Rotnem's, but is so plentiful that it is not worth that much even. Rochester, N. Y.: Many items from this city are priced too high. I know of one man who has thousands—literally thousands—of coils from this city. Some of the items priced much to lofty are the four cent denominations in the U-93, U-96 and U-97 types. Precancels from Gettysburg and Hazelton, Penn., are rare. Pittsburgh: The U-97 10c old issue at one dollar is too high. I know one collector—not a dealer—who has forty copies of this stamp.

Mr. Gunesch compiled and issued this list at a considerable sacrifice of time and money. It is wholly a labor of love for there is no chance of its being directly or indirectly remunerative. Mr. Gunesch is employed during the day and during his spare time, with the assistance of his wife, conducts a thriving precancel business. Anyone that knows anything about the amount of work connected with compiling a list of this kind will realize how much coil collectors owe Gunesch. Some time you may have heard a preacher brag about how he converted some great evangelist and in that way indirectly claim credit for the great work the evangelist may have done. That's the way I am with Gunesch, for he admits he became interested in coils through an article of mine that he published in the March, 1926 issue of his "Windy City Precancel News." I had the pleasure of meeting Gunesch at the Saint Louis Convention and found him to be a tireless worker, a keen student of stamps and an enthusiastic collector of coils.

A review of this publication would be incomplete without mention of the introductory article written by W. G. Bateman of Missoula, Montana. As far as my knowledge goes it is the most comprehensive and scholarly treatise on precanceled coils ever published.—*Precancel Gazette.*

As the Probate Court has authorized me to carry on for the present **the stamp business of the late Bertrand L. Drew,** the stamp auction advertised for June 1, 1928, will be held as advertised. The stamps will be on exhibition and bids will be received at 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass., Room 803.

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Stamp News for the Juniors

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A Contest Solution

By CLARK COOPER.

Below please find answers to the questions asked in your contest of April 2:—

(1) *Fiume,* Nos. 404-407, type SP6.

(2) *Hungary,* No. 580, type SP22 (Netherlands, new 2c Olympic shows a single fencer, also).

(3) *Brazil,* No. 188, type A62, 1909.

(4) *Bolivia,* No. 152, type A58, 1925.

(5) *Alaouites,* Nos. 25-45, 205-12, 306-10. *Lebanon,* Nos. 50-71, 209-16, 311-15, 401-16. *Palestine,* 63-76. *Syria,* Nos. 173-94, 326-33, 436-40, 501-16. *Cyprus,* No. 117.

(6) *Canada,* Nos. 82-83, type A33, Issued 1898.

(7) *Hermes* (Roman name—Mercury) found on stamps of Greece, Uruguay, United States, and possibly other countries.

(8) *United States,* No. 621, type A96, 1925.

(9) The only stamps I can find that have the interior of a house as the feature of the design are Portugal, type A74, Nos. 341, 343, 344, 346, 347, 349 of 1925. Many other stamps show house interiors which are shown as backgrounds to the main design. Some of these are: United States Nos. 120, 234, 236, 237, 238, 241, 243, 1450; Argentina 162, 166, 169, 173, 220, 221, 605, 655, 705, 755, 807, 904 and 955; Canada 120, 142; Costa Rica 122, 142; Dominican Republic 105, 107; Guatemala 132, 135; Italy 424, 425; Peru 217, 218, 225; Roumania 176, 185, 206; Salvador 101, 498, 504, 1189; San Marino 69; Siam 198-203 (View of throne).

(10) *United States* Nos. 234, 236, 237, 238, 241, 244.

Yearnings

By R. E. FARR.

She is superb and no mistake;
Her beauty makes my optics ache.

She is three times as old as I,
And hence I think she'll pass me by.

But if I had the needed dough
I'd never, never let her go.

How empty seems a certain space
Without her quiet, winsome grace!

To me she's worth a miser's hoard—
She is the stamp I can't afford.

Tristan da Cunha

—Postmark Used On This Island in the Southern Atlantic Ocean.

By PERCY A. HILL.

I am enclosing herewith the postmarks of the loneliest spot on earth, Tristan-da-Cunha. This is situate in the South Atlantic about midway of Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope.

I wrote a letter to a widow in the Island on November 12, 1924, and received an answer by *return mail,* and which arrived here April 6, 1928, or three years and five months later. At one time during the late war, the three hundred people who live there, passed nearly eight years without a mail, the war being fought without their knowing of it.

The postmarks, which are the new ones, are of a different type than those used before 1921, and are not dated, this evidently being an unnecessary proceeding, as mail after being received might lie for a year or so before transmittal by the occasional war-ships or whalers which visit this out of the way place.

The letter in question was over a year in direct transit, and is back-stamped Singapore, evidently having been brought direct by some wandering whaler. There were no stamps of any kind on the letter, other than the cancellations.

Places of Bible Interest

(Contest Entry of Robt. L. Weber.)

Palestine—The 2, 3, and 10 mils show Rachel's Tomb. The 50, 90, 100 and 200 show the Sea of Galilee. The 4, 6 and 8 mils show the Mosque of Omar. While this building is not of Biblical interest, the place is.

Syria—The various values of type A4 picture Damascus.

Alaouites—The various values of type A4 picture Damascus.

Lebanon—The various values of type A2 picture Damascus.

Armenia—Types A5, A15, A17, A22, A36 and A37 show different views of Mt. Ararat.

Malta—Nos. 18, 65, 76, 85, 142, 147 and 145 bear various pictures of St. Paul.

Italy—Nos. 138, 139, 140 and 141 show Christ teaching.

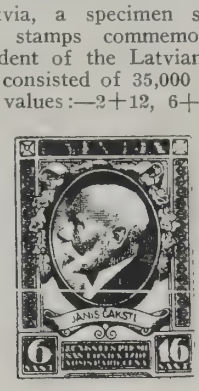
Iraq—Nos. 2, 102, 114 depict the Euphrates River. Nos. 5, 105 and 117 show Ur or Ninivah (?).

Hungary—Types A23 and A28 bear pictures of the Madonna.

Liechtenstein—Type A16 shows the Madonna.

Latvia Commemorative

We have received from Latmarka, Ltd., Riga, Latvia, a specimen set of the Tschakste stamps commemorating the first president of the Latvian Republic. The issue consisted of 35,000 sets of the following values:—2+12, 6+16, 15+25,



25+35 and 30+40 sant. The Latvian State Printing Office at Riga did the printing, the designer being Prof. R. Saarinsch and the engraver K. Krauze.

We are indebted to the firm for the courtesy extended.

Cap of Liberty

A well-known republican symbol forming part of the design of numerous postage stamps of such countries as Hayti, Liberia, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Salvador, etc. It also forms the watermark in some of the "Seebeck" issues of Ecuador, Nicaragua and Salvador. It is also known as the Phrygian bonnet or cap.

Our Junior Contest

Our Observation Contest was a pronounced success, with nearly one hundred entries. The ten questions to be answered were as follows:—

(1)—What stamps shows the legend of the she-wolf nursing Romulus and Remus?

(2)—On what stamp is represented a fencing bout?

(3)—On what South American stamps is depicted George Washington's likeness?

(4)—On what recent stamp appear the words: *"Nadie la apagará"*?

(5)—What recent stamps represent places of Bible interest?

(6)—What stamp bears the inscription "Xmas 1898"?

(7)—What Greek deity is the most commonly seen on stamps?

(8)—On what U. S. stamp a viking galley is depicted?

(9)—On what stamps is depicted a house interior?

(10)—On what U. S. stamp is depicted a Spanish queen?

Here is the perfect score as given by Mr. Suarez:—

(1)—Fiume. Charity, 1919. 5 cents.
(2)—Hungary. Charity, 1924, 500kr.
(3)—Brazil Commemorative, 1909.
(4)—Bolivia. Centenary issue, 1925.
(5)—Palestine. 1927.
(6)—Canada.
(7)—Mercury.
(8)—5 cents, 1925 Norse American Centenary.
(9)—Portugal. Branco Commemorative.
(10)—1898. Columbus Commemorative.

It is very gratifying to read the words of praise given our Junior Page and the contests we are offering. Many contestants enter into the hunt with enthusiasm, and call for yet another. James Walsh sending in his entry writes: "Five answers is not so good, but it's my best." Jimmie, that's the spirit that wins. A man or a boy can do no better than his best.

No. 4 was the hard one. Sumner Miller writes: "I tell you I got quite a kick out of it when I saw that Boli stamp staring up at me from the ca page." Look at the long list of "ni that failed on No. 4. Cecil Bolam s "It almost breaks my heart to fe cannot answer No. 4. I just canno it."

We are sending prizes this week t who sent in complete lists. No. 4 difficult, and we shall give Hono Mention to all who sent in incom lists.

PRIZE WINNERS

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BILLY HERZLER, Richmond, Ind.
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JACK BURGH, San Francisco, Cal.

HONORABLE MENTION

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Henry Turgeon	9	Iwao Onodeau	
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Thos. Loughman	9	W. H. Freichler	
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R. A. Bowman, Jr.	9	M. B. Colket, Jr.	
Cecil A. Bolam	9	Miss Gilmartin	
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We thank Victor M. Suarez and A. Gorham for their interest in this c test and another will be launched so

Confeds.

—Further Comment On Confede "Essays" Recently Mentioned

By THOMAS H. PRATT.

I notice a short article on your "St News for the Juniors" page of Apri 1928, in which Mr. Philip H. Ward plies to a question asked by one of y juniors, Robert K. Story, about cer Confederate "essays." This reply, in opinion, is only partly correct and le out the most interesting history of t prints from the changed De La plates. Purely in the spirit of accu with our younger folk I am adding bit.

Mr. Ward's reply "These 10c pl similar to the 5c plates" is incorrect the 10c plates *are* the 5c plates. T were changed by hammering out "FIVE" and substituting the w "TEN" presumedly at the time of rate change of July 1, 1862, demand ten cents postage for a single letter r er than five cents which was the rate effect since the taking over of the po system in the south by the Confede government on June 1, 1861. Howe they were not used to print stamps w although prepared for that purpose.

The history of these plates is inter ing when one stops to consider the f that the young man submitted to

a print from the only stamp plate was ever used to print stamps although of another value, that arried a letter within these United , that was engraved and made in er country. These plates in their al state as 5c plates were made and s printed from them by De La Rue of London, England. This stamp at we call today the Confederate 5c London Print. Several dupli- lates were sent to Richmond, and rintings from them by Archer & are what we call the Confederate 5c Local Prints.

w, Mr. Ward says: "Several years the plates were found, etc." To be correct two pieces of the original were found. The first of seventy ts was located in a second-hand shop in Richmond, Virginia, several ago, and the other, of which I do now the early history, of nine sub- is now in the Ohio State Museum lumbus, Ohio. This latter piece orrowed from the museum by the bus Collectors Club in January, and prints made from it to embel- he menu card for their Third An- Banquet given on January 18, 1910, e Ohio Club of Columbia. The which are offered now and again vidently from the seventy subject

the junior will examine his prints y he will be able to see that the " does not show up as clearly as mainder of the stamp and even, in instances, a tracing of the original E" may still be seen.

Heligoland

igoland is a small island in the Sea. Its population is about 2,500, ts area 130 acres (a small sized). This island belonged to Great n for 83 years, but was ceded to any, August 9, 1890. From that until the treaty after the World it was strongly fortified. Since Germany has been compelled to dis- e the fortifications.

m 1867 until its cession to Germany ge stamps were used there under vn name. These stamps were all d in two colors, giving them a very tive appearance. The early issues d pictures of Queen Victoria, and ter ones had a shield as a central n. Some of the stamps had the expressed in both English and Ger- urrency.

e stamps of this former British y have been extensively reprinted orged, and in either case are of no except as gaudy space fillers. For eason, great care must be used in g these stamps, if one wishes to e genuine ones.—A. C. LeDuc.

AGE STAMPS AND THEIR USE

(*Continued from page 349*)

9—First National Assembly of nd (1919). In 1921 the adoption e constitution and the signing of Treaty of Riga, concluding the with Russia, were commemorated pecial issues. A year later the xation of upper Silesia was simi- commemorated.

19—Independence of Lithuania). The opening of the National mbly (1920) was also commemo- d in the same year. In 1923 two nemorative issues appeared in con- on with the annexation of Memel.

19—Independence of Latvia (1919). same year saw special issues com- orating the liberation of Courland, the occupation of Riga. In 1920 her issue commemorated the first onal Assembly.

20—Reunion of Northern Schles- with Denmark (Denmark, 1920).

24—Death of Lenine (Russia,).

25—Annexation of Spitzbergen by way (1925).

26—Roald Amundsen's flight over North Pole (Norway, 1925). Is- d before the flight to help finance

he Balkan and African states have issued stamps commemorating the following:

1696—Accession of Danilo I (1696-1735) first of the Petrovich dynasty in Montenegro (1896). Each of the twelve values pictures the Monastery of Cettinje, famous for the desperate defenses made there against the Turks.

1804—Beginning of the Serbian War for independence under Kara-George (1904). The lower values bear portraits of Kara-George and Peter I. By holding these stamps in a certain way the so-called "Death Mask" of Alexander, Peter's murdered predecessor, may be seen.

1822—Liberia founded (1922).

1824—Death of Lord Byron (Greece, 1924). Two years later Greece commemorated the centennial of the heroic defense of Missolonghi.

1830—Birth of Francis Joseph I of Austria (Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1910). A pictorial series of sixteen values. Among the scenes shown are views of Doboj, Mostar, Jajce, and Sarajevo, where was fired the shot which brought on the Great War.

1860—Accession and marriage of Prince Nicholas of Montenegro (1910).

1866—Accession of Charles I of Rumania (Two issues, 1891 and 1906). The second issue contains several stamps showing scenes in the Russo-Turkish war in 1877-78 in which Rumania participated. Osman Pasha, the Turkish hero, and his staff, are shown in a carriage, after the capitulation of Plevna.

1868—Birth of King Fuad of Egypt (1926).

1876—Bulgarian "War for Independence" (1901).

1877—Battle of Shipka Pass (Bulgaria, 1902).

1881—Establishment of the Kingdom of Romania (1906). "Carmen Sylva," Queen Marie's mother-in-law is portrayed.

1887—Accession of Ferdinand of Bulgaria (Two issues, 1907 and 1912).

1898—Creation of the High Commission of the powers to administer Crete (Crete, 1907). One stamp bears portraits of Prince George of Greece (George II, 1922-23) and Alexander Zaimis, high commissioners from 1898 to 1906 and 1906 to 1911, respectively. The other stamp shows Prince George landing in Crete in 1898, and being received by the admirals representing Great Britain, Italy, France, and Russia.

1905—Montenegro granted a constitution (1905).

1908—Restoration of the Constitution of 1876 in Turkey (Two issues, 1908 and 1914).

1911—Mohammed V's visit to various of the Turkish provinces, and especially to the battlefields of Kossovo where the Serbs had been overwhelmed in 1389 (1911).

1912—First Balkan War (Bulgaria, Greece, 1913). Greece issued two additional sets in 1913 commemorating the union with Crete and the occupation of Samos.

1913—Annexation of Silistria by Rumania (1913). One value shows a portrait of Mirces, Prince of Wallachia, 1386-1418, and a national hero. Other values show Rumanian troops crossing the Danube on a pontoon bridge, and a Rumanian warship.

1913—Retaking of Adrianople by Turkey (1913). The three values show a picture of the famous Mosque of Selim II.

1914—Arrival of Prince William of Wied in Albania (1914).

1914—Assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his morganatic wife at Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1917).

1918—Armistice between Turkey and her enemies (Turkey, 1918).

1919—Occupation of Fiume by Gabriel d'Annunzio (Fiume, 1920). One value shows a sword in the act of cutting the Gordian knot!

1919—Evacuation of Hungary by Rumanian troops (Hungary, 1919).

1921—Entrance of Kemalist forces into Cilicia following the French withdrawal (Turkey, 1921).

1921—Independence of Georgia (1921).

1923—Treaty of Lausanne (Turkey, 1924).

1924—Failure of revolution and success of the constituent assembly in Albania (Two issues, 1924). A special issue commemorated the founding of the republic in 1925.

1925—First pilgrimage of the Sultan of Nejd to Mecca. The same year (1925) witnessed two other issues commemorating his entry into Jedah and Medina.

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1843—Settlement of Europeans in Shanghai following the Opium War (Shanghai Municipal Local Post, 1893).

1846—Cession of the island of Labuan to Great Britain by the sultan of Borneo (Labuan, 1896).

1853—Annexation of New Caledonia by France (New Caledonia, 1903).

1862—Accession of Emperor Li Hsi of Korea (1902).

1868—Accession of King Chulalongkorn of Siam (1908).

1869—Wedding of Emperor Mutsuhito and Princess Haruko of Japan (1894). "Silver Wedding Stamps."

1870—First Census in Japan (1920).

1895—Death of Princes Kita Shirakawa and Taruhito Arizugawa, two famous Japanese soldiers (1896). These soldiers were not killed in the Sino-Japanese War, but died natural deaths.

1899—Marriage of George II of Tonga, or the Friendly Islands (1899).

1900—Wedding of Crown Prince Yoshihito of Japan and Princess Sadoko (1900). In 1925 another "Silver Wedding Set" appeared.

1906—Triumphant Military review of troops who fought in the Russo-Japanese War (Japan, 1906).

1911—Delhi Durbar (India, 1911).

1912—Success of the Chinese Revolution and establishment of the Republic (1912). The tenth anniversary of the adoption of the republican constitution was commemorated by a special issue in 1923.

1915—Coronation of Emperor Yoshihito of Japan (1915).

1918—Accession of Amir Amanullah of Afghanistan (Three issues of one stamp each, 1924, 1925 and 1926).

1919—Peace between Germany and Japan (Japan, 1919).

1920—Dedication of the Meiji Shrine (Japan, 1920).

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United States

Valley Forge Commemorative Stamp

Under date of May 12th the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. R. S. Regar, officially announced the detailed description of the Valley Forge Stamp and furnished information relative to the variety as follows:

"Postmasters and postal employees are notified that the department is about to issue a new 2-cent postage stamp to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Washington's campaign at Valley Forge.

The new stamp is the same shape and size as the ordinary stamp, 75/100 by 87/100 inches, and is printed in red ink. The vignette shows Washington kneeling in prayer. Across the top of the stamp in a straight line are the words "U. S. Postage" in white Roman letters, and on a ribbon above the vignette are the words "Valley Forge" with the years "1778" and "1928." The white numeral "2" appears in both lower corners within circles, which are connected by a panel bearing the word "Cents." On a ribbon above the panel are the words "In God We Trust" in small Gothic letters.

The Valley Forge Commemorative stamp will first be placed on sale May 26 at the post offices at Valley Forge, Philadelphia, Lancaster, Norristown and West Chester, Pa., and Washington, D. C. Furthermore, on account of the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition at Cleveland, Ohio, it has been decided to include the sale of this stamp at Cleveland on May 26, which is the last day of the Exhibition. For the benefit of collectors and others who may be interested, it will also be placed on sale the same date at the Philatelic Agency, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department.

Direct and central accounting postmasters may draw requisitions for limited quantities of the new stamp on a separate Form 3201, the words "Valley Forge" to be indorsed plainly thereon in the column for commemorative issues, and they will be filled in regular turn as promptly after May 25 as the production will permit. District postmasters may obtain small quantities of these stamps to meet the local demand by requisition on their central accounting postmaster."

Air Mail Booklet Pane

Under date of May 14th, Mr. Regar also made announcement relative to the new air mail booklet which will be placed on sale for the first time on May 26th, at both Washington and at the Exhibition at Cleveland, Ohio. The announcement follows:

"Owing to the enormous demand for air-mail stamps in book form, the department has decided to issue the Lindbergh airmail stamps in books containing six stamps, arranged in two sheets of three stamps each and interleaved with paraffin paper.

The price of the new books will be 61 cents each and they will be first placed on sale at Washington, D. C., on May 26, 1928. Furthermore, on account of the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition at Cleveland, Ohio, it has been decided to include the sale of these books at Cleveland on May 26, which is the last day of the Exhibition.

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State Revenues

Mr. J. V. Nielsen, Jr., writes under date of May 7th that new state revenue stamps for South Carolina to be used on containers of concentrated soda fountain flavors, reached Columbia on May 7th, and that the stamps which are one inch by three inches in size, have been engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Company.

Mr. Nielson does not give a description of the designs, but states that there are five denominations which are as follows: 19c light green, 38c olive-bistre, 76c black, $3.80 chocolate, $7.60 light blue, to be used on containers for a quarter, a half, one, five and ten gallons respectively. I note that they have the colors for a chocolate soda, as well as a pistachio, if there is such a kind, but for some reason they forget to color one of the stamps after the strawberry and pineapple soda, which are also quite popular.

Canal Zone

Mr. R. S. Carter kindly sends a newspaper clipping announcing that the Canal Zone Government will honor the memories of Generals Goethals and Gorgas, with a special issue of two stamps consisting of a 1-cent and 2-cent.

The approval of Governor L. M. Walker has been given to the issue, and an order has been placed with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington. They will be placed on sale as the present supply becomes exhausted, which Mr. Carter states will be about next September. The new issue will not have any surcharge across the face as heretofore. The 1-cent stamp will be printed in green and will bear a portrait of General Gorgas, and the 2-cent which will be printed in red will bear a likeness of General Goethals, the two officers mainly responsible for the successful building of the Canal.

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Peru. — Whitfield King & Co. for chronicle a 50c green Air Post with the words "Rapidez Progres the top with the name of the co beneath. The central part of the shows a portrait within an oval with the background picturing a m the country. Above is a biplane while the panel on the left side "Servicio," and the one on the "Aereo." At the bottom of the sta the word "Centavos" with the figu value in each lower corner. It work of the American Bank Note and is an excellent production.

Siam.—Whitfield King & Co. r the 15s rose surcharged for use as satang value. The overprint is in and in the usual manner.

South Africa. — The rectangula torial 4d stamp was placed on sa Pretoria post office on March 21st a now on general issue throughou Union. It is engraved and unicolo its hue being brown, and is printe the usual multiple watermark paper. design is a kraal with a native mar woman in the foreground. The st are, of course, inscribed alternate English and Afrikaans, the sheet fo tion being two panes of 60 (six a and ten deep) side by side. The pri imprint (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Engravers, New Malden, Surrey, land) appears in the bottom margi each pane. The perforation is 14.

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Argentina.—We are pleased to have been able to distribute through our New Issue Service the ½c, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c and 1 peso stamps with the A.P. watermark. This issue was a provisional one and we understand the stock is exhausted. We have not been able to get any of the 20 centavos stamps with this watermark. A set of nineteen Air Post stamps has also arrived from this country, which are, we understand, for use on letters sent by Air Mail from Buenos Aires to Toulouse (France), but we really fail to understand why so many denominations should be required. There are four different designs.

Brazil.—In addition to the three provisionals mentioned last month surcharged on the Official stamps of 1919, type 03 in our catalogue, we have received the 5,000 reis on 50 reis green and 10,000 reis on 10 reis olive.

Chili. — We understand that a new issue of postage stamps is in preparation, the designs, colours and denominations being the same as the existing set, but that the inscription "Chile Correos" is to be altered to "Correos de Chile." It is also stated that a new Aerial Service was started on March 5th between Santiago and Paris and that special stamps will shortly be issued showing an eagle, or condor.

China. — With further reference to the Chang Tso-lin stamps, we are informed that the Chinese inscription in the tablet at the top of the stamp means "In commemoration of the assumption of office of the Generalissimo of the Army and Navy." The inscription at the base of the stamp means "Chinese Republican Postage."

Finland.—The 10 penni, 50 penni, 10 marks and 25 marks of the current type have now been issued with the swastika watermark and they are being distributed this month. The 10 and 25 marks with this watermark are already obsolete as we have received the 1, 1½, 3, 10 and 25 marks watermarked with a posthorn. Some of this issue show the watermark with the posthorn facing left and some right. The stamps with the swastika watermark being in use such a short time should prove to be quite scarce. It has been stated in some quarters that Air Post stamps are to be issued shortly, but our agent at Helsingfors kindly informs us that it is very improbable that this issue will materialise. We are further informed that a new series of stamps will be issued during the summer, which will show various places and buildings of interest in Finland.

Greece. — In renewing our stock of the current pictorial type we find that the 10 drachmae stamp comes in a new shade, claret and black instead of marone and black.

Hayti. — A new denomination has been issued, 35 centimes green, of large oblong size, showing a branch of the coffee plant in bloom.

Holland.—Special stamps have been issued in connection with the Olmypian Games which are now being held in Holland. There are eight denominations as follows:—1½c + 1c green, 2c + 1c mauve, 3c + 1c yellow-green, 5c + 1c light blue, 7½c + 2½c orange, 10c + 2c red, 15c + 2c blue, 30c + 3c sepia. Each stamp is of a different design illustrating various types of sport, rowing, fencing, football, running, sailing, horse-racing, putting the weight and boxing.

Jamaica.—We have seen the current 1d pictorial type with the watermark reversed. The last printing of the 1½d Contingent type was in a much deeper green than previously and in addition sheets of these stamps have plate numbers 10 and 14, whereas the previous printings had no plate numbers.

Jind.—We have received a small advance supply of the following denominations on the multiple star watermarked paper and overprinted "Jind State" in one line:—1 anna brown, 2 annas mauve, 4 annas olive, 5 rupees mauve and blue, 10 rupees red and green; Service stamps, 3 pies grey, 12 annas claret, 10 rupees red and green. This is the first time that a 10 rupees stamp has been overprinted for any of the Convention States of India.

Kedah.—In a recent consignment of stamps from this country we find that the 50c, $2 and $3 have the watermark reversed so that the Crown is pointing to the right instead of to the left.

Malta. — A surprise new issue has been received from here in the shape of a 6d Air Mail stamp, which has been made by overprinting the current 6d King George type with the words "Air Mail" in block letters in two lines. The stamps were placed on sale on April 1st and are for the prepayment of postage on letters sent by Air Mail to Iraq, Persia, North East Arabia and North West India by the Egypt-Iraq Mail Service, maintained by the Postal Administration of the United Kingdom, such mails will be despatched to Gaza, Baghdad and Basrah via Egypt in alternate weeks, the gain in time in respect of mails for Baghdad will be about sixteen days.

New Zealand.—The 2/- King George, Admiral type, printed in light blue, has now been overprinted for Official use. We have also received this new light blue stamp overprinted for Niue, Rarotonga and Samoa for ordinary postage, also the 3/- mauve stamp in the same type for Rarotonga.

Norway.—The special stamps issued to celebrate the centenary of Henrik Ibsen have now appeared. There are four denominations as follows:—10 öre green, 15 öre brown, 20 öre red and 30 öre blue, all of the same design showing the portrait of Ibsen with his signature at the top of the stamp.

Roumania. — To celebrate the tenth anniversary of Bessarabia having rejoined Roumania a special set of stamps is to be issued, we understand that the designs have been submitted to the Postmaster-General of Roumania for approval.

South West Africa.—The new Postage Due stamps of 1d, 2d, 3d and 6d overprinted "S.W.A." were issued on April 1st, the 1d and 2d values being on the new type of South Africa Postage Due, and the 3d and 6d on the old type of Union stamps without watermark. As each stamp is alike it will not be necessary to collect these in pairs as in the case of former issues. The three varieties of Postage Dues distributed last month, 2d, 3d and 6d with the "Suidwes" overprint, were issued in limited numbers and will no doubt prove to be quite scarce. We are officially informed that the ½d and 1½d Postage Due stamps are to be discontinued and that the only ones to receive the new "S.W.A." overprint are the 1d, 2d, 3d and 6d.

Tunis.—The 30c stamp has arrived in its new colour, green instead of mauve, also the permanent type of the Fr.1.50 blue, which replaces the provisional stamp, Fr.1.50 on Fr.1.25. Three new Air Post stamps have also come to hand which are type 9 in our catalogue overprinted with an aeroplane and "Poste Aerienne," the values are Fr.1.30, Fr.1.80 and Fr.2.55—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

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Venezuela. — Whitfield King & Co. advise of the appearance of a 40c blue, bearing the portrait of Bolivar.

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PAUL W. SAVAGE sends us a couple clippings, one of which is from the Worcester (Mass.) *Telegram* of May 10. We note a letter to the editor signed "Worcester Stamp Club" in which it comes to the defense of the P. O. Department in connection with the criticism directed toward the "much maligned postage stamp."

THE stamp collectors of East St. Louis held their first meeting May 11, at the Hawthorne School Building, and organized under the name of the St. Clair Stamp Collectors Society. J. J. Becker was elected President. The next meeting May 25.

APRIL SUBSCRIPTION RECORD

The two leaders this month are only four points apart where last month they were five points apart. The race between W. W. Betts and the Johnson Stamp Co. is indeed interesting. We wish to make special note of the fact that the Indian Stamp Co., Andrew R. Perry and T. D. Bottome are stepping into the ranks of the leaders for this month. The work of the Indian is especially gratifying, with 23 new subscriptions. The following sent in ten or more during April:—

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It is impossible for a double strike to occur in printing. A short while ago we found a block of 10c New York that showed an apparent double printing. Upon investigation we found that this was simply an offset. As the report should be of interest to all Bureau collectors, we shall quote from it: "I have checked the N. Y. at the Bureau and there is no doubt that it is an offset. When the wiper gets too full of ink from the roll, it is taken out while the machine is in operation and the roll will then offset the precancellation if the ink has not dried sufficiently. It would be absolutely impossible to have the same paper pass over the precancelling rolls more than once. There is probably 25 feet, or so, of paper from the precancelling roll to the end of the machine either way. The paper is under tension and you can see what a job it would be to pull it back if it was not printing properly. In case this is so, they just cut out the poor work and scrap it. Look at a newspaper rotary press—it's about the same proposition with gumming racks added and folding left off."

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Liechtenstein itself is one of the three smallest independent countries in Europe, the others being Monaco and San Marino, and the collector who attempts to complete those two countries at the present time is going to have plenty to do, and he will require plenty to do it with.

Until after the war, Liechtenstein was practically unnoticed by stamp collectors, as its stamps were listed among those of the Austrian offices. Outside of philatelic circles even now it is probably true that not one person in a thousand has ever heard of Liechtenstein.

The Princes of Liechtenstein first appear historically in the twelfth century, and five hundred years later the Emperor Charles VI recognized the two principalities of Vaduz and Schellenburg, which were joined to form Leichtenstein. The Princes acquired a seat in the German Reichstag, but left the Confederation in 1866, since which date the country has been independent.

Being situated in the midst of powerful neighbors, Leichtenstein until recently has been economically allied to Austria. The area of the Principality is only about 65 or 70 square miles, and the population does not exceed 15,000. The entire area is a vast mass of mountains, the Rhaetian Alps traversing it in two directions. The greatest altitude is about 9,000 feet, the "Three Sisters," situated near Vaduz, the capital, being from 8,600 to 8,900 feet high. The two mountain chains are separated by the little valley of the Samina, and while the climate of the country is generally salubrious and mild, sudden storms of great violence are not uncommon, and mountain climbing, which is the most popular occupation of Leichtenstein's principal crop, the tourists, is regarded as rather risky on account of these sudden squalls.

The principal item of income of the Principality was formerly derived from the Austrian Customs Union, of which it was a member, and these dues amounted to as much as $20,000 per year. With the collapse of the Dual Monarchy, Liechtenstein found itself in a most precarious condition financially, and has allied itself with Switzerland, as the Cantons of Grisons and Saint-Gall are contiguous with it. In addition to customs dues, internal taxation brought the income of the country up to $150,000 per year, and as income exceeded expenditures, there was no public debt until war-time conditions had produced serious disturbance in finances. The Prince of Liechtenstein was alleged to be one of the richest nobles in Europe in 1912, but the downfall of Austria has stripped him of his estates and income.

On account of the Austrian alliance, the postal system was originally managed by Austria. In 1912 three stamps were issued, in the typical Austrian style of the period. These depict Prince John and the arms of Liechtenstein, and are inscribed "K. K. Osterr. Post Im Fuerstentum Liechtenstein," meaning "Imperial Royal Austrian Post in the Principality of Liechtenstein." These stamps are on chalky paper, but in 1915 they were issued in conspicuously different shades on thin, unsurfaced, semi-transparent paper, and are much scarcer than the first issue. The 25-heller stamp was also issued in ultramarine, and this stamp is of exceeding scarcity. Gibbons does not even list it, while Scott lists it as a sub-variety, and ignores the rest of the issue, which is rather drastic purging! The stamps of this first design should be listed as follows:—

1912. Chalky Paper

1. 5 heller, green.
2. 10 heller, lilac rose.
3. 25 heller, blue.

1915, Thin, Semi-Transparent Paper

4. 5 heller, green.
5. 10 heller, deep rose.
6. 25 heller, deep blue.
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During 1917-18 a new set of stamps was issued, in general appearance and size much like the first issue. The two lower values, 3h and 5h, display the coat-of-arms, the higher values the reigning prince. This design differs from the original drawing only in the removal of the arms from the upper right corner, and the consequent slightly different arrangement of the inscription, which remains as before as to wording.

1917-18. Ordinary Paper

8. 3 heller, violet.
9. 5 heller, yellow-green.
10. 10 heller, claret.
11. 15 heller, dull red.
12. 20 heller, dark green (1918).
13. 25 heller, blue.

To commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of the prince, the 25-heller stamp appeared in redrawn design with the dates 1858 and 1918 in the upper spandrels.

1918. 14. 25 Heller, Dark Green.

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Two years later, in 1920, all values of this set were surcharged with new values, or else overprinted to bar the "K. K. Oesterr. Post" portion of the inscription. As the 5, 10, and 25 heller represented postal tariffs, they received the ornamental overprint only, but the other values, being no longer useful owing to increased rates, were surcharged with new values in addition.

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15. 5 heller, yellow-green.
16. 10 heller, claret.
17. 25 heller, blue.

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18. 40 on 3h violet.
19. 1 Krone on 15h dull red.
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Also there is trouble over the adoption of vending machines for tax paid articles, unless somehow or another, the tax paid stamp is visible, or is properly broken, or—anyway, that's the idea. In London, the cigarette vending machine is legion, and Abdullah's fall at the click of the coin. Every tobacconist merely closes shop by putting up a false front before his doors, and the automatic vending machines carry on. You have your choice of "gaspers," Virginias, Turkish, Egyptian, Persian, but no Abyssinians. But here we belabor our brains over the tax paid stamps. Oil leases, senatorial elections, duplicate bond issues, shipping boards, alien property custodians, bootlegging rings and insanity pleas—those are subordinate issues, one must believe, to the nefarious and outlandish habits of collecting tax paids.

The Post Office Department never has been fastidious about its regulations, as long as the well being of our nation is promoted. We use our permits in good faith, and they are accepted in good faith. The American Philatelic Society misuses the permit regulation, and the postmaster says, Poor stamp collectors, what should they know about mail regulations, and all the while we get our mail thru the whole heartedness of our friendly co-operation with the government. The Tax Paid Department is different. They know your one desire in Life is to gyp and gyp thoroly. Put a tax paid stamp in your collection and woe the nation has fallen. Cry Not Guilty lustily to the seeping oil reserves, but clamp beneath the heel the dastard collector of tax paids. Feed out in terms certain of money the electorial right, but waste not the use of a Class A20. It's all a point of view, you realize, but it does seem so silly.

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Klemann, John A., New York, N. Y., Class A, Section 8, Proofs: Newspaper Stamps.

Filstrup, A. W., Benton Harbor, Mich., Class A, Section 10, U. S. Issues—1847 to 1870.

Hessel, Sidney and *John,* Woodmere, N. Y., Class B, Section 1, Confederate States, Provisionals.

Pratt, Thomas H., Kingsport, Tenn., Class B, Section 2, Confederate States, General Issues.

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Lagerloef, Hans, New York, N. Y., Class C, Section 3, Newfoundland.

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Starr, James, Philadelphia, Pa., Class F, Section 1, China, Specialized Collection.

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MARTIAL FRANCE

Nine years after Great Britain and two years after the United States began the use of adhesive postage-stamps, France, the world's second major republic, sent out into the mails of the universe gummed labels, bearing the profile picture of the Roman Ceres, goddess of agriculture.

Exclusive of several commemorative, and briefly used, issues in recent years, only three pictorial themes have ever found a place upon the postal labels of this most romantic of nations: agriculture, warfare at two periods, peace and commerce in allegory, again agriculture, and again warfare! It is correct to say that since pictorial postage first was introduced in the nation the French on their stamps have been beating ploughshares into swords and beating swords back again into ploughshares.

It is not at all strange that some subconscious national mind should be dictating in a modern century the postal illustrations of a people who, since the Christian year 486, when Clovis defeated Syagrius, the Roman governor of Gaul, at Soissons, have alternated regularly between the peaceful pursuit of sowing and tilling the soil and the martial pursuit of fighting for self-preservation or conquest.

We need not be surprised by a martial theme or warlike personage upon stamps of a land that once trembled as Attila, the Scourge of God, led his non-Aryan Huns to defeat on its soil at Chalons (A.D. 451); that battled behind Clovis to break the power of the Roman empire in the west; that followed Charles VIII (in 1495) and Napoleon Bonaparte (in 1796) into Italy, and Louis Napoleon to the anguish of Sedan (September 2, 1870), and, in our own day, a Joffre, a Pétain, a Foch to a Marne, a Verdun, and a peacetable at Versailles.

That is but one side of the French. There are many others. There should be no wonderment over the honouring of Pierre de Ronsard, an amatory poet, upon a postage stamp in a land that produced the troubadours of Provence and the trouveres who were fostered and encouraged by the dukes of Normandy.

Louis Philippe, last of the Bourbon rulers, "king of the French by the grace of God and the will of the people," sits on the insecure throne of France and is destined soon to become a fugitive in England just before the introduction of adhesive postage in this kingdom.

In a few brief days we are to witness the Paris mob dragging his throne out of the Tuileries and making a bonfire of it, the glamour of the Napoleonic tradition placing Louis Napoleon Bonaparte in office as the president of the Second Republic on December 10, 1848, just twenty-one days before postal labels bearing the Ceres head begin to pass through the mails of the land.

But France, as you know, is not yet done with kings. Behind the curtain of the future, Ambition is beginning to build the picture of still another empire; is dreaming new dreams of conquest and domination of Europe, paving the way for the horrors of a siege of Paris and the forty-eight-year loss of Alsace and Lorraine which will give incentive to still another war the magnitude of which will baffle comprehension.

First insight into the historic drama of the second Napoleonic era in France is deferred for three years while the placid-featured Ceres rules its postal issues. And then, in 1852, the Napoleonic presidential image appears upon a label of the Second Republic of France, bringing into public view the profile visage of the plotter who had twice attempted to overthrow the monarchy of Louis Philippe.

Look now with astonishment or admiration upon the image of a Bonaparte on the stamps of France in the year 1853, surmounted by the Legend "Empire Francais." The new ruler is the son of the former King of Holland and a nephew of the great Emperor. He assumes the title Napoleon III.

Many historians have sought to account for the absence of a Napoleon II by asserting that this choice of his title by Louis Napoleon implied a claim of the hereditary imperial rank of the great Emperor's son, the little Duke of Reichstadt. The clue to this missing Emperor is simpler than that and of interest both to postal collectors and historians.

The fact that there was no Napoleon II is due to the error of a printer.

The proclamation of the French Government announcing the accession of Louis Napoleon to the throne began with the words, "Vive Napoleon!!!" These exclamation marks were interpreted by the State printers as being the Roman numeral three. The mistake was duplicated thousands of times upon proclamations distributed in Paris and throughout the large cities of the nation. Thereupon with no time for indecision, Napoleon agreed to assume the title Napoleon III.—*London Express.*

UNRECORDED VARIETIES

Egypt.—An interesting error, which does not appear to have been listed anywhere, was acquired by our publisher recently. This is a mint horizontal pair of the 1pia red postage due stamp of 1886, on unwatermarked paper, imperforate between the two stamps.

Gwalior.—Among the official stamps bearing King George's portrait issued in 1913-16 the 1 anna is catalogued with double surcharge. Our publisher has recently found a mint copy of the ½ anna similarly twice surcharged.

United States.—In these days of cancellation collecting it may be as well to place on record a scarce item acquired by our publisher a few weeks ago. This is the 7c of 1873—a stamp not particularly prolific in cancellation varieties—obliterated with a large capital Z almost as big as the stamp itself.

Canal Zone.—Mr. C. A. Nissen has called our attention to an interesting variety of the postage due stamps of the Canal Zone which would seem worthy of inclusion in the catalogue. This is a distinct sloping "E" in "ZONE" on the overprinted issue of 1914. We have seen it on both the 1c and 2c denominations, and it probably exists on the 5c as well. The overprint CANAL ZONE on these stamps slopes upwards, and on this va-

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THE Boston Philatelic Society, Inc., desires at this time to express its sincere regret at the sudden death of its member, Mr. B. L. Drew, and also its appreciation of his interest in its welfare, unflagging during the many years of his membership in the Society.—FREDERIC W. STILES, *Sec'y.*

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EDITORIAL

A good part of the philatelic population of the country is at Cleveland at this writing, and the Exhibition there is in full swing. The attendance shows that the work of preparation was well done and it is not too early to say that the managers are to be congratulated for having attained their objective of a successful meeting.

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The advertising results of the Exhibition are what will live after the show is over and the publicity that is being gained through the enterprise will make itself manifest in the future in different ways. While Cleveland will benefit greatly as a consequence of the display, yet the suggestions of the Exhibition will be diffused over the whole country, as a result of this visible demonstration of the substance of philately.

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The Instituto Filatelico of Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, writes: "I have the pleasure to translate a letter that I have received from the General Post Office of Mexico City in connection with stamps surcharged, OFICIAL, which have been chronicled in several stamp magazines: 'Referring to the contents of your letter, I have the pleasure to inform you that there are not, neither has there ever been, official postage stamps, as it is the privilege of offices to use the seal of the offices for the free transmission of mail matter. Sufragio Efectivo. No reelección. México, F. F., May 3, 1928. For the Director, Chief of the Postal Department'."

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In the little "Scully-Walton Magazine," New York, May, 1928, published by this company that provides "expert invalid transportation" we find a short article wherein a father writes that his son, aged eleven, has become a stamp collector and that "it seems to be the best thing that ever happened to him." Listen to this: "He has found a specific and understandable use for all the things he has been learning at school." Then the father marshals further reasons for his satisfaction in his son's collecting industry; and we do not know which to admire the more,—the good judgment of the father in encouraging the collecting habits of the son, or the son's orderly application to the subject of collecting. An article of this kind could well be referred to parents who are inclined to view their children's stamp collections superficially.

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It is doubtless the intention of the postal authorities to exercise discrimination in authorizing new air mail cancellations, insofar as special flights are concerned. In fact, special flights are to be given no recognition by the government unless the circumstances attendig them are so exceptional as to make the rule nugatory. This is a wise measure as we hear mutterings from collectors in different parts of the country who complain that special flights have been accomplished while they slept. They had no way of knowing that celebratory flights to mark local or temporary events were impending and even if they learned of them, there was insufficient time remaining to take advantage of them. Comparatively few collectors were in a position to prepare covers for the flight directed from St. Louis to Chicago to commemorate "May 20-21, 1927-28 Lindbergh's Non-Stop Flight, New York to Paris," as the special rubber-stamp cancellation read. As a consequence, we learn that these envelopes are held at a comparatively high price, and no doubt they will have the effect of making the line of demarcation between first and special flights even sharper than it is at present.

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There is no little confusion in the minds of some of our correspondents about the Mexican air mail developments as a consequence of premature or incorrect information that has been circulated in the newspapers at different times. In sending notice of the new 25c air mail of Mexico, Francis Field, Ltd., London, said: "This official issue is for the new Mexico City-Tampico Air Line that will eventually connect with U. S. A. Contract Lines." We know that Senor Cosme Hinojosa, postmaster general of Mexico is working to overcome the obstacle of mountain ranges that require a flying altitude of from 11,000 to 12,000 feet to clear between the Mexican capital and Brownsville, Texas; and that six months will elapse before special planes and equiupment can be provided to complete the link between the two cities.

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During Air Mail Week, there were many meetings held in different cities to glorify the air service, and many a speaker on the tenth anniversary of the establishing of the air mail by the government dwelled upon the accomplishments of the past and painted the future of the service in glowing colors. The small beginnings of the service were mentioned as a basis for satisfaction at the present flourishing condition of it. The sense of the orators was that now that all uncertainty of the practicability of the air mail was removed, it was fitting that a congratulatory hour be indulged in. Here we wish to interpose a claim for stamp collectors that the general public overlooks, although the postal officers are aware of its justness. If it were not for the support of first trips by collectors who sent thousands of envelopes, the returns would have been much skimpier than they proved to be. In fact, a debt of gratitude is owed to us for increasing the revenues to a considerable extent, and it would be well for those who are doing the shouting, now that the service is out of the woods, to announce that collectors are responsible for a share of the success. The outsider whose interest was attracted to air mail after it became a going business should be made cognizant of the fact that collectors rallied to the standard before he did; and it is fitting that our people be given their meed of acknowledgment.

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From Paris, Mr. Ambrose L. La Farge writes that the decision to sell by the French government the stamps that are in the vaults of the French Mint is "now published to the world." He tells of the growth of the accumulation since the first issue of France when the Mint was the engravers of it and that when the work was placed elsewhere, samples of the stamps were acquired by the Mint. We learn that the proofs and essays of the earlier issues are exciting the interest of collectors in the proposed sale, and that the opportunity is one that will attract the eyes of the specialist in particular. In fact, it is intimated that some of the specimens under this category are to be classed as unique. We are promised further particulars by Mr. LaFarge.

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We have received from Mr. A. F. Merell, San Francisco, California, a number of beautiful booklets describing the operations of the Royal Dutch Airlines or Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij. The summer service includes a variety of interesting trips from Malmo in the north to Zurich in the south.

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...his, so far as things go abroad, is ... well standardized. At French ... you take your chance on forgeries, ...spots or anything else; at English ... you must look at and value the lots ...ourself, in which case you find forg... ...and such things marked, while val... ... stamps are accurately described; ...r own sales you must depend largely ...e dealer's description, if you're a ... bidder like most of us, and there ...e apt to be up against it.

...t because the dealer is dishonest in ...east. Your American born dealer is ...iably honest in his descriptions, if ...rom inclination, then from policy. I ... known one dealer to sell and guar... ... rank forgeries and refuse to sell ...rctly good signed stamps because he ...ved them forgeries; this was per... ... conviction on his part, and if I ...d not always trust his judgment, I ...d certainly trust him unreservedly. ...act, I can send him lots to sell and ... no record of them, knowing the re... ...s will be as honest as a Lorado Taft ...cze.

...or is it because things slip through. ...gs are bound to slip through, some... ...s most unbelievably—and we must ...der that they slip through to our ...ntage as often as to our detriment. When any of us can look at his own philatelic record and find not a single mistake or error, then let him grab for all the stones in reach and start throwing!

No; we mail bidders are up against it because, in a highly specialized and organized business, the chief branch of that business is neither specialized nor organized—and this is the condition of the goods bought and sold. Here we must confine ourselves to average items of good price, omitting great rarities where condition counts for less than mere existence.

It is a fact, we must admit, that in selling stamps the condition counts heavily in setting the price. This is very true abroad, and is coming to be true here also. We can carry a good thing too far; whether or not we agree with the noble scorn of Mr. Power for centering and gum and such things—and there is much to be said for his viewpoint—we must admit that it is possible to be too scrupulous. We must find the mean, and follow it.

Very well. Our dealer, Mr. Blank, holds an auction. How is he to describe his stamps of five or twenty-five dollars value—his single or small lots? Purely by his own conscience. He has no rules except those which he prints on his catalog-cover. As a consequence, hardly any two dealers look at a stamp through the same spectacles. One prominent dealer, by his printed rules, appears to hold that a stamp thinned on the reverse is perfectly good. Another is so merciless in his critique that the stamps he sells as "average" or "fair" are considered very good indeed by even seasoned cranks. Still another expresses his conviction that a straight edge is no detriment, and refuses to mention one if the stamp is otherwise good. This would be rather startling to European-trained collectors. Still another dealer classes as "straight edge" a stamp that has been clipped along one side, even into the design. He is right; the stamp has a straight edge, but it is not what philately calls a straight edge by a long shot! Another dealer recently sent me a lot of ten stamps, described as very good. Six were badly thinned, one was torn, and three were clipped; count 'em—ten!

The Collectors Club should take unto itself authority and lay down a set of rules to be followed in all auction sales by dealers in this country. I say the C. C., merely because many dealers are members and the organization would have sufficient moral authority to make the others cut bait or fish.

These rules should define the terms used by auctioneers. It is rank nonsense for one dealer to call a stamp fine when another would call it average, and a third good. This is to the dealer's interest, also, since the absurdities of the law prevent him from following the example of the splendid Gelli & Tani catalogs and picturing the lots, and thus he suffers from many a condition crank. True, he usually does not care to deal with the condition crank, but the C. C. is apt to do a lot of bitter talking that will hurt business. The dealer really needs the protection afforded, quite as much as the mail bidder needs it.

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Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

It is becoming quite evident that the Post Office Department does not look with a great deal of enthusiasm on special cancellation in connection with Air Mail flights other than First Trips. The anniversary of Lindbergh's flight to Paris, May 21st, would have been an excellent time for the POD to open up a bit, but advices from the cities on CAM No. 2 indicate that the various business organizations in the three cities will supply the special cachet for use on the Northbound flight of the Air Mail on that date. This has been done before and will probably become a customary procedure where special events are to take place, wherein the POD feels no call to issue anything of a special nature in the way of a cachet. It is a safe bet that, had the POD made overtures to collectors in the way of a special cachet for Air Mail Week, the quantity of mail carried would have been double what it was.

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Utica, N. Y., has been placed on CAM No. 20. Been mighty strange if this city had been left out of the picture.

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And another "flop" is registered for this month. We had special dope on the fact that Portland, Ore., and Yakima, Wash., had asked for permission to carry mail on the inauguration of a passenger and express line connecting the two cities, service to commence May. 15th. "Permission refused." Talk about "Verboten"! This "permission refused" thing is getting on our nerves. Think of all the A. M. stamps that will have to be soaked off envelopes and glued on others!

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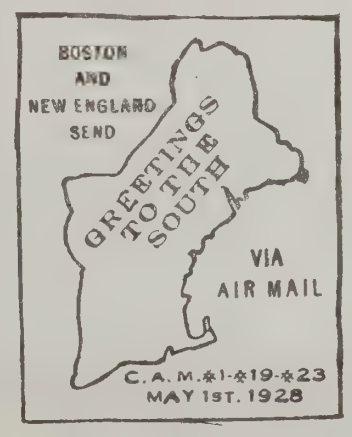
The following illustration shows the cachet that was used on mail leaving Boston May 1 to connect with the first flight from New York to Atlanta-New Orleans.



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The visit of the Bremen crew to Boston, May 19th, did not bring forth any special cachet from either the POD or the contractor of CAM No. 1. Privately applied cachets were used by several collectors, but these were entirely of a personal nature and more or less of a greeting feature. Quite a lot of Air Mail was sent out carrying these special cachets as well as ordinary mail.

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While conversing with one of the officials of an Air Mail route recently, it was brought out in the discussion how few Air Mail collectors took into consideration the fact that Air Mail contractors are paid by the WEIGHT of the mail carried, rather than by the NUMBER of letters. On one flight recently, covers to the number of hundreds were received for despatch and NOT A COVER WAS FILLED! ALL EMPTY! The difference in weight was about three to one. That is, had the covers been stuffed to ½ oz. weight, one stuffed cover would have weighed as much as three empties. If collectors are to expect things from contractors in the future, they must be willing to do their share. By law, you are permitted to send ½ oz. via Air Mail for your ten cents. Stuff your covers up to this ½ oz! Cut a blotter up to the right size and put it into your envelope. You will get a clearer cancellation and the edges of the cover will not get torn. Furthermore—it will be just about the right weight.

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Another "ship to shore" flight was accomplished on May 10th, when the army blimp TC-5 made a landing on the American Trader and picked up a sack of mail, returning to its hangar at Lakehurst. Can anyone supply information regarding special cachet, if any?

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Word from Robertson Aircraft Corp. gives details of special cachet at St. Louis, Springfield, Peoria, on Northbound trip May 21st, "Lindbergh Day." Came too late to use in WEEKLY, but I will have full details.

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I have received word that a special flight will be made from Toledo, Ohio, June 3rd, presumably in connection with the proposed opening of Toledo as a terminal on the feeder line to Detroit.

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With regard to the special flight made from Milwaukee on May 13th, in connection with the visit of the "Bremen" flyers, Postmaster Piasecki writes that this was obtained through the efforts of a citizen's committee and with the consent of the contractors operating C. A. M. No. 9, who sent through a special plane—carrying about 15,000 pieces of mail—to Chicago. Postmaster Piasecki further states that no official cachet was used, although it was noted that some of the cards and covers despatched on the flight carried special flight directions. A large percentage of the mail was addressed to Germany and other European countries.

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The cachet to be used on CAM No. 20, June 1st, will be the best one yet! Circle, in which is a plane in flight. Above plane, in circle, "June 1st, 1928, Albany, N. Y." Above circle "First Flight." Below plane, in circle, is a view of Hudson River. Below an inner semi-circle, "Air Mail C. A. M. 20". Below outer circle "Albany-Buffalo." Diameter of circle and outer letters, 2-¼". Cleveland MAY have a special cachet also, if authorities can see the light. This information through the courtesy of Mr. A. E. Gorham.

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"I see them lay their heads together to surprise me."—*2 Henry VI*, IV, viii, 61.

"This season's stamp."—*1 Henry IV*, IV, 14.

"Methinks I see him stamp."—*Coriolanus*, I, iii, 35.

"A band of men, collected choicely."—*2 Henry VI*, III, i, 313. (1)

"Yonder he is coming; this way, Sir Hugh. He's welcome." — *Merry Wives of Windsor*, III, i, 27. (2)

"Seek anew some fresher stamp."—*Sonnet*, lxxxii, 8.

"My mind, my thought, my busy care."—*Venus and Adonis*, 383. (3)

"Makes sweet music with the enamelled stones."—*Two Gentlemen of Verona*, II, vii, 28. (4)

"Music, ho! Music." — *Midsummer Night's Dream*, IV, i, 88. (5)

"The colours of my love."—*Merry Wives of Windsor*, III, iv.

"The colour of the King."—*King John*, IV, ii.

"Paper, black as the ink that's on thee." —*Cymbeline*, III, ii.

"Sweet leaves to the air."—*Romeo and Juliet*, I, i. (6)

"My traffic is sheets."—*Winter's Tale*, IV, ii.

"A thriving issue."—*Winter's Tale*, II, ii.

"Thou shalt get Kings, though thou be none."—*Macbeth*, I, iii.

"Is not the King's name forty thousand names?"—*Richard II*, I, i. (7)

"Make us adore our errors."—*Antony and Cleopatra*, III, xi.

"Mount of all the age."—*Hamlet*, IV, vii. (8)

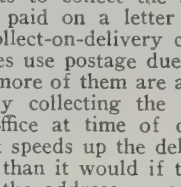
"Mint of phrases."—*Love's Labour's Lost*, I, i.

— *Stamp Collecting.*

Postage Due Stamps

Postage due stamps are those issued by the post office departments of certain governments to collect the amount still due to be paid on a letter or parcel—really a collect-on-delivery charge. Not all countries use postage due stamps, but more and more of them are adopting this system. By collecting the balance due the post office at time of delivery, the department speeds up the delivery of the mail more than it would if the mail was held until the addressee was *notified to send postage.*

In the United States, postage due stamps were first issued in 1879 and have been in use ever since. With the exception of the parcel post dues issued in 1914, there has been only one change in the design of the regular postage due



stamps, but there have been numerous changes in color, watermarks and perforations. Many post offices in the United States precancel their due stamps as a still further aid in speeding up delivery of the mails.

As there are only 65 major varieties of postage due stamps listed by Scott for the United States and as none are rare (not counting the special printings of 1879) it is evident that the due stamps can be collected for a modest outlay. If the due stamp collection wants to be expanded, this can be done by adding precancelled ones. These are very attractive because the reddish color of the due stamps show up the black precancellation plainly.—A. C. LeDuc.

A Few Definitions

Eendragt Regtvaardigheid en Liefde.—This motto forms part of the embossed design applied to many of the stamps of the short-lived New Republic of South Africa and means "Union, Justice and Charity."

Eerste Penny Postvervoer. — This inscription appears in the upper border of the 1d Transvaal stamps issued in 1896 to commemorate the introduction of uniform penny postage.

E.F.O.—An overprint applied to one of the stamps of the Oceanic Settlements in 1915 the letters standing for "Etablissements Francaises de l'Océanie," i.e., French Oceanic Settlements.

Efterporto.—An inscription appearing on the 1905 issue of the postage due stamps of the Danish West Indies meaning literally "postage to pay."

Egeo.—An overprint applied to the current 25c and 50c stamps of Italy in 1913 for general use in the Aegean Islands. The word is simply the Italian form for "Aegean."

Egykrajczar. — An inscription appearing on a scroll in each of the four corners of the 1kr "journal tax" stamps of Hungary. It means simply 1 kreutzer.

Abbreviations

Many well known philatelic terms are more often than not written or printed in an abbreviated form. The ones most usually met with are:—

Cat.=Catalogue
Imp. or Imperf.=Imperforate
Mm.=Millimetre
O. G.=Original Gum
Perf. or Pf.=Perforated
Roul.=Rouletted
Wmk.=Watermark
*=Unused

Cayman Islands

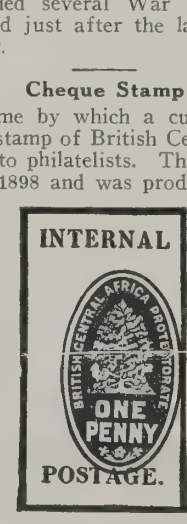
These three islands are located in the Caribbean Sea and are named Grand Cayman, Little Cayman and Cayman Brac. They are governed from Jamaica, being about 200 miles from there. The area of these islands is 225 square miles and the population is about six thousand. The principal industry is turtle fishing. In fact we hear of turtles of the Cayman Islands, as far back as the days of Columbus. It was he who discovered these islands and his name for them was "Las Tortugas" on account of the quantities of turtles that he saw there.

The first stamps issued for use by this colony came out in 1900 and consisted of only the ½d and the 1d values on crown and CA paper and pictured the late Queen Victoria. These two values were followed in 1902 by a set of five values showing a picture of King Edward VII in circular frame, then in 1905 the same values appeared on the multiple crown and CA watermarked paper. In 1907 the 4d and 5s values were added to the list and the colors for the 6d and 1s were changed. During the years 1907-08 five provisionals were issued, all of which command good prices. At about this same time the entire set of values from ½d to and including the new high value of 10s appeared in the standard colonial design of the time, namely, the eight sided frame for the King's picture.

With the exception of the conventional design for the ¼d stamp of 1908 all the stamps for this colony have shown pictures of British reigning sovereigns. From 1912 to the present time the stamps have shown pictures of King George V, the first series being of the same type as the second King Edward type. The second type of King George have been much more attractive than any of the other issues. In common with many other British Colonies, the Cayman Islands issued several War Tax stamps during and just after the late war.—A. C. LeDuc.

Cheque Stamp

The name by which a curious provisional 1d stamp of British Central Africa is known to philatelists. The stamp was issued in 1898 and was produced locally,



at Zomba, by printing a number of oblongs on narrow strips of paper and applying an impression from the die used for stamping cheques in each of these.

Our Junior Dictionary

Barnard's City Letter Express.—A local post established at Boston, Mass., in 1845 by Morris H. Barnard. Its headquarters were at 47 Cambridge Street, and the two stamps issued in connection therewith are great rarities.

Pigments.—These are the bases—of animal, vegetable of mineral origin—which are employed to give color to printer's ink.

Pisco.—This word, enclosed within an oval frame, forms an overprint upon a 5c stamp used in the Peruvian district of that name during a revolutionary movement in 1884.

AROUND ABOUT

THE first mailing of the Ad Sheets of the 1929 edition o Scott catalogue will be about August according to the publishers' anno ment.

THE first annual banquet of The atelic Club of Los Angeles, Ca nia, was one of the most enjoyable sions that ever pleasantly punctuate social scroll of philately. The sou program was a symphonic color c nation embellished with the Sanc Cal., cancellation in dark blue, of 9, 1928, on an imperforate block of 1½c, the date of the event. The still talking about the outpouring o representatives of collecting in Sou California, including the ladies. Fi all there were no speakers, an innov that assured the success of the ev Seven musicians furnished the mea for dancing, which lasted until mid There was entertainment by tal young ladies, and bridge was a fe of the festivities; and no other a pe age than R. F. Foster, the noted e was at the bridge tables. All in al affair was one that was ticketed a best of philatelic souvenirs in the m achives of those present.

A READER wants to know the and the wherefore of a cir postmark in violet on a four cent lumbian, 1893, that shows the num "5" below and above in an inner c and "94" in an outer circle.

WE regret to learn that Mr. W MacLaren, Cleveland, discont his *Stamp Hunter* with the May nu The personality of the publisher impressed on this little sheet which pleasure to hundreds of readers. last number tells that everything readiness for the Exhibition.

FROM Mr. Webb, of Long B California, we have had a cli from the *Press Telegram* of that that describes at length the first juv stamp exhibition, which was spon by the Long Beach Stamp Colle Club and Knights of the Round Tab the Y. M. C. A. Fifty exhibitors en the lists and they entered albums single stamps; and booths were deco with the colors of the various junior schools. The list of prize-winners an extended one, and we offer our gratulations to those who made thi hibition so successful.

WE acknowledge the receipt of p cards from Mr. Otmar L. Da from Palermo, Italy; Mr. F. E. J from Cairo, Egypt; Father Veetch Lisbon, Portugal; Mr. Louis T. A Canton, China; Mrs. A. Morris, Calc India, and Mr. Morton Knowles, lombo, Ceylon. Evidently, many of readers are on the wing.

A READER asks if the crisp, f look that some of the used sta have that he receives from dealers i result of treatment in any way to them their engaging appearance. suspects that water alone would not count for their bloom. Our opinio that dealers are too busy to run a st laundry in connection with their b ness. Who knows otherwise?

SOME months ago, a reader menti having a 6c stamp of the 191 issue in the color of the four cent o same issue, and soon afterwards others called attention to 6c stamps were in brown instead of the orig orange color. We assumed of co that the 6c stamps in question had come sulphuretted with the result

e color change resulted. We have v been informed that in answer to a t sent to Washington by one of the irs of the changelings that the post d department gives the unsurprising rment that this 6c stamp was never ld in brown.

T. STANLEY GREGORY, Detroit, Michigan, writes: "I have noticed ror on the U. S. 2c carmine, imrate, 1922-23, sheet No. 18197. Secow on left hand side of center line, inct blank space in place of Washn's left eye. I should like to hear on this from your readers."

letter, Mr. Conrad Anderson, Chigo, says that as a boy "in 1860, he in the lookout for stamps, which he in a box." That was sixty-eight ago, and he thinks that he can y as one of the last of the first ttors who are living today.

ERNEST R. JACOBS, Evanston, Illinois, whose researches in 5c New and 1c of 1851 and 1857, in parr, have brought him fame, has phed, too, in the political field. He recently elected an alderman in ston.

NRECORDED VARIETIES

(*Continued from page 361*)

he E has dropped so that it is up- in relation to the stamp and, of , sloping in relation to the sur-. Probably these stamps were d in sheets of 100 and the location error is proved by a vertical pair e 1c in Mr. Nissen's possession. pair has margin below showing the number "*5622" and the error is the upper one.

hanistan. — In looking through ublisher's stock of the parcel post s of this country we found two in the 1909 issue which do not o have been mentioned before. The f these is a very interesting error or in the case of the 1 rupee (No.) This stamp is normally in orange, error recently discovered is printolive-gray—the color of the 1kr ination. The other error is the stre (No. 401) in a mint pair enimperforate.

nce. — It is seldom one comes an error in the more recent issues lance so that a variety of the 2 (No. 158) recently acquired by blisher is of peculiar interest. This is normally printed in orange and lue, and the error in question has pressions of the blue portion, one regular position, and the other o the top of the design.

inam. — The somewhat crudely ed provisionals of 1912 are not re- as providing any error material, recent acquisition of our publisher nicely cancelled horizontal pair of c lilac imperforate between.

nd.—After an epidemic of Ger- nd Austrian overprinted issues, and rovisional local issues, Poland is- series for general use in 1919 in expressed as fenni or marki. At hey were issued imperforate and erforated 11½. This series does pear a promising field for finding ng out of the ordinary but a copy 2 marki dark brown (No. 90) distinct double impression—one at mm away from the other—came to n our publisher's stock recently.

th Australia.—The 1900 depart- issue for South Australia over- with the letters "O.S." widely is quite prolific in errors. All six inations are known without period "S"; the 1p, 2p, 2½p, and 4p are with "O S" inverted; the 1p is with "O S" double and we can dd two new ones—the ½p with "O verted and the 2p with the overouble.

ganyika.—In a specialized collecf British Colonials purchased by ublisher recently we note the 10c , of the locally produced surd series of 1922, with the letters A." inverted.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

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By Fred. J. Melville.

A collection of unique philatelic and general interest was offered as one lot at Messrs. Harmer, Rooke and Co.'s auction on September 8th. It was formerly the property of the late Tsar of Russia. I know the collection well, and a recent owner of it, a Latvian gentleman, told me how it came into his possession. The Tsar is said to have taken it along with him when he went into exile, but had to leave it behind when he was transferred from Tobolsk to Ekaterinburg with a much reduced staff. The collection came into the possession of a Captain A. L. ————, who was at that time chief of the Air Force in Tobolsk, and he, with the help of some one in the Foreign Diplomatic Service, managed to get the collection out of Russia, and my Latvian informant bought it.

The philatelic interest of the collection lies less in the murious history of its ownership than in the illustration it affords of the elaborate preparations that are involved in producing a high-class stamp issue in a great country like Russia, where in pre-war days they had in St. Petersburg the best equipped Government factory for the manufacture of stamps and security papers in the world. This was known as the Office for the Manufacture of State Papers, but it was a complete model town of over 4,000 inhabitants; it made its own paper, hand and machine made, and a large staff of designers and engravers, with perfectly fitted studios, laboratories for colour mixing and testing, besides the machinery for all classes of printing. The beautifully-tinted stamps of Imperial Russia were all printed there with infinite care, as the extreme rarity of philatelic "errors" testifies, and in preparation for the tercentenary of the Romanoff dynasty in 1913 this State printing office planned one of the most beautiful sets of stamps ever issued. The Tsar's collection recently offered consists of the remarkable range of essays, proofs, and colour trials made during the production of that Romanoff issue.

The deputy director of the State printing office at the time was Richard Sarrin, one of the best engravers Russia has known in modern times, now the head of the Latvian State printing office. The designs for the series, which embodied a range of portraits of the most famous of the Romanoffs from Michael Feodorovitch to Nicholas II, were by Sarrin, and two of his colleagues, E. Lansere and J. Bilibin. Four values were entrusted to the well-known Austrian engraver, Ferdinand Schirnbock, of Vienna, and the rest were engraved by F. Lundin and J. Ksidias in the studios at the Tsarskoyé Sélo. The frames for all were drawn and reduced by zincography by M. Antonoff. All values up to 70 kopecs were printed typographically, but the rouble values were printed from intaglio plates.

Thanks to this collection, we have a complete record of the artists engaged on each value, and it is interesting to note that they had signed their work, but for technical reasons their names below the dies had to be removed. In the stages of their work they took no fewer than 1,271 different proofs in black or in trial colours, and the full set of these proofs was preserved in this collection for the Tsar.

These Romanoff stamps created a sensation when they appeared in 1913. The portraits of the Tsars had never before appeared on postage stamps, and it was widely reported in the Press that the Holy Synod had put its autocratic ban upon the issue and had caused its withdrawal. The act of defacing stamps bearing a portrait of the Tsar would be an act of sacrilege and irreverence, it was suggested, an argument that had been effective in earlier times with King Ferdinand II ("Bomba") of Sicily and Dom Pedro of Brazil. The Holy Synod's ban was, however, a myth, which gained the wider currency because the Russian people never took kindly to these large portrait stamps, preferring to use the quite small, but delicately pretty, Arms type of stamps to which they had so long been accustomed. So the stocks of the Romanoff issue, prepared with such care and great expense, were left in the post-offices, and the familiar little stamps continued to circulate in the mails.

A special enamelled art paper was made for these stamps, and many of the trial prints in the collection are pulled on this. The specimens include proofs of the vignettes and frames separately and in combination, in some values over 100 different trials being made. The 35 kopecs, for example, is shown in the collection in 60 single colour impressions and 132 bi-colour trials, 117 prints of the frame alone, and five of the head alone. It is known that the issue was several years in preparation, and such a philatelic record of its successive stages could only have been brought together with the full co-operation of artists, engravers, and printers. It is well that it is offered as one lot, for it would be a pity if it were ever broken up. It was, by the way, the first lot in the first auction with which Messrs. Harmer, Rooke and Co., so long in Fleet Street, inaugurated their new salesroom at 188-189 Strand.

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No stamp auction on record ever received such notice as the London papers gave to this sale, and a host of provincial papers also gave the matter prominence, with the result that over one hundred collectors and dealers gathered in the auction room. Prepared at a cost of something like £50,000, it was only natural that curiosity should have been aroused as to who should be the buyer and the price the collection was likely to fetch. When offered in the United States, no purchaser was forthcoming, but in London, which is the very hub of the philatelic world, the case was different. Yet the interest in this collection was artistic rather than philatelic, seeing that the stamps were never issued, and bidding began slowly and cautiously, finally ending at £375, at which price the collection was withdrawn.

The following morning a firm of solicitors offered £500 on behalf of Mr. Ernest Oakeshott, of Gayton Road, Harrow, and he became the fortunate owner at that figure.

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United States

Valley Forge Commemorative Stamp

The design for the 2-cent Valley Forge Stamp which was described in detail in this column last week, has been completed and the proof was approved by the Postmaster General on Wednesday, May 16th. It is expected that four plates will have been completed by May 19th, and these four plates will be sufficient to produced the initial quantity to be distributed to the several cities where the stamp will be first placed on sale. No doubt, night work will be necessary, and in the rush some oddities might occur, such as part-perforates and the like. It is suggested that collectors watch the stock of early printing carefully for such varieties. Of course, every effort will be made to prevent anything but normal stamps reaching the public, and as I have mentioned many times before the good work of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is to be commended, for but few errors occur, and this is unusual when we consider the millions of stamps turned out weekly.

Philatelic Exhibition Cancellation

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer kindly sends a cover from the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition on the opening day, May 21st. This bears a special circular postmark applied by hand with purple ink, reading—"Cleveland (Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition), Ohio. May 21, 10.30 A. M. 1928."

The killer to cancel the stamps consists of four thick horizontal lines. Several of these hand stamps were made up for the occasion and will be used for the week of the Exhibition, at the special station established at the Exhibition for handling philatelic mail.

Rotary Special Delivery

Mr. M. A. Vogel kindly submits for inspection a copy of the current 10c Special Delivery, rotary, perforated 11 x 10½, which is printed in a very distinct red-violet shade rather than the normal blue. Evidently in mixing the ink a little too much red was used, hence, giving us this oddity which is sufficiently distinct to warrant a separate catalog listing.

New Envelopes A Possibility

Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman, member of Congress from New Jersey, kindly submits a copy of Senate Resolution No. 144, introduced in the Senate on May third by Mr. Moses of New Hampshire. The resolution which has been read twice and referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads reads as follows:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That after the passage of this Act no contract for the Manufacture of stamped envelopes for any period beginning after the expiration of the existing contract with the Middle West Supply Company shall be entered into by the Post Office Department for a longer term than one year.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress that, as soon as practicable, the manufacture of stamped envelopes for the Post Office Department shall be taken over by the Government and the work done by the Government Printing Office."

If this Act meets with the approval of Congress, and is signed by the President, future envelopes after the expiration of the present contract with the Middle West Supply Company will be manufactured by the Government Printing Office. In such a case, we no doubt, will have a new design.

This Resolution comes as a surprise, for it has been believed that the present arrangement with the Dayton concern has proved most satisfactory to all concerned. I have heard it stated that they operate most efficiently and that it is a question if any company now in existence or in fact the Government itself could produce the desired article at the same or lower price.

As the present session of Congress is nearing its end, it is quite doubtful whether this will be reported out of the Committee before the adjournment of the present session. The recommendation of the Postmaster General to the President will have a strong bearing as to whether he would approve or veto the Resolution even if it passes.

House Receives Discourse On Philately

Every collector should obtain a copy of the *Congressional Record* for May 14th, wherein we find a detailed address of Mr. E. R. Ackerman on the subject of, "Air Mail Contracts—Routes Now Operating—Philatelic Tribute to Colonel Lindbergh—Establishment of Philatelic Agency—Sesquicentennial Anniversaries." Mr. Ackerman starts with the following pertinent paragraphs.

"Mr. Speaker, with the authorization by the Postmaster General of a special stamp commemorative of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the encampment of Washington's army at Valley Forge, which will be issued on May 26 of this year, it seems fitting to bring to the attention of Congress the increasing interest of stamp collectors in issues of this character and to point out the valuable contribution made by these men, women, and children to the Post Office Department.

There is not a single move made by the department which fails to get its quota of scrutiny for some possible philatelic value. The most recent eve to the Valley Forge Stamp, whi proposed by Representative Wat Pennsylvania, was the inaugura night air mail service between Ne and Atlanta."

He then covers in some detail t tory of Philately, and further sho an unusual cover mailed in Russ stamps attached, in strips, totaling one feet, had its political bea quote from his interesting remark

"In a recent campaign in the di have the honor to represent, the made of a powerful weapon wh knowledge of philately placed hands, and since the famous tea Boston Harbor, more than a hund fifty years ago, it is doubtful if have played such a conspicuous connection with American politic

I had obtained an envelope wh tained a letter written in Rus sent to Philadelphia. The postage letter was paid by many sheets sian stamps, 100 in each sheet, when folded together, back to bac a double strip of stamps 15½ length, or, counting each side, a 6 inches wide and 31 feet long. strip was folded and refolded to to the size of the letter, the whol a package which bears a striking blance to an accordion.

In all, the postage on this let paid by 1,625 stamps, each of the ination of 250 rubles, making a to value of 406,250 rubles. Befo World War this number of rubles have equalled $207,137.50 in States currency. However, at t the letter was sent, they were on cient to pay the equivalent of 15 can cents worth of postage.

During the campaign I exhibit Russian cover more than a score at various places in my district. N ter how large the room in which speaking, no one in the audien any difficulty in seeing the "acc letter, and visualizing the enorm preciation in the value of the ruble which is so graphically repre I used the letter to illustrate wha lieve might happen to the United if ever the American people pe Bolshevism or unsound economic to obtain a foothold, my argumen that the great depreciation in th of Russian money, as shown by th ber of rubles required to carry a followed the advent of a gove which assumed the absolutely er idea that to start the printing turning out money would add country's wealth, despite the fa there was no correponding reserve Treasury to back up the paper m

Mr. Ackerman further brought effect of philately on foreign affa covered most carefully all points terest relative to the establishment Philatelic Agency, and its histor its establishment. He then goes discuss the air mail, and his addre tains an itemized list of all contri mail routes now operating. He mentions the Resolutions now Congress authorizing special stamp it is to be hoped that some of the

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Belgium.—With regard to the projected labels foreshadowed in our issue for April 14th, Mr. Fred J. Melville has elicited from M. Emile Cammaerts the frank statement that these are *not* postage stamps; the whole proceeds going to the restoration fund. We shall therefore ignore them.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Dahomey.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 1fr value has been issued in brown and red-orange.

France.—*Caisse d'Amortissement.* Messrs. Martin & Co. inform us that there is to be an issue of a stamp of a value of 1.50+8.50 from May 15 to 31, at the price of 10 francs. These stamps will only be on issue 15 days. The postal value is only 1.50, the 8.50 going towards the reduction of the French War Debt and war damage. This stamp will complete the Caisse d'Amortissement series issued last October.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Greece.—*Favier Set Withdrawn.*—We do not appear to have stated that this set was officially withdrawn on January 31. All the 1dr had, however, been sold prior to that date. We have already listed the withdrawn values re-issued with aeroplane overprint.

10 drachmae New Shade.—Claret and black, instead of marone and black, is a new shade found by Whitfield King in their latest consignment. — *Philatelic Magazine.*

Honduras.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the 20c in the new series. The color is indigo.

India.—*Booklets.*—The *P.J. of India* states that the 1 anna and 2 annas "Postage & Revenue" are both now issued in booklets from the Security Press at Nasik. The 1 anna booklet had an advt. in it (our contemporary does not say whose) but there is no advt. in the 2a booklet, although the same notice regarding advertisements appears on the back cover. It follows from the above that the new stamps are now being printed in sheets of 256 for conversion into booklets. —*Philatelic Magazine.*

Japan.—Mr. R. Roberts calls our attention to the 1s which has been issued in pale orange-yellow, watermarked vertical wavy lines on granite paper.

Latvia.—Whitfield King & Co. sends for chornicle the 2san and 1 lat, watermarked swastika. Also they advise that they have received the 10san green, 15 san red and 25san blue in the Air Post issue.

Norway.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 25o scarlet, Lion type, surcharged "20" in black, original value being obliterated by three bars.

Reunion.—1922 *issue, error, map, omitted.*—M. Pierre Loupy has shown our Amiens contemporary an error of the 10c green of 1922, the map centre of which is "all but" missing. It is stated that twenty-five of these—a small pane—came into existence and were disposed of at a high price by a young postal employé. We hope that a suitable punishment has been mapped out for him.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Sarawak.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle the 1c blue and rose, 2c purple, 3c green, 4c brown-purple, 6c claret, 8c carmine, 10c black, 12c ultra, 16c chestnut and green, 20c olive and lilac, 25c brown and blue, 30c ochre and slate, 50c olive and carmine, $1 carmine and green, all watermarked multiple rosette.

Southern Rhodesia.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that he has received these new shades 3p very deep blue instead of sky blue, 6p purplish mauve instead of reddish mauve, 1sh6p orange instead of yellow-orange and 2sh reddish-brown instead of grey-brown.

Spanish Morocco.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the new set of pictorials line engraved by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. The stamps are unwatermarked and of the following values: 1c red, 2c purple, 5c blue, 10c deep green, 15c red-brown, 20c olive, 25c copper red, 30c sepia, 40c sky blue, 50c mauve, 1p green, 2.50p red-violet, 4p bright ultramarine. All are inscribed "Zona de Protectarade Espanol en Marruecos" (Zone of the Spanish Protectorate in Morocco). 1, 2, 5, 10, 15c portrays scene in ancient Moorish city of Alcazarkebir where King Sebastian of Portugal was defeated and slain by the Moors in 1578. 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50c, scene of Larache (El Arish) town on west Atlantic Coast. 1p shows a scene of Alhucemas on Mediterranean Coast, while the 2½p pictures a view of Xauen and 4p, one of Tetuan, Chief town and Port on Spanish Zone, from whence there is a railway to Ceuta.

A FRENCH JUNIOR IN ENGLAND

Maurice De Pange was a French boy of thirteen when he spent a year at the historic Westminster School. He was not yet sixteen when he died from meningitis last year. The letters (or some of them) which this French youth of noble family wrote home have been printed in a little volume, "The English School Days of a French Boy," with an introduction by André Maurois, and exhibit a lively intelligence and keen observation. Concerning a new American boy just arrived at the school, he writes:

"He was born in New York, lived at San Francisco, and since he was seven, his father took him all over the world for his education. He has been in China, Japan, Africa, South America, and all over Europe, speaks French very well, Spanish, Italian and German, is very clever . . . he does not know what Latin is!!! Oh! what a lucky chap."

There spake a bright young stamp collector, for Maurice was very keen on stamps, as a few extracts from his daily letters to Mamma will show:

22.6.1924.

"I won the egg and spoon race and had a prize that was a stamp album just like I wanted with checked pages, for the new appeared stamps that are not in my big album. He is of the same size about and you can change the pages."

6 July 1924.

Dear Mamma,

". . . I do not want any present, but the only thing I should like would be to allow me to have two of my stamp albums with me during the holidays . . . So when you go through Paris, please will you take the stamp album 'Europa' and the one 'America and Oceania.' They are in the bottom drawer of the chest between the two windows in my room."

24.10.1924.

"On your postcard you put a 45 centimes red 'Pasteur' stamp. It is a high novelty and I would like you to send one to me as soon as possible. I want it very badly for I feel uneasy when I see a stamp that I have not got!"

31.10.1924.

"Is the removal nearly finished by

receive favorable consideration before the adjournment of Congress.

I think Mr. Ackerman is quite modest in his estimation that there is a million collectors at the present time in the United States, and between two and half and three million in the entire world.

A copy of this *Congressional Record* should be in every philatelic library for Mr. Ackerman quotes many facts and dates that are of the utmost interest to the philatelist.

Afghanistan.—A correspondent sends us the appended cutting, unnamed and undated, from a daily paper:—

"In February each year the anniversary of the Coronation of King Amanullah is commemorated in Afghanistan by the issue of a special postage stamp. This year the stamp is an oblong one of the value of 15 pouls, with the sign-manual of King Amanullah at left and crossed swords and helmet at right. The stamps are issued in sheets of eight."

An illustration appears in the cutting, showing that this novelty is quite distinct from the 15 pouls chronicled by us in January. In an oval to the left is the sign-manual of King Amanullah and right of it are a couple of nasty swords surmounted by a Crown in a beaded frame.

Commemorative, as above.
15 pouls red.
—*Stamp Collecting.*

Albania.—To celebrate the first Air Mail across the Adriatic from Valona to Brindisi, the 5, 10, 25 and 50q and 1, 2, 3frs have been surcharged "Rep. Shquiptare Fluturim' i 1—ar V1one Brindisi 21 1V 1928." Copies have been shown to us by Whitfield King & Co.

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23.11.1924.

"The Tower of London was not open, so we went to the British Museum. I saw the King Edward's VII postage stamp collection!"

[No doubt the Tapling Collection is meant, and the fact that it is in the King's Library at the Museum accounts for the misdescription.]

13.12.1924.

"Would you try to get that stamp of the 'Exposition Internationale' for me? . . . . I am very much looking forward to go back to Paris and see you and everybody and my stamps again."

22.2.25.

"Ellison is coming to tea this afternoon to swop stamps with me."

6.5.25.

"I did not have your stamp in my collection, so I am pleased of it."

3.7.25.

"[On a visit.] We had lunch, then passed a happy afternoon . . . , had tea, and then dropped a hint about stamps. A drawer was opened, and I was given a choice, with promise of more."

6.7.25.

"One of my friends in school wants a mask for a fancy dress party . . . he offers me a nice lot of stamps if I get a mask from France. The stamps would be worth the few francs spent on the masks. He wants one in velvet and another in satin. He is anxious and particular and I hope you will send them, for I like the stamps."

These extracts on his love for stamps give but a glimpse of a very charming boy who tells in his letters of his daily life in and out of school with naturalness and dignity. On arrival at Westminster he was "shadow" to John Terry, son of the former Hon. General Secretary of the J.P.S., and nephew of the President; his letters contain several friendly references to his "substance."—*Stamp Lover.*

STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF

British Empire

There seems to be a lull in the production of new British Colonial stamps. The latest issue of the *Crown Agents' Bulletin* notifies very few novelties, as the tale of the Scripts is very nearly complete and there are not many reasons for changing the colour of stamps for the moment.

The following new stamps may be mentioned:—

Bermuda. ¼d, Script (despatched).

Fed. Malay States. 35c, Script (despatched).

Gold Coast. New series, with portrait of H.M. the King over a view of Christiansborg Castle, with palm tree at right and cocoa tree at left. Values, ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s and 5s. Preparation is apparently not very far advanced as colours are not given. The moderate extent of the new series will be noted, though it is of course possible that other denominations will be added later.

Kelantan. 6c in the new colour, red (despatched).

Malta. 1d in the new colour, brown (despatched).

Trinidad. 4d, Script, and 4d, Due, Script, are on order.

Leeward Is.—A correspondent states that he received a copy of the 2s old C A watermark, from Tortola, Virgin Islands, in August, 1927, which would seem to contradict the statement made by our correspondent "Candour" recently, that the Virgin Islands do not carry a stock of this value in the general series.

Malta. — In response to an enquiry, the correspondent who gave us the figures which we printed last month, relating to the destruction of stamps with "POSTAGE" overprint, states that he has confirmed these figures. He adds a further list of small quantities destroyed on 25 May, 1927, but as the total face value of the lot is only about £50. they do not materially affect the position.

Southern Rhodesia.—Mr. Heathcote Tatham is the first to show us the new booklets, consisting of twelve ½d stamps and twenty-four 1d, inter-leaved with advertisements and postal information, and bound in a blue cover of stout card.

The same correspondent tells us that the "Moth" aeroplane, which has been carrying mails experimentally, crashed early in March through failing to clear some trees near the aerodrome. It was at this aerodrome that Cobham also failed to rise and had to lighten his machine before departing.

Other Countries.

Afghanistan.—Mr. F. H. Zahid states that the 60 pool stamps are now printed in sheets of 12 instead of 8.

We understand from a correspondent that the recent flow of supplies of the large Parcel Post stamps on to the market via India is due to the leakage of old stock which had been marked for destruction. Included in this stock, which is not likely to be a large one, were a number of sheets of one or two values, which had not been perforated. In this condition the stamps have no philatelic interest or value.

While the dealers of Peshawar ran like madmen after the mail cart which bore the first letters on which the latest Anniversary stamp was used, and got thoroughly soaked with rain in the process, another stamp merchant had adopted the easier method of having several hundred envelopes sent to him at various Peshawar addresses, all bearing the new stamp. As a result, he obtained about twice as many covers as all his confrères could muster together, but another dealer had obtained unused supplies direct and a brisk price-cutting war resulted.

The stamps should be good eventually, as only a few hundreds reached Peshawar, and the total printing is said to be 5,000.

Argentina.—Supplies of the new Air stamps 18c and 36c, were quickly exhausted, and it is not known whether fresh printings will be made. The new service is very expensive and if it does not meet with public support it is quite possible that it will be discontinued or the charges modified, in which case there may be alterations in the series or it might even be withdrawn altogether.

Mr. A. H. Davis gives us what he states are authentic details of the numbers of postage stamps printed on the paper with "A P" watermark.

	Quantity.	*On sale from:*
½c,	5,150,000	Sept. 14—Nov. 9
1c,	3,480,000	Nov. 3—Dec. 24
2c,	17,860,000	Oct. 11—Dec. 26
5c,	35,770,000	Sept. 28—Nov. 24
10c,	850,000	Nov. 12—Nov. 24
20c,	1,140,000	Nov. 10—Nov. 16
1p,	260,000	Nov. 15—Dec. 19

As these stamps were urgently needed for postal purposes it may be assumed that the majority of them were used in the ordinary way. On the figures given, the 10c should be the hardest to get, but it will be noted that the 20c, which we have found practically unobtainable, had the shorter life, and we believe, also that supplies were erratically distributed. Stocks that went to any of the smaller post offices outside the big cities are probably lost to the stamp world, and we believe that hardly any of the 20c were sold in Buenos Aires.

The latest printings of the current issue are on paper with the Sun watermark, but the diameter only measures 9mm instead of 10mm. While this is hardly a variation of catalogue rank, it indicates a new making of paper, and is of interest to specialists.

China.—Mr. I. H. C. Godfrey states that the number of stamps (? sets) of the new Chang-Tso-Lin series reported to have been issued for the various provinces is as follows:—

Without overprint (Fengtien, Chihli, and Shantung): 4,600,000.

With Kirin and Heilungchang overprint: 1,500,000.

With Chinese Turkestan overprint: 370,000.

The Chinese press points out that the difficulty in handling postal correspondence in the present disturbed state of the country will be greatly increased by the use of these stamps. It is very unlikely that stamps bearing a portrait of the Northern leader will be regarded as valid for postal use by his opponents in the South, and much confusion is likely to result.

Colombia.—Mr. C. G. Higley kindly informs us that owing to a temporary shortage of the current 4c, printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., the lithographed 4c "PROVISIONAL" of 1926 has again been placed on sale. The "CUATRC" error still appears, while one stamp shows the "P" of "PROVISIONAL" blurred and two have a long "L" in the word. A novel feature is that the sheets are perforated 13 at the sides and 10 elsewhere, which our informant thinks is peculiar to this new printing.

Estonia.—Mr. G. Jaeger states that the following quantities of the new gold currency Provisionals were surcharged:

2s on 2m,	1,830,000
5s on 5m,	590,000
10s on 10m,	1,580,000
15s on 15m,	303,000
20s on 20m,	680,000

The issue is not expected to last long, as all other stamps have been with the above being in sole use.

Lettland.—Mr. G. Jaeger tells t on the 18th November next this c will celebrate the 10th Anniversary independence by issuing a new P set.

Norway.—Of the new 20 öre öre, 2,695,000 stamps have bee charged.

Portugal. — Mr. S. P. da Con states that in May two special stam be issued in commemoration of the piad. One, a 15c, will be used as ment of an extra charge on letters Continent, Madeira, and the The other will be a 30c Due, for letters which do not bear the 15c.

Another correspondent informs a new series is in preparation at t bon mint, which will take the place present De La Rue "Ceres" issue the latter is exhausted.

Russia. — An interesting varie curs in the new 28k "Aviator." 3rd and 8th stamps of the 4th a horizontal rows (i. e., in the same tion in each quarter of the sheet o the second "c" of "C.C.C.P." at the the stamp has a bulged centre, n the letter look like an "E." We imagine that this variety will soon b rected, as the Russian State Printi fice sets itself a very high standar

Maxim Gorky and Tolstoy are s to be honoured by the issue of stamps.

Turkey.—We are indebted to M. M. J. Murray for the sight of so teresting blocks of various printi the Star and Crescent type of 19 From these it may be deduced th stamps were printed by typography loose stereos, as in one block of paras, one stamp is distinctly croo the Nazmi and Ikdam printings, b been straightened up in the O. P printing.

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We have received many requests for information about the different stamp agencies that are maintained for the benefit of collectors who may buy at them, the stamps of the respective countries. Evidently, there are "agencies" and philatelic agencies and we have in the past, given particulars of presumably philatelic agencies, only to find that some of the inquirers did not have satisfactory experiences in buying the stamps. The difficulty no doubt is to be ascribed to a misunderstanding of terms under which specimens are sold, and we think it advisable for those intending to patronize the service to write for details beforehand. We wish to acknowledge the efforts of readers who have assisted in compiling the list, which may not be complete, however.

The Philatelic Agency, Room 216, City Post Office Building, Washington, D. C., has been established for nearly eight years and is under competent management. Postage and registration fee are charged and money orders are asked from customers. The latest list is dated May 15, 1928.

The Canadian Agency assists collectors by selling current stamps at face and other stamps at higher prices. Address: Post Office Department, Financial Branch, Postage Stamp Division, Ottawa, Canada. Postal note or money order only accepted in payment. This Agency is over five years old.

The list of stamps on hand at the Agency of the Canal Zone is sent from Balboa Heights, Canal Zone.

Early this year, the Swedish Philatelic Agency was established and a catalogue in English or German as well as in Swedish may be had by addressing the Philatelic Agency, Post Office, Stockholm 2, Sweden. We have just received a circular showing the new stamps commemorating Gustaf's seventieth anniversary, in fac-simile from Mr. K. A. Wallquist, Chicago. The stamps are charged for at the rate of 5 öre over face, the excess being contributed to a fund to fight cancer. Money order is advised.

The Danish Agency, which was inaugurated late in 1926, and collectors may have their names placed on its mailing list by addressing Postvaesenets Salgskontor For Frimaerkesamlere (P. O. sales department for stamp collectors) at Copenhagen, Denmark. Recently issued stamps are offered and international money order in Danish kroner or bank draft on Copenhagen is asked in payment.

Netherlands has a central agency at Amsterdam and a number of sub-agencies, as they might be called throughout the country. When it was established in October, 1925, it was reported: "In addition to the stamps of Holland, the stamps of Suriname and Curacao will also be obtainable. A list of issues will be furnished upon application to the Philatelic Agency, Central Post Office, Amsterdam." It is best to learn the rules of operation from the list itself.

France presents a problem as personal application is required and in consequence the offices of an agent are necessary. Particulars may be obtained, we believe, at 80, rue de Faubourg, Saint Denis, Paris 10e, France. There is a small charge involved in buying the stamps of France and colonies in this way.

Italy evidently has an agency, although a correspondent who recently was there said that he could not discover it. The understanding is that it is at Rome and that some obsolete as well as current stamps are to be had at a cost over face. It is wise to write for a list, enclosing the equivalent of 12c postage, to the Philatelic Stamp Agency at Rome, Italy.

From reports on Berlin, Germany, and Lisbon, Portugal, it seems that some uncertainty exists as to the present procedure of stamp sales to collectors.

Mexico has no philatelic agency but Señor Suárez, general manager of the Instituto Filatélico says: "According to the Mexican postal laws, the post office cannot hold any obsolete stamp, as specimens must be destroyed six months after they are proscribed for postage. The P. M. General has told us any current stamps of Mexico will be sent to foreigners who send the face value by money order." Postmaster General, City of Mexico, Mexico.

Recently, one of our readers, Mr. Clarendon Bangs, told of being the first to buy stamps at the recently appointed agency at Algiers for the sale of the stamps of Algeria. Request for list is the first thought.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Beverly Caverhill, we may say that some of the stamps of New Zealand, according to a list that is shown us, may be had by sending to the General Post Office, Wellington, New Zealand, face value and return postage and registration.

The postal administration of the Commonwealth of Australia does not maintain a philatelic agency, "but nevertheless presents opportunities to philatelists to procure certain specimens," to quote from a letter from the Postmaster General's office, Treasury Gardens, Melbourne, sent us by Mr. Caverhill. A list tells what stamps are in stock and the Deputy Director, Posts and Telegraphs, General Post Office, Sydney, New South Wales, may be written to in connection with it.

Lacking convincing information of the existence of other depots for stamps for sale to collectors, maintained by different countries, nothing is said of them at this time. If satisfactory relations are to result from the patronage of Philatelic Agencies, it is incumbent, it seems, upon prospective cusutomers to understand the regulations that govern their workings; and again, it is said, secure the latest lists and information by direct application. Never before have philatelists been

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ntion should be made of the enter- of Adam K. Bert, who manufac- a first day cover from Washington, nd Stanley Gregory and Herbert oers who performed similar stunts r Detroit. We may have a further cle of first day covers next week. ne of the markings upon these cov- e interesting. The Midwest Phila- Exhibition at Cleveland was given cial postmark which appeared in nd purple. Upon all the covers is the same hour of cancellation, A. M. Mr. Gorham used blue and e-brown pictures of the scene which ers upon the stamp in the upper left rs of his covers. An interesting un- cachet was the one applied by the ition management which consisted design one in red and the other in

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There is said to be at least a million stamp collectors in the United States, of all ages and conditions of servitude to their collector's passion. If the words of Representative Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey reach them all there will be a million happy collectors, complacently aware of all the plums that must soon drop from a heavy-laden tree. The years 1926 and 1927 were fruitful in sesquicentennial anniversaries; 1928 and 1929 are as richly larded with them.

In the *Congressional Record* Representative Ackerman named some of the prizes that philatelists may hope to win. Senator Wagner and Representative Pratt have introduced a joint resolution providing for a special stamp commemorating the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the State Government of New York. Representative Hogg has introduced a resolution providing for a series of stamps commemorating the conquest of the Northwest Territory by George Rogers Clark. Representative McFadden wants the one hundredth anniversary of the first run of a steam locomotive in the United States commemorated in similar fashion. The Hawaiian Delegate, Mr. Houston, suggests a stamp marking the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Captain Cook. Representative Hoffman, another Jerseyite, would like to see in existence a series of stamps commemorating the battle of Monmouth. Senator Edge and Representative Ackerman have introduced a resolution providing for a set of thirteen stamps commemorative of Colonel Lindbergh's air mission through Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Truly the stamp collector should rise up and call his Government blessed. The history of the air mail alone is enough to stir sluggish gratitude to life. Two days in advance of the flight on May 15, 1918, of Army pilots in Army planes with the first sackful of mail, the Post Office Department put on sale a 24-cent stamp in red and blue, with the central design of an airplane in flight. In July the rate was changed and a 16-cent stamp issued, similar in design to the first. In December the rate was again changed and a 6-cent stamp of the same design issued. The development of the air mail was rapid after 1921. It was reflected in August, 1923, in the issue of a new series of air mail stamps: a green 8-cent stamp, showing the nose of a mail plane; a blue 16-cent stamp, showing the official insignia of the air mail service, and a red 24-cent stamp, showing a mail plane in flight. This series of stamps matched the creation of three zones of air mail service, from New York to Chicago, from Chicago to Cheyenne, and from Cheyenne to San Francisco, with the rate in each zone of eight cents an ounce.

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stamps. The first of these, a blue 10-cent stamp, showing a map of the United States with two airplanes in flight superimposed, was placed on sale in February, 1926. In September of the same year a sepia 15-cent stamp of the same design was placed on sale. In January, 1927, a green 20-cent stamp was placed on sale. The Lindbergh 10-cent stamp, which displaced the 10-cent stamp of 1926 issue, was first placed on sale on June 18 last year at St. Louis, Detroit, Washington and Little Falls, Minnesota.

But the tale of the collector's happiness is not yet told. Night air mail service was recently inaugurated between New York and Atlanta. The Post Office Department furnished a special cancellation stamp for the use of each office on the route. There are hundreds of first-flight covers in the possession of collectors now. With their cancellations—never to be duplicated—they have been eagerly sought since the first days of the air mail.

Collectors of birds' eggs and hooked rugs and first folios might feel that the stamp collector was Uncle Sam's fair-haired boy if they knew of the existence of the philatelic bureau in the stamp division, specially created to gratify desires which other collectors must feel are of strange origin, to say the least. But Uncle Sam is not altogether paternal nor altogether benevolent. He does not pay wages to specially trained stamp clerks and allow mooning collectors to hover over a sheet in patient search for a perfectly centered stamp just because he thinks stamp collecting is the most virtuous of pursuits. During the last fiscal year collectors bought $176,000 worth of stamps from the bureau; since it was opened they have spent more than $800,000 there. No, one shadow falls across the idyllic picture of the collector busy with his watermarks and perforations. For all that $800,000 Uncle Sam has not done a lick of work after delivery of the stamp.

Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
40 Wilshire Park, Needham, Mass.

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

I am advised by Postmaster Conde of Schenectady that no cachet will be applied to Eastbound Air Mail over CAM No. 20, between Schenectady and Albany.

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The Lindbergh Commemorative cachet applied to Air Mail on May 21st from St. Louis, Springfield and Peoria, was not official, but placed on covers by the Chambers of Commerce at the above mentioned points. Incidentally, the cachet was one of the most attractive and carefully applied impressions that has been received so far. The open design and arrangement lent itself admirably to stamp-pad ink and the result was highly satisfactory. The sponsors of the cachet are to be congratulated on the careful application of the cachet. C. E. Jandrue favors us with a specimen.

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An announcement of particular interest to Air Mail cover collectors is the short statement that Mr. Otto Praeger sailed from San Francisco for Bangkok, Siam, where he is to supervise the development of an Air Mail system for the Siamese Government, on May 22nd. Mr. Praeger is often called the "Daddy of the Air Mail", for, while serving as second assistant postmaster general in this country, he was in charge of the establishing of the first regular Air Mail service between Washington and New York, over ten years ago.

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31,650 lbs. of mail was carried during the month of April by Pan-American Airways, Inc., between Key West and Havana.

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The Thompson Aeronautical Corp. of Cleveland, Ohio, holders of the contract covering the better part of the state of Michigan, will probably complete their organization and make their first flights during the late summer.

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Here is food for thought—Domestic Air News No. 28 says—

"The Air Mail has operated under extraordinary handicaps with marvelous accuracy. In over 20,000,000 miles flown with mail, both Government and contract operations, in which more than 9,000,000 pounds have been carried, but 2386 pounds have been lost!"

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A feeder line between Ponca City, Okla., and Tulsa, Okla., will go into operation soon. Proposals are out to bidders for the lighting of the route.

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Beach Conger, Jr., and W. H. Conkling write that the Postmaster at Houston, Tex., will apply a "kicking mule" cancellation to Air Mail on the opening day of the Democratic Convention.

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The S. S. Conte Grand, sailing from New York on May 26th, is carrying mail for Spain and Italy that will be taken off at Gibraltar and flown to points in these countries. A special cachet was to be applied to this mail before leaving New York, the request of the Italian Ambassador for this courtesy having been granted by the Post Office Dept.

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Herman W. Boers informs us that an airmail service will be inaugurated out of Kalamazoo, Mich., June 22. Details are lacking but interested collectors should take the matter up with the Kalamazoo P. O. Mr. Boers also sends us a clipping announcing the early establishment of an airmail service from Toronto to Buffalo.

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In connection with the Crookston (Minn.) Air Derby May 26-27, there was an International Goodwill Air Tour between Winnipeg and Crookston. No special cachet was used. The plane was operated by "Speed" Holman.

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PERSONAL—Will correspondents please note that after JUNE 23rd all mail should be addressed to me at BUZZARDS BAY, MASS. If your letters interfere with fishing, don't expect any reply! [Ju25

FIVE YEAR HONOR CLUB

This week—a superb record!

We have no fewer than nine applications this week for membership in our Honor Club. This is indeed greatly appreciated by the management of the WEEKLY and what we relish the most is the fact that many kind words accompanied the remittances.

At the Cleveland Exhibition five philatelists, three of them members of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, presented their applications, each accompanied by $5 in payment for five years' renewal of subscription. The three Cleveland applicants, Messrs, Good, Grant and Langdon, all affirmed their great appreciation of what the WEEKLY had done to promote the Exhibition. Here is the record for the week:—

Numbers 731 to 739

J. H. Dean, Cleveland, Ohio.
J. H. Blackney, Saginaw, Mich.
Leon E. Bowie, Boston, Mass.
J. Warren Vautier, Ardsley, Pa.
Alvin Good, Cleveland, Ohio.
F. W. Grant, Cleveland, Ohio.
W. A. Langdon, Cleveland, Ohio.
Samuel Newbury, Chicago, Ill.
F. R. Schmalzreidt, Detroit.

Mr. Grant is president of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Mr. Good is a past official of not only the local society, but also the A. P. S., while the Manager has known Mr. Langdon for many years as an ardent philatelist. All three are fitting types of the hustling membership that goes to make up the Garfield-Perry Club.

Mr. Blackney has been upon our Honor Roll for some years, and his activities are largely centered around Internacia Ligo, and international exchange club promoting correspondence, exchange of post cards and stamps and also Esperanto. Mr. Blackney will be glad to hear from any of our subscribers who may be interested.

A new stamp club is being organized for Glenside, Pa., and vicinity. Ten members have been secured already and several interesting meetings have been held. Mr. Vautier is the president of the club and will be glad to hear from nearby collectors. His address is Box 222, Ardsley, Pa.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

We are indebted to Albert E. Gorham, Washington, D. C., for a copy of the First Flight Cachet to be given the June 1 airmail out of Albany to Buffalo. We illustrate the same herewith:—

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EAST AND WEST—

OUR attention was called to a f of Herman Toaspern's exhibit Midwestern Philatelic Exhibitio "Toasty's Miscellany" among other lar town cancellations is a page n "A Couple of Greeks," and it show ers from Homer, Mo., and *Cice* Dak. Our informant comments: ware of the Greeks."

P. A. FINLAYSON reports to variety on the Valley Forge which he believes is constant. It o of a white dot near the base of and touching Washington's coat plate number is 19,493 and the st found in the lower left pane. It fifth stamp in the second row fr left.

WE are indebted to Albert H. C son for a newspaper clipping states that the French police, at quest of the Internal Revenue B recently raided an "International Collectors Congress" in a leading hotel and seized $50,000.00 worth stamps from the delegates. The R Bureau charged that sales and exc were being made without payment government 10% luxury tax. Ev the Revenue Bureau is waging an sive campaign for funds.

WE have been shown by F. A. man of Fairfield, Iowa, an in ing cancellation used by the local on registered mail. It consists of natural representation of an ear o One is used to cancel the stamp second is applied for decorativ poses.

A SUBSCRIBER sends us a po bearing upon the reverse sid trations of Bavarian stamps in the ral colors. It will doubtless many of our readers to know th is not a new thing. For a score o cards of this character have been culation.

WE are indebted to Leo Reggi a clipping from the *Revi Reviews*, which consists of an art "Theodore Roosevelt's Boyhood I Under the date of Nov. 12, 1869, entry:—"Today I bought a bottle c and a gentleman abused my stamp

ELSEWHERE in this issue is t vertisement of W. T. Wils Birmingham, England, announci sale of the Masson collection of A istan. This collection was awarde medals at the New York Intern and Montreal Exhibitions. It will en bloc.

WE have sent Bill Bloss, 833 S. St., Los Angeles, Cal., som numbers of the WEEKLY, requir the library of the Los Angeles Ph Club, but a few other numbe needed. If you can furnish Mr. with Nos. 2, 3, 26 and 28 of 1912, 18 of 1924, please communicate wit Bill is so willing to do anything power to promote philately that anxious to help him out.

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PRECANCELLED COIL STAMPS

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The Coils

In February of 1908 the post-office department issued the first official coil stamps. This interesting mile-stone in our stamp history, however, passed absolutely unnoticed and it was many months later before the coils were first listed in the philatelic papers. The government was led to make coil stamps by two reasons: the activity and prosperity of the private coil manufacturers, and the interest displayed at that time by the public in stamp vending machines.

The Private Coils

In October, 1906, the government began issuing imperforate sheets of stamps to companies who had permission to make them into coils. None of these had been able to invent a machine which would handle coils made from the regular perforated sheets. One difficulty was that the 12 perforation was so fine that the coils easily broke apart; the other was the necessity for having some feeding device for each machine coming at regular intervals on the coils. So from the imperforate sheets each different company made its own coils. Some of them first applied a separation and feeding device vertically to the sheets which were then cut apart horizontally into strips, which in turn were pasted together by the margins and wound into coils. Some, however, began by cutting the sheets into strips first and then perforating them. But later most of them were made from imperforate coils furnished by the Department after the Bureau went into the business for the government.

For a few years a number of companies made such coils each with a distinct mode of separation. Thus the Schermack Company used first a series of small round holes (8 or 6) between the stamps in the middle of the coil. Later they abandoned these and used the familiar pair of rectangular slots. In catalogs the latter is listed often as Schermack 3 or III. This does not seem necessary, for so far as known none of the first types were ever precancelled.

The Mail-O-Meter Company used round holes for perforating in three different arrangements. In I there are 6 rather large holes so disposed as to leave a blank space at the top and bottom. The Type II stamps look like regular official coils since they are separated by a complete row of holes which come in two different sizes, but both of which measure about 6½ on the perforation gauge. In Type III there are only 5 holes in a row instead of the 6 as in I. There seem to be no precancelled stamps known of the second variety. The standard lists III sometimes as II and sometimes correctly as II.

The Chalmers coils are separated by 8 holes in 2 groups of 4, the holes being very close together. Other companies issued coils, too; the U. S. Automatic Vending with notches between the stamps, and the Brinkerhoff with a combination of holes and slots. None of the stamps put out by these last two firms seem to have been precancelled.

With the advent of the government coils most of the above companies were unable to compete, and one by one retired from business, except the Schermack Company, which is still making coils for its own machines.

Schermack perforations are found on the following precancelled stamps. The 1c of 1902; 1c and 2c of 1908; 1c, 2c and 3c of 1912; 1c and 2c offset prints; the 1c and 1½c of 1923. The Mail-O-Meter Company used precancelled only the 1c and 2c of the 1908 and 1912 issues, while the Chalmers perforation exist only on the 1c of 1912.

The above companies made many other coil varieties than those listed, but none of them seem to have been precancelled. Their chief use has always been for the lowest circular rate and even when the regular letter postage was 3c few of this denomination were used with precancellations. The standard catalog lists one such item (New York, number 573k) cancelled with a mail order house roller, but this has not been authenticated for the present catalog. Only one new variety is listed in this catalog.

While none of these coils are in any sense official issues they have always been included in collections because of their interesting character and the place they hold in the history of coil making.

Early Government Issues

Finding that there was a considerable demand for coil stamps the Post Office Department decided in 1907 to have them made by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

It was obvious that they could not be made for a variety of different machines; neither was the Bureau willing to set up new ways of separating the stamps. So at first the coils were made exactly as by the private companies and perforated 12 on the regular machine. That is, the imperforate sheets were perforated either horizontally or vertically, then cut into strips the other way from the perforations, the strips then being pasted together by the margins and wound into coils of 500 or 1,000 on a small paper core. Altho the pasting and winding which were done by hand proved slow and expensive the government at first made no charge for the extra work involved in making the coils.

The imperforate sheets used were those also employed in making the regular stamps in sheets of 100, and were not, as later, planned directly for coil making. They consisted of 4 panes of 100 stamps each arranged in 10 x 10 rows. The 4 panes were separated, both vertically and horizontally, by lines of color which crossed in the middle of the sheet. These were put on the plate as guides to the operators of the perforating machines. In making the regular stamps these lines are not perforated, but cut by a knife-disc so that they always appear on straight edges. At first the sheets used for making coils were also cut in this way; but this resulted in strips only 10 stamps long. By taking out the knife and replacing it with perforating pins the strips were made 20 stamps long, but the color was left intact between the 10th and 11th stamps of each strip. Thus it is only in coils that one can find the combination of color line and perforations together, except in some of the early booklet pages.

Flat Press Issues

Up to 1914 all the imperforate sheets used for coils were made right along with those used for the regular issues. They were printed on the usual presses from perfectly flat plates arranged in groups of four. The impressions were made on paper which was dampened before using. Stamps printed in this way

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EDITORIAL

The Cleveland Exhibition is now an accomplished fact and those capable of judging it as a whole say without reservation that it was a great success that has added laurels to philately in general and Cleveland in particular. It must be admitted that the projectors of the enterprise from first to last were stout-hearted, else they would have hesitated to enter a field that seemed to have been pre-empted by New York by reason of the outstanding exhibition that had been held there and which remains a living monument in the minds of many. Yet, without inviting the inevitable comparisons that would be instituted with the New York exhibition, the Cleveland promoters quietly buckled to their task and limited their endeavors to this country and its neighbors; and they scored in a decided way. The visitors saw to it that the Cleveland men were made aware of their creditable accomplishment and they received their praises in a becoming manner. Any uncertainty as to the measure of results that they achieved were dissipated by the sincerity of the congratulations that were given them. At the banquet held on the evening of the last day of the exhibition, the sentiments voiced by the speakers left no doubt that Cleveland was entitled to its night of triumph. The visitors well understood that an exhibition is not full-born, but is a creation requiring time, energy and money, all of which must be well-directed, if the desired goal is to be attained.

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The exhibits were worthy of the attention of all classes of collectors and furnished a vista that was inviting. There were enough stamps on display to fill the eye of any visitor and in fact, in this respect, the appeal was a popular one, although the specialist was not ignored by any means. While the U. S. sections were a main attraction, it was satisfactory to find that the foreign stamps received undivided attention, as well. It is heartening to know that our own stamps do not have a monopoly of collecting thought because of their popularity, even though deserved. We trust that the pendulum is swinging slowly in favor of other countries, which while never wholly neglected have not been receiving their meed of acclaim latterly. We know that a balanced demand for all worthy stamps is a surer indication of general strength than a concentrated attention to one class of them. The judges of the exhibits were competent and under the expert guidance of Mr. J. C. Morgenthau did their work capably. The awards were made early in the week and the winning frames marked with the ribbons of preferment. A dinner to the judges was the occasion of a review of their work; they were unanimous in declaring that the display was a creditable one.

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The attendance was representative and was of good volume, without doubt. It might have been larger and by the same token it could have been smaller as there was no certain way in which any accurate survey could be made before the fact of the attendance possibilities. The wisdom was apparent of soliciting and receiving the coöperation of societies within a nearby circle of the city, and as a consequence of it, the attendance of members from those sections was large. Here was an example of good management. The philatelists from New York, Chicago and Detroit, not to mention other cities were out in good force; and a roll of the names of those present included names that have long been familiar in stamp precincts. From many other places came those whose allegiance to stamps compared with that of the best of them and it is to be said without vainglory that the showing in a human sense was one that was noticeable. The Cleveland hosts were hospitable and their desire to make everybody feel at home added to the good fellowship of the occasion.

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What is accomplished by an exhibition of the kind? First of all, it gave an opportunity to see what progress has been made by philately in recent years, and it provided a convenient means for seeing a host of stamps that otherwise would not have been available for general inspection. A chance for study was provided for students and many of the regular body of collectors got a glimpse of rarities and unusual specimens that otherwise they could not have had. Thus, an inspiration was derived and a broader sense of orderly stamp accumulation followed. Then, it served notice on the outside public that philately was a pursuit that could command the means, artistic and material, to make an occasion of this magnitude possible. Proof was presented that stamps could rally to their standard a support that gave visible evidence of vitality and growth; and so, outsiders could not but be impressed by the savor of well being that pervaded the exhibition and its concomitants. The preliminary advertising that the display received through the forthright advertising of the exhibition to school children and their parents and teachers had its effect, and the public notices of the show went far and wide, and thus gave unmistakable indications that stamp collecting was not a passing fancy but an established order of human activity, since it brought under its thrall men who could work with telling results. The Cleveland exhibition extended the philatelic oasis in this country and did much to make fertile ground that otherwise would remain untilled.

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There were many social diversions during the week. Not a few dinners and other entertainment were given. The judges' dinner was a memorable occasion, as has been mentioned and another dinner to the judges with Colonel Cosby as host was a singularly pleasant meeting and the table-talk was worth hearing. A dinner by Mr. Newbury, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morganthau, was a feature, and Mr. Charles J. Phillips and Mr. Voorhees were hosts at other times. So numerous were these accompaniments that it is impossible to enumerate them all. The banquet, followed by a dance that completed the chain on Saturday night was attended by those whose presence was not demanded on the final night of the Exhibition, and the ladies and gentlemen made a brave showing. It was at this banquet given under the auspices of the Garfield-Perry Club that the certificates of award were bestowed on those who won them and were present to receive them, the tastefully designed tributes.

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Good fortune attended the powerful elbows of the Cleveland workers since the last day of the Exhibition was the one on which the new Valley Forge stamp was issued. This coincidence gave a spirit to the affair that made it distinctive. The participation of the government stamp agency in the exhibition and the sale of the new commemoratives and the air mail stamp booklets were factors of great moment in accelerating interest in the show. This recognition of philatelists is a cordial sign from Wash and its significance is appreciate special cancellation was given lit and the Stamp Agency at the Ex was a popular section of the Ex without intermission. We shall n tion names, but the unfailing cour all those who came from the ca reason of their connection wi Agency made us all feel that w friends in that important adjunct government; and gracious ackn ment is made to them.

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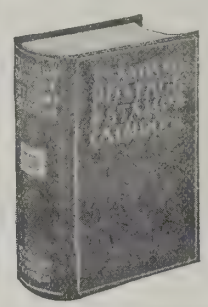

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During the week the Waterbury Club ion exhibition in the Historical So- a very large display of stamps, both nd off covers representing the chief ttries of the world, but especially g in United States and British pos- ons. On behalf of the committee of es, Mr. H. P. Atherton made the lowing awards, Mr. Irvin Day for ar- ement and attractive appearance of extensive and very beautiful collec- of United States stamps; I. J. Niel- for completeness of main varieties Denmark), and an award to Mr. iam Pierson for philatelic study, as inced by his notes and charts of the rties and printings of the stamps of t Britain.

Among other features of the gather- was an auction held by Mr. Lamont a in the gallery of the Historical So- at which many valuable stamps and s exchanged ownership.

I the evening a dinner was served at e Elton Hotel presided over by Mr. y C. Upson, president of the Water- Club, Rev. A. T. Gesner acting as tmaster. In spite of showery her, the meeting was a great success well attended.

CANAL ZONE'S LATEST

correspondent in Ancon, Canal Zone, sent us a cover used on the first day sue, May 21, 1928, in the form of a ped envelope especially prepared for mail purposes and having the red and stripes down the center. The enve- impression is rectangular and plain pearance; above the seal of the "Ca- Zone, Isthmus of Panama," is "Canal Postage," and below it, "2 Cents 2." information is given: "While there airmail service at present between Canal Zone and the U. S., mail from Zone routed *via* New Orleans reaches estination by U. S. Air Mail much ter than *via* New York."

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Any doubts of the intentions of the authorities to exploit collectors were set at rest in 1920, when the principality authorized a private corporation to undertake the production of a pictorial issue of stamps. These were to be sold at an advance of 25 per cent over face, the company is alleged to have paid a lump sum to the principality, and evidently was permitted, if not authorized, to go the limit. At any rate, at this time there was a regular bureau in Vaduz styled the "Philatelistische Verschleisstelle des Fuerstentum Liechtenstein," — "Philatelic Sales Bureau, etc.,"—from which orders were filled, after great delay, and the "Aufschlag" or premium charged above face always amounted to 25 per cent.

Emulating Bosnia, large stamps of pictorial design were produced by copper plate, previous emissions having been typos. The first stamps of the "financial" issue appeared in imperforate condition, in sheets of 100, beautifully engraved and printed on a fine quality of paper. There are eight varieties of these imperforates, seven of which bear the arms of Liechtenstein, while the highest value pictures the castle of Vaduz, which stands on a considerable eminence.

1920. Heavy Wove Paper, Imperforate

21. 5h yellow-olive.
22. 10h red-orange.
23. 15h steel blue.
24. 20h brown.
25. 25h green.
26. 30h grey-black.
27. 40h red.
28. 1Kr bright blue.

The perforated set, consisting of 15 values, as well as a set of 12 dues, appeared shortly after the imperforates. There are several more designs, and some colors have been changed. Many of the stamps appear to be on tinted paper, but this is due to the heavy inks used, and the improper wiping of the plates. The perforation, which gauges 13, is either clean cut, or very rough, the latter with small holes. The values to 20 heller shows the arms, as does the 30 heller. The remaining values picture buildings, or the prince, as noted after each stamp.

1920. Heavy Wove Paper, Perforated About 13

29. 5h yellow-olive.
30. 10h red-orange.
31. 15h blue.
32. 20h red-brown.
33. 25h olive. Church of St. Mamerten.
34. 30h grey-black.
35. 40h claret, Guttenberg Castle.
36. 50h yellow-green, Courtyard of the Castle at Vaduz.
37. 60h red-brown. The "Red House," in Vaduz.
38. 80h bright red. The Church tower of Schaan.
39. 1Kr pale violet. The Castle of Vaduz.
40. 2Kr bright blue. Village of Bendern.
41. 5Kr violet-black. Prince John in 1858.
42. 7½Kr black. Prince John in 1920.
43. 10Kr golden yellow. Arms supported by Cupids.
a. vertical pair, imperf. between.

The 10Kr exists in vertical pairs, imperforate between. As far as known there were but ten of these pairs, of which the writer has two.

Shortly after the appearance of the pictorial set, a series of three values figuring the Virgin and Child, and inscribed "MDCCCXLMCMXX FUERSTENTUM LIECHTENSTEIN," was issued to commemorate the 80th birthday of the reigning prince. These are on tinted paper, perforated 12½. There are also imperforates which were not regularly issued.

1920. Jubilee Issue

44. 50h olive.
a. imperf.
45. 80h carmine.
a. imperf.
46. 2Kr blue.
a. imperf.

It should be noticed that there are two or three shades of all values, and all sorts of intermediate nuances, due to various printings, heavy or light inking of plates, and other factors, so that there is no particular reason for listing these shades, as the stamps are so cheap that any collector can buy a hundred sets and pick them over for himself.

The continual decline of the Austrian Krone resulted in a loss of forty per cent of the figured income to the government of the Liechenstein, instead of the 25 per cent bonus which was expected, so that it was decided to abandon the Austrian monetary system and to adopt that of Switzerland. As a result of this, all of the speculative pictorials and dues were thrown on the market in vast quantities after demonetization, and they are on the market yet! Their condition seems rather hopeless, but they are being used to build up packets, and their ultimate absorption and eventual disappearance are only matters of time.

Late in February or early in March, 1921, the 10 heller of the imperforate pictorials was surcharged 2Rp and bars obliterating the original value. There are two types of this surcharge, one with thick characters having three wavy lines over each "10," the other with thin characters have a straight bar between two wavy ones.

1921. Swiss Administration
On imperforates.

47. 2rp on 10h red-orange. Thick figure.
48. 2rp on 10h red-orange. Thin figure.

The values expressed in "rappen" are equal to centimes. The *Rappen*, as a monetary unit, had not been represented on stamps for fifty years.

Following these provisionals, a set of stamps having the same design as the 10kr pictorial, but only one-fourth as large, made their appearance. They are eight in number, and are perforated either 9½ (Scott says 10) or 12½. Some of the stamps perforated 9½ are many times scarcer than those perf. 12½, and catalog quotations, no matter whose, are of little comparative value. The 2rp exists perf. 9½ only.

1921. Tinted Paper, Small Size.
Perf. 9½ or 12½.

49. 2rp lemon.
50. 2½rp black.
a. perf. 12½.
51. 3rp orange.
a. perf. 12½.
52. 5rp olive.
a. perf. 12½.
53. 7½rp indigo.
a. perf. 12½.
54. 10rp yellow-green.
a. perf. 12½.
55. 13rp red-brown.
a. perf. 12½.
56. 15rp dark violet.
a. perf. 12½.

The shades in this issue are very slight and scarcely noticeable except in the 15 rappen.

These small-sized stamps were accompanied by eight other values of the usual size, all bicolors and pictorials, the subjects being those of the "financial" pictorials, with the addition of a view of the valley of the Sameni on the 1 franc. All are perforated 12½, and have the centres in black.

1921. Large Size, Perf. 12½. Bicolors, Black Centers, Frames Colored As Follows:—

57. 20rp violet.
58. 25rp rose-red.
59. 30rp deep green.
60. 35rp brown.
61. 40rp blue.
62. 50rp deep green.
63. 80rp grey.
64. 1fr lake.

The 1 franc is a large oblong, the others being rectangles. Catalog prices on this set are quite ridiculous, the total of $1.55 being about half the present wholesale costs! One stamp in the set is worth at least twenty times the catalog quotation, and the others are going upward to join it. These stamps are in GOLD francs, not depreciated paper, as are the French franc, and the face value has apparently been ignored in fixing the prices. The writer has seen several sets sold at auction for prices between $4.25 and $5.

In 1921 two of the small stamps of the arms type were surcharged, as it was found that there was almost no use for the 7½rp and the 13rp. The 7½rp was surcharged 5, the 13rp was surcharged 10, in heavy-faced type, the overprint falling over the original values in the upper left.

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Junior Chronicle

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

Bulgaria.—The current two and ten levas stamps have been surcharged in red and green respectively for airmail use. The surcharge consists of a small airplane with the inscription "Bunavad," the name of the firm operating the line. It extends from Sofia to Varna and Rustchuch.

Greece.—The remainders of the "Fabvier" commemoratives, the 50 lepta, 1, 2, 3 and 5 drachma values, surcharged upon the stamps, will constitute the airmail stamps of that country for a while.

Italy.—The provisional airmail stamp, 50 on 60 centesimi, has been replaced by a stamp, of the type now in use, 50 centesimi, carmine rose.

Roumania.—Ten years ago, a diet meeting at Khotin decided that Bessarabia should be returned to Roumania after 108 years of Russian rule. To commemorate this return, the Roumanian Post Office is issuing a series of ten stamps, 1leu, green; 2lei chocolate; 3lei, sepia; 5lei, lake; 7.50lei, blue; 10lei, blue-green; 10lei, dark purple. The stamps show the city where the Diet met in 1918.

Peru.—The Peruvian Post Office has issued a new airmail stamp. The value is 50 centavos, olive-green, and shows an airplane flying over a map of Peru, beside a picture of President A. B. Leguia.

Chili.—To frank letters going on the transatlantic route, a set of airmail stamps has been prepared showing a South American condor. The values are not known yet.

U. S.—The postmaster at Houston, Tex., announces that all airmail letters mailed on the opening day of the Democratic convention will receive a "donkey" cancellation.

A Junior Exchange Club

Do our Juniors want an exchange club operated in their interests? William S. Kinney, Jr., Canton, Ohio, says, "Yes." The WEEKLY will be glad to institute such an exchange, but it will be held in no way responsible for its operation. If some adult reader of our publication wishes to serve the boys in this capacity we shall be glad to lend this department to promote the success of such an exchange. We are open for suggestions.

City Despatch Post

A successful local post established in New York on January 1, 1842. The success of this post soon attracted the attention of the Post Office Department and a government service was started under the name of the "United States City

Despatch Post." This service was commenced in August, 1842, and A. M. Grieg was appointed as letter carrier. Whether the original City Despatch Post was abandoned or not is uncertain but at any rate it was in business under the same name in 1848 and continued until 1859.

Our Junior Dictionary

Pineapple Watermark.—A watermark shown in the first stamps issued in the island of Jamaica.

Pin Perforation.—This is a form of rouletting—sometimes known by its French name, *perce en points*—in which round holes are pricked in the paper, sharp points being used in place of the hollow punches employed in ordinary machine perforation.

Piscopi.—One of the Aegean Islands which has been under Italian administration since 1913 and for which the contemporary stamps of Italy overprinted "Piscopi" were specially issued.

Poon.—The value in which all the stamps of Corea used between 1895 and 1900 were expressed. Five poon were equal to a cheun which had a value of only about ½c in American money.

Norway's Ibsen Issue

The postage stamp gallery of international literary celebrities has just received the interesting addition of a set of Ibsen stamps, issued on the 100th anniversary of his birth, March 20th. There are four values in the rather small size of stamp normal to Norwegian stamp issues, all bearing the characteristic picture of the dramatist, together with his signature, "Henrik Ibsen," and the dates 1828-1928. The denominations are 10 ore green, 15 ore brown, 20 ore scarlet, and 30 ore blue.

Although many countries have long made a practice of portraying their most distinguished statesmen, soldiers, and scientists on stamps, the admission of literary geniuses to the portrait gallery on stamps is of recent origin. It may be said to have begun with Portugal's issue in 1898 to commemorate the exploits of Vasco da Gama, thrillingly related in the "Lusiads" of Camoens, whose picture appeared on two of the stamps. Spain gave us the "Don Quixote" issue in 1905, with quaint scenes from the immortal story, and a very poor portrait of Cervantes. A handsome picture of that author, and a statue of him, appear on stamps issued in Spain on the tercentenary of his death in 1916.

Among other great personages in literature, Italy has pictured Dante, Manzoni, and Mazzini, and promises us a philatelic glimpse of Virgil. D'Annunzio was portrayed on the stamps of Fiume during his adventure there. Germany's current stamps present Schiller and Goeth. France has pictured Pierre de Ronsard, and will give us two more portraits next year of Victor Hugo and Lamartine. A portrait of Byron figures on a Greek stamp, and one of Francis Bacon on a stamp of Newfoundland. Poland contributes a portrait of the "Satan of Poetry," Slowacki, and Russia is planning stamp issues commemorating Tolstoy and Maxim Gorky. But probably the chief literary interest in stamps with kindred associations lies in the knowledge they bring us of famous writers honoured by many nations large and small, like Boteff and Vasoff of Bulgaria, Petofi, Karl Marx, and Maurice Jokai of Hungary, Gertrude de Avellaneda of Cuba, Vasile Alexandri of Roumania, Tarasse Schevtschenko of Ukraine, and perhaps a score or more notables in the literary development of the American Republics.—*Postage Stamp.*

A PHILATELIC PICTURE PUZZLE

A German paper furnishes its readers with a philatelic rebus and we take the liberty of reproducing the same as seen above. It will provide one with considerable recreation to name the eighteen stamps of which portions are pictured.

Bhopal

B. L. C. I.—These letters appear many of the stamps of Bhopal, one be placed in each of the four corners of

design. "B L" are the first and letters of "Bhopal," while "C I" st for "Central India."

A Map Lesson

(Clipping from A. F. Counts.)

Harrison is such a happy boy Daddy could hardly believe his eyes w he saw him rocking back and forth rocking-chair with a frown all over face.

"How are you going to spend hour before bedtime?" asked Da quickly to see if he could chase away frown.

But would you believe it? It only worse!

"I have to draw an old map," Harrison, crossly.

"Of what?" asked Daddy, taking notice of the cross tone.

"Nicaragua," answered Harrison.

"Oh, the Central American cou we hear so much about! Why th interesting," said Daddy.

"But I want to do something else want to paste stamps in my album," plained Harrison, still frowning, but quite so hard. "You know, Mother g me 50 rare stamps for my birthday a haven't had time to paste them in yet

Daddy smiled a mysterious sort c smile and said:

"Get them and let's look at them gether."

The smile that belonged there was on Harrison's face by the time he had album and his gummed hinges and precious box of stamps on the table front of Daddy.

"Why, here's a map of the whole w on one of my stamps!" cried Harriso excitement as he picked up a Canad stamp bearing the date, "Christmas 18

"It's red, white and blue, too, like flag," went on Harrison. "Daddy, w are all those red places on the map?"

"They are different parts of the B ish Empire that are scattered over whole world," said Daddy, and ad "That is the first stamp ever printed three colors."

"That stamp will help me when I s studying Great Britain," observed H rison.

"I wonder if there are any ot maps?"

"Several others at least!" answe Daddy with that same mysterious sm

Harrison started looking over his lection, paying attention only to the o bearing maps.

"Here is one of the Panama Cana he exclaimed.

"The United States and the Repul of Panama have both issued stamps w the ocean-to-ocean canal on them," plained Daddy. "And before the ca was dug, Colombia used a map of Isthmus of Panama for a stamp."

"Here's one with the whole contin of Australia! Here's Ireland! Her Newfoundland!" cried Harrison. "A here's the island of Haiti, and anot with the island of Cuba!"

He seemed to be looking for sor thing and when Daddy inquired what was, he said:

"Wasn't there ever a map of the Uni

s on a stamp?"
here was one—a 10 cent stamp, I ve. It was printed in 1904."
rrison was almost at the end of his tion when he suddenly stopped in amazement and held up a stamp Daddy to see.
hy, it can't be—but it is—" he beand then continued positively, "It is p of Nicaragua. Why, it's exactly I need."
et your atlas and we'll look at it a large map," suggested Daddy.
d in a few minutes Harrison was erested in little maps and big maps he decided to try making a middle- map and before the hour was over sson for the next day was finished. *istian Science Monitor.*

EVELAND S. P. A. BRANCH

ward W. Codding, 2503 E. 86 St., land, Ohio, is engaged in organizing l branch of the S. P. A. for Clevend vicinity. We suggest that those are interested, including all collectsiding in northern Ohio, write Mr. ng. We take great pleasure in ending the activities of this splenorganization and believe that a n in Cleveland may be made very in promoting philately.

COLUMBUS ON STAMPS

er his first rebuff at the hands of la, Columbus visited the monastery Rabida, where the prior, Juan had been the confessor of the

ella again rejected the overtures, Columbus, disconsolate, started for e. He was overtaken at the bridge nos, and told that the queen had d to aid him. The scene of the of Columbus on one of the Colum- United States issues is from the g by A. G. Heaton in the Capitol ashington. The scene of Isabella g her jewels to provide money for pedition is after the painting by Degram in the Legislative Cham- Madrid.
imbus' ninety-three-foot flagship Maria was of 233 tons displacea cockleshell, yet larger than the and Niña, companion craft in the Salvador reveals the departure of t from Palos (August 3, 1492) on p of 1893.
American stamp pictures the flagstill another in the American series the entire fleet, and likewise two tine stamps of 1892. The sighting l (October 12, 1492) is commemoby Salvador and by a United issue, the latter purporting to show hting of the Honduran coast.
ragua on a stamp shows a similar The landing of Columbus on an an stamp is from Vanderlyn's g in the rotunda of the Capitol at ington. Salvador likewise depicts ding. The Santa Maria being lost orm, Columbus returned to Spain Pinta, carrying captive natives as f his discoveries. A Salvadorian reveals the Discoverer protecting ives against superstitious members crew who attempted to cast them ard.
triumphal return to Spain on an an stamp reproduces a panel by ph Rogers in the famous bronze f America's Capitol. Luigi Grepainting of Columbus presenting ives to his sovereigns reproduced another stamp is in the Univer- Notre Dame, South Bend, Indi- his third voyage, beginning May 8, the discoveries of Columbus are by postal issues showing the dis- of Trinidad (July 31, 1498), the of this stamp being copied from a -glass window in the Council ier of Trinidad. His first landing South American mainland is by a Venezuelan stamp of 1893; a pictures his flagship Concepcion gnition of its discovery (August 8). Tobago and Margarita issighted on this voyage give no evidence of recollection.—*London s.*

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Covers bearing the special Cleveland Midwestern Philatelic Station cancellation and Valley Forge stamps were received from Mr. Raymond V. Bahr, Springfield, Ill.; Mr. Fred Warner, Chicago; Mr. John J. Spencer, Saginaw, Michigan, and the Burrows Brothers Co., booksellers of Cleveland, who have a philatelic department in the store under charge of Mr. Fritz Janssen. First day covers with the Valley Forge stamp came from Mr. Philip Ward, Jr., Philadelphia (Valley Forge); Mr. Otto Arco, New York (Philadelphia); Mr. C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa. (Valley Forge); Mr. Malcolm H. Ganser, Norristown, Pa. (Valley Forge and Norristown); and a dozen other covers from anonymous sources. Incidentally, Mr. Ganser must be walking with a springy step as if anyone worked overtime in proselyting for the Valley Forge stamp it was the self-same Ganser. Mr. A. E. Clattenburg, Jr., sends his greetings in a "first day cover from somewhere different," and the envelope does not show the postmark, the stamp having been struck on the bias. We want to congratulate Mr. Arnold J. Bauer, Wabasso, Minn. (Valley Forge), who writes: "This is a first day cover of the new Valley Forge stamp. Please accept it with my compliments. It may not interest you in the least to know that this stamp was issued on my birthday, but I feel very proud over it." On the contrary, it does interest us. We have heard of the use on May 26th of the stamp in cities other than those included in the list of first day offices; and it is claimed that Chicago has its May 26ths.

THE STAMPS OF LIECHTENSTEIN

(*Continued from page 375*)

Stamps of both perforations were surcharged, and while those perforated 9½ are scarcer in the case of the 5rp on 7½rp, the stamps perforated 12½ are scarcer in the 10rp on 13rp.

1924. Provisionals On Small Arms.
65. 5 on 7½rp indigo.
a. perf. 12½.
66. 10 on 13rp red-brown.
a. perf. 12½.

The year 1924 saw a further printing of the small 10rp yellow-green, but this time it appeared on the regular Swiss granite paper, with Greek Cross watermark. This is a scarce and much underpriced item, and among those nearly "always missing," because it is worth about twice catalog.

67. 1924. 10rp yellow-green, watermarked granite paper.

A new bicolor 5-rappen stamp of small rectangular design also appeared in 1924. This shows a lusty Liechtensteiner, profusely draped with a full set of facial fur, carrying a monster container on his shoulders. This receptacle is about the size of a 40-gallon barrel, and examination with a lens shows that it contains spherical objects which are probably intended for grapes. If so, they produce grapes in Liechtenstein which are at least an inch in diameter, and probably larger. But the objects may be prunes or mountain watermelons.

In 1925 the second of this set was issued. It is the 10rp green showing the Courtyard of the Castle at Vaduz. The 20rp red of the same design was issued in 1926, and the large 1½fr oblong pictorial in blue was issued in 1925. The three higher values bear the name of the engraver, E. Verling, and of the designer, J. Sprenger, in tiny letters below the design. Finally, in 1925 was issued a 30rp pictorial of the usual large size and design, but changed colors.

1924-25-26. Various Designs, Three New, Perf. 11½
68. 5rp brown and blue. (1924)
69. 10rp yellow-green. (1925)
70. 20rp red. (1926)
71. 30rp blue and black. (1925)
72. 1½fr blue. (1925)

To commemorate the eighty-fifth birthday of Prince John, a set of three charity stamps were issued October 5, 1925. These stamps bear a full-face portrait of the prince, and like all other issues under Swiss administration are inscribed merely "Fuerstentum Liechtenstein" and the value. They were sold at an advance of 5rp over face.

1925. Charity Stamps. Perf. 11½. Wmk. Greek Cross
Ch. 1. 10+5rp yellow-green.
Ch. 2. 20+5rp carmine.
Ch. 3. 30+5rp blue.

While the postal affairs of Liechtenstein were farmed out to the speculators, a set of twelve dues was issued. These are of the general apparance of dues issued by most countries, i.e., numeral of value in an ornamental frame. These are no exception, though the general appearance of the stamps is that of a series of blobs of sealing wax, as nine of the twelve are printed in reds of varying shades, the frame being oval. The three higher values are blue.

1920. Postage Dues
D. 1 to 9, all red of various shades.
5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 80 heller.
D. 10 to 12, all chalky to deep dull blue.
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Valley Forge Variety

At the Cleveland Exhibition, the postal clerks were extremely accommodating and had four pads on hand to cancel the Valley Forge varieties. These were purple, red, blue and green and from observation but few were cancelled in purple as this pad seemed to have been under the counter for a good portion of the day.

The special postmark which was in use covers exactly six stamps and I arranged to have a few blocks of six, each cancelled in one of the four colors.

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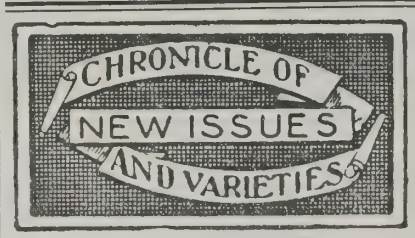

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United States

Branch Philatelic Agency, Cleveland, Ohio

The Branch Philatelic Agency at the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition held in Cleveland, Ohio, was opened on Monday, May 21st, instead of Thursday the 24th, as previously arranged. At the same time the Branch Post Office used a special postmark which continued in use during the entire week. This marking which was described last week was applied in purple, red, green and blue, and at times in combinations of the several colors. The Agency had a most successful as well as active week and took in approximately eight to ten thousand dollars.

Valley Forge Commemorative

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, the new 2-cent red stamp, commemorating Washington's Encampment at Valley Forge, was placed on sale at the Exhibition and thousands of covers were sent out with numerous colored cancellations. The management in charge of the Exhibition arranged a private marking which was applied to covers, reading—"Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition, Cleveland, May 21-26, 1928," and showed an airplane in flight, with a scalloped circular border. This was usually applied in magenta. The marking, however, is in no way official and was applied privately.

On the same day the new stamps were placed on sale in Washington, D. C., Valley Forge, Philadelphia, Norristown, Lancaster and West Chester.

They all used the normal cancellor, but I note in the case of one letter received from Norristown that there is a six line postmark in blue-black reading, "Postmark on this envelope is first day of issue of *Valley Forge Stamp*, May 26, 1928, as authorized by U. S. Post Office Department, exclusively for Valley Forge, Norristown, West Chester, Lancaster, Philadelphia, Washington and Cleveland." Only one cover in the lot had this special marking so it is doubtful if it was used on a great number.

The Valley Forge variety is one of the most pleasing of our late commemoratives and depicts a subject—Washington kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge—different in idea from any other that has ever before graced an American stamp. "In God We Trust" is a motto old to the coin collector, but something new and unusual to philately.

Philately by the way, or rather those interested in the subject, played an important part in the issue of this stamp, and they are to be congratulated on their efficient and effective efforts.

There has been some little criticism from one or two daily press sources as to the historic authenticity of the subject illustrated, but the Postmaster General rightly ignored these protests. The design will probably meet with general approval, with the possible exception of the Rupert Hughes School of Washington's Biographers.

Washington's diary and writings afford sufficient evidence of his custom of seeking divine assistance whether or not the precise scene which forms the subject of this illustration was ever actually enacted at Valley Forge. There is no nobler chapter in the life of the Father of His Country than that which records how he shared the hardships of his comrades-in-arms at Valley Forge during the very darkest period of the Revolution. There is no reason to doubt that the faith that he displayed during the winter of 1777-1778 was an all powerful factor in maintaining the morale of his devoted followers.

The stamp will prove a welcome addition to the stamp album, and has created more remarks in the daily press than any stamp that has appeared in recent years.

During the Exhibition, the writer was congratulated on the appearance of his portrait on the stamp along with Washington. Take a glass, look at the little figure in modern dress on the left of the large tree, and if you are acquainted with the writer, you will see that it is "yours truly."

The Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, writes that when the subject was called to his attention he immediately put a glass upon the stamp and "saw the true likeness of yourself."

So far, three living people have appeared upon United States postage stamps to my knowledge. Namely—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson on the $5 current issue, the post office employee standing beside his machine on the 20c Special Delivery and Philip H. Ward, Jr., on the Valley Forge Stamp. Ha! ha!!

Stamps placed on sale on the first day were produced from four plates, namely—No. 19493, No. 19494, No. 19495 and No. 19496. Since that time, four additional plates have been made bearing numbers 19500, 19501, 19502, 19503. Quite possibly these eight plates will be sufficient to print a good portion of the entire requirement of fifty million stamps. As previously stated, they are printed on the flat bed press in sheets of four hundred and cut into post office panes of one hundred subjects with straight edges on two sides. It is not expected that the stamps will be printed from the rotary press, nor are they to be issued imperforate.

10c Lindbergh Booklet Pane

On May 26, 1928, the new two-page booklet selling at 61 cents, containing six copies of the 10c Lindbergh Air Stamp, was placed on sale in both W ington, D. C., and Cleveland. Each consists of three stamps arranged zontally. The plate numbers in the of these plates are on the side so only badly centered panes will sh trace of the number. So far, four of 180 subjects each have been bearing numbers—19414, 19425, 1 19427. The stamps are made fron flat bed press from the same die a ordinary varieties and are perforat on unwatermarked paper. The bc covers are of white cardboard, neat appearance than the other types of lets. On the front we find the air insignia printed in blue and on the cover a map of the country showin air mail routes. Other wording o propriate nature is found on the side of the cover.

In a recent Chronicle through er mentioned that this Lindbergh Bc would sell at 63 cents, instead of 61 the correct amount.

I also described certain plate var found on Plate 18246 which I desig as a Lindbergh Stamp whereas the is actually the 10c Map air mail va

New Playing Cards Stamp

Mr. H. M. Southgate writes that a design for Playing Cards stamps has approved by the Treasury Depart The new stamp is to be of a 10c de nation, printed from the rotary pres about three-quarters of an inch hig slightly over one inch long. There be 102 subjects to a plate consisting rows of six stamps, the same as th subject sidewise coil, except that e are six rows deep whereas the coil a ten. There is a medallion in the c showing the figure "10" with branch either side and "CENTS" beneath. I four corners of the stamp we find a mond, heart, club and spade, acros top "Playing Cards" and across the tom "U. S. Int. Rev." A suitable b encloses the stamp. The varieties w available in coil form and the Bu

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New Caledonia.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the new designs issued April 30th, 1c blue and claret, 2c green and sepia, 4c grey-blue and orange, 5c sepia and slate-blue, 10c chocolate and violet-blue, 15c blue and brown, 20c sepia and red, 25c sepia and green, all with a Harbour view, 30c green, 40c olive-green and red, 45c orange-red and mauve, 50c sepia and mauve, 65c blue and red-brown, 75c olive and blue-green, 90c rose and red, with Coconut trees for designs; 1fr rose and olive, 1fr10c sepia and green, 1fr50c blue, 2fr sepia and vermilion, 3fr sepia and magenta, 5fr sepia and blue, 10fr sepia on pink and violet, 20fr sepia on yellow and red, Medallion portraits and sailing vessel type. Also the following Postage Due stamps in Antelope and tree design, 2c blue and brown, 4c green and red, 5c grey and orange, 10c slate-blue and magenta, 15c red and green, 20c olive and claret, 25c blue and yellow-brown, 30c sepia and green, 50c carmine and brown, 60c red and magenta, 1fr blue-green and blue, 2fr olive and red, 3fr brown and violet.

Niger.—Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to the 15c, which has been issued in brown and ultramarine.

Portugal.—Mr. S. P. da Conceicao states that in May two special stamps will be issued in commemoration of the Olympiad. One, a 15c, will be used as prepayment of an extra charge on letters to the Continent, Madeira, and the Azores. The other will be a 30c Due, for taxing letters which do not bear the 15c.

Another correspondent informs us that a new series is in preparation at the Lisbon mint, which will take the place of the present De La Rue "Ceres" issue when the latter is exhausted.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Reunion.—The following new items have been received from Whitfield King & Co.: 15c sepia and blue, 30c green, 45c drab and purple, 75c ultramarine and brown and 1fr sepia and purple.

Roumania.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new set of stamps issued to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the joining of Bessarabia with Roumania. They are of oblong format, and of the following values and colors: 1 lei, green; 2 lei, chocolate; 3 lei, sepia; 5 lei, lake; 7 lei 50b, ultramarine and 10 lei, green-blue.

Russia.—On March 29th (says M. Theodore Champion) the famous Maxim Gorki attains his sixtieth birthday, and in his honour the name of the village, Vorpanova, where he worked in the nineties, is to be changed to "Gorki." At the same time the U.S.S.R. is to issue a special postage stamp with his portrait.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Southern Rhodesia.—Mr. Heathcote Tatham is the first to show us the new booklets, consisting of twelve ½d stamps and twenty-four 1d, inter-leaved with advertisements and postal information, and bound in a blue cover of stout card.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Turkey.—An entirely new series of twenty-one values is promised for January 1, 1929; in fact, it is already in active preparation.—*Stamp Collecting.*

will, no doubt, continue to cancel some of them for certain companies.

Madagascar.—Whitfield King & Co. advise of the appearance of the 30c green and 45c purple-blue and claret. Both are in the 1908 types.

Malta.—In response to an enquiry, the correspondent who gave us the figures which we printed last month, relating to the destruction of stamps with "POSTAGE" overprint, states that he has confirmed these figures. He adds a further list of small quantities destroyed on 25 May, 1927, but as the total face value of the lot is only about £50, they do not materially affect the position.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Martinque.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 15c orange-brown and blue and 75c blue and brown.

Mexico.—Messrs. Francis J. Field, Ltd., report receipt of a 25c air stamp. This official issue is for the new Mexico City—Tampico air line, which will eventually connect with U. S. A. Contract lines. The design, except for numerals of value, is identical with that of the

STAMP MARKET GOSSIP

By "THE SEER OF THE STRAND."

NYASALAND.—In my last month's notes I mentioned the 4/- mult. CA, S.G. No. 95, as being rather a sensible buy. As usual, a great rush has been made for what few copies could be found in the London stamp market. I am under the impression that there are still some to be had at reasonable figures, but the time is not distant when such will not be the case. Don't miss a few copies if you are inclined to invest.

NEW ZEALAND.—A few months ago I advised purchase of a few sets of the Dunedin Exhibition stamps, S.G. 536, 537 and 538. I am still advocating these at prevailing prices, as I am certain of a quick rise very shortly.

RAROTONGA. *(Cook Islands.)*—The New Zealand 3/- Admiral type has just made its appearance for this Colony, but strange to say, it is the first shade, S.G. 541. I have not seen a large number, but a full issue may be expected. As the colour has been changed to a pale mauve for New Zealand, I am led to think that this latter stamp, also overprinted for Rarotonga is likely to be seen at any time. Such being the case, I must strongly urge acquisition of the dark shade at the earliest moment.

BERMUDA.—I am of opinion that there is a lot of truth in a rumour that has reached me to the effect that the 5/- value, S.G. 53, will shortly be issued on script watermarked paper. From past experience, we know that when these changes take place in the 5/- values, catalogue quotations jump to a very marked degree. In any event, a few of these in hand will never entail a loss.

ST. KITTS.—I think I may say that I am practically the only market correspondent who has not written about the 2½d ultramarine with chalky surface, S.G. 43a, in eulogistic terms. I purposely held back because I knew this stamp was sent out by various New Issue Services and supplies had not been, in my estimation, short. It has been mooted by various writers that this is a stamp with a classic future. Yet it is being offered today by many dealers at the fancy price of 1/-!! Candidly, I am of opinion that this sum represents its full worth. It may get better—certainly it only had a short life—but I do not think I should care to speculate a deal in this direction.

S. W. AFRICA.—I note that the 2/6 first pictorial for this Colony has now a quotation in Gibbons. This is 60/- per pair, with which I am entirely in agreement. In fact, I make bold to say that before long it will be worth £5. Readers will remember that I advocated purchase of this pair when the catalogue quotation was only a matter of a quarter of what it is today.

MALTA.—Much controversy has taken place at various times of the relative values of some of the scarcer items in the "Postage" overprinted set. Whilst there is still a quantity of some of the commoner values on sale, one notices that such as the 4d, 1/-, 2/- and 2/6, are seldom seen. I had occasion a week or two ago to attend a London auction, where a few were on offer, and I particularly noted that these four values were fetching very high prices. The 4d appears to be jumping up, and I give it as my honest opinion that this stamp will soon reach the 10/- mark. The 1/- is now in the region of 6s, the 2/- at 45/-, and the 2/6, which I consider the best of the lot, at 25/-.

TURKS ISLANDS.—This is another of my favorite Colonies. I am going to advise acquisition of a few copies of the late issue. I have already mentioned the 2/- as being quite good, and recent prices have justified this view. Now I want all readers to get some of the 1/- values, S.G. 172. There is a great scarcity of this stamp, and I shall be very much surprised if the quotation does not jump very shortly to a matter of the same level as the previous one, S.G. 161. I should certainly make this the best thing

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ST. HELENA.—Readers will remember that I was the first to notify the suppression of the 15/- script of this Colony. I hope all took advantage of this and obtained one or two copies. I now have to advocate getting a copy or two of the 7/6 Script, S.G. No. 111. There has been a little rumour about this stamp for the last month or so, but it has only just come authentically to me that no more stamps of this denomination are on sale in the Colony. The 7/6 value has never actually been required, so there is little likelihood of a re-print. In making this my "Best Thing of the Month," I do so with the full assurance that the present catalogue quotations represent really bargain prices.

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St. Helena. 7/6 Script Watermark.
S.G. 111. Mint or used.

—Phil. Jour. of Gt. Britain.

PRECANCELLED COIL STAMPS

(*Continued from page 373*)

are about 18½ by 22mm in size. Owing to different degrees of shrinkage in the wet paper they vary from these dimensions, but somewhat rarely if ever more than ½mm either way. The wet paper also takes more ink so that the colors of these printings are deeper or fuller than for the corresponding stamps printed on the rotary press. The paper, too, is different, being softer in general for the flat press. All government coils perforated 12 and 8½, and part of those perforated 10 were printed from flat plates.

Coils Perforated 12

These were the first official coils. The denominations issued were the 1c and 5c of the 1902 issue, the 2c of 1903, and the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 cents of the 1908-10 issues.

When these were first put on sale collectors displayed little interest in them on the ground that they could be easily faked from regular sheets. But the line varieties cannot be faked readily, especially in the denominations above 2 cent, and even the 1 and 2 cent values cannot be falsely made with any chance of success, except from booklet pages. That the very early booklets should be used precancelled is more unlikely than a similar use of coils. A line variety stamp, or better still a pair, should then establish the existence of a precancelled item beyond much doubt. But even with this allowance very few coils perforated 12 were ever precancelled. Possibly the 1c 1902 was made in South Whitley, Indiana, and the 1c 1908 was used in a few places. The standard catalog lists, as Saint Paul number 307, the 3 cent variety, but this is the rarest of all coils since only a small supply was used in Orangeburg, New York, tho not precancelled. This listing, then, is probably an error.

If any other varieties were made they repose in collections or stocks unrecognized, or were discarded as being straight-edge copies of an especially poor kind.

Coils Perforated 8½

The coils perforated 12 were the cause of much complaint in that they pulled apart too easily, both while being made and used. To meet this objection the Bureau in 1910 changed the perforation to 8½. Otherwise the coils were made in exactly the same way except that a rather crude machine was soon set up to do some of the slow and expensive hand work.

With this odd perforation, the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 cent denominations of the 1908 issue, and the 1 and 2 cent of the 1912 issues were made and used. The 1 and 2 cent varieties of the earlier issue have the values expressed in words (one cent or two cents), while on the 1912 issue they are shown in figures.

All of these stamps are known precancelled, but everything above the 1 cent value is uncommon or rare.

The 8½ perforation was never used for any other stamps but coils.

Coils Perforated 10

In attempting to improve the too easily parted coils perforated 12 the Bureau went too far for almost as many complaints were registered against the 8½. These last were too hard to separate, the general result being a lot of torn stamps. So finally, in 1914, the Bureau took 10 for the standard coil perforation, this being about half way between the two troublesome kinds. Since then all the coils have had this perforation.

For a time after this change the coils were still made from stamps printed on the flat presses. The following denominations were issued: the 1 cent and 2 cent with numbers of value, and the 3, 4, 5 cent values of the same design in use since 1908. All these are known precancelled, but most of the items are scarce or rare.

Endwise and Sidewise Coils

From the very beginning the government has had made two kinds of coils. One was prepared by perforating the stamp sheets horizontally and cutting them into strips vertically. In this type the stamps in the coil ribbon were joined together end to end and have the name endwise. They are perforated at the top and bottom, and imperforate at the sides. They are cataloged as "perforated horizontally."

The other kind of coil is made of stamps joined side by side; they are perforated at the sides and imperforate at top and bottom. They are designated "perforated vertically."

Of the coils already discussed, the following values appear perforated horizontally (endwise); the 1, 2, 4, 5 cent of 1908, all these being perforated 12. In the series perforated 8½ and 10 only the 1 and 2 cent denominations were coiled endwise.

Minor Varieties of Flat Press Coils

There are very few of these. Pairs may be found showing the colored guide line between the stamps or more rarely with a paste-up. Both are most uncommon. There are no die variations at all. The earlier coils are on a paper with the double-line watermark, while the later ones come on paper with the watermark single-lined. The catalog pays no attention to these differences which are left for the specialist.

Rotary Press Coils

In 1914 the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began to use the wonderful Rotary Press. With this method of printing the plates instead of being flat are curved to fit a cylinder which revolves on long rolls of paper. Thus it prints stamps almost literally by the mile, and has effected a revolution in stamp making.

It was necessary to make two different kinds of curved plates for this press. Those for the endwise coils consisted of 150 subjects in 10 rows of 15; for the sidewise coils the plates were larger, being of 17 rows of 10. In both cases the plates were first made flat and then curved to fit the cylinders. The endwise plates were bent in such a way as to stretch the metal from top to bottom of the subjects, while in the sidewise coils it was stretched from side to side. Hence stamps printed from these plates are longer (from top to bottom) for the endwise coils and wider (from side to side) for the sidewise kind than are the same stamps printed from flat plates. The horizontally perforated coils thus vary from 22.5 to 23mm, and the vertical perforated from 19 to 19.5mm. In stamps of the same design these differences in measurement serve to distinguish from each other those printed by the two methods.

The cylinder used for printing is always made up of two plates fitted tightly together. Ink is retained, however, by the crevice between the plates, and is printed on the paper appearing there as a colored line across the perforations. This same line is also found on the flat press coils, but for different reasons.

All the coils made by the rotary presses are perforated 10.

Rotary Press Issue of 1917

The denominations issued were: the 1, 2, 3 cent perforated horizontally, and the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 cents with vertical perforations. All are known precancelled, and there are many varieties of each. Indeed with the advent of the rotary press the Postoffice Department encouraged the use of coil stamps as much as possible. This together with the later use of standard precancel coil types has resulted in the great majority of the precancelled coils being those of the rotary press on the late and current issues.

Minor Varieties of the 1917 Issue

When the first coils were printed on the rotary presses it was discovered that the border on the 2 cent stamp did not print well since the lines on the die were cut too deeply. In efforts to improve two new dies were used and coils made from both. Dies I and II used for regular stamps as well, but III was employed only for making p for printing coils on the rotary pre It is not difficult to distinguish these from each other, and the differ among them are described in the st ard stamp catalog. All the flat coils are in Die I. Rotary coils in I and II of this issue are of Die III follows then that almost all of found precancelled are rotary press of the latter die. A few precanc coils of Die II are known, but so f rotary press stamps from Die I been discovered precancelled.

During the Great War when the lar postage rate was 3 cents, a very number of stamps of this value needed. At the same time some ini ink used in printing them ruined th graved plates very rapidly. It be necessary to make a new die for denomination in order to keep up the work. The two dies are easily tified by the differences described i standard stamp catalog. Coils were from both dies on the rotary press the flat press coils are all of Die I this is true of the rotary press coils forated horizontally. Precancelled of Die I are quite scarce. After war when the letter rate was restor 2 cents the many 3 cent coils left on were little called for and many post ters precancelled them to get rid of Almost all those used were rotary stamps of Die II. These come in a ber of different color shades. There no die varieties of the other denom tions.

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About a month or so ago, through the efforts of Dr. Ritter, the eminent German philatelist, the answer to the boy's question was brought nearer to the correct solution. In a recent issue of the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal,* Dr. Ritter published a list of fifteen countries which he considered as the leaders in the production of the largest number of different stamps, or major varieties. This list is worthy of reproduction here.

No.	1.	Turkey,	918 different stamps
	2.	Nicaragua,	896 " "
		(Not counting the Bluefields and Cabo Gracias a Dios (Cabo) of which there are 141 stamps)	
	3.	Mexico,	727 different stamps
	4.	Salvador,	687 " "
	5.	Austria,	614 " "
	6.	Persia,	607 " "
	7.	Hungary,	586 " "
	8.	Germany,	555 " "
	9.	Roumania,	508 " "
	10.	Uruguay,	506 " "
	11.	Portugal,	493 " "
	12.	U. S.,	458 " "
	13.	Greece,	445 " "
	14.	Belgium,	441 " "
	15.	Liberia,	410 " "

Dr. Ritter placed Turkey in first place with 918 stamps and Nicaragua second, with 896 stamps together with a note stating that 141 stamps of Bluefields and Cabo had not been counted. Just why the stamps of these two Nicaraguan districts had been omitted in the total, the writer fails to understand. If these stamps are not counted with Nicaragua; —to what country do they belong?

A few remarks concerning the existence of the stamps of Bluefields and Cabo and their relation to Nicaragua are in order. These are given with a view that Dr. Ritter may change his count and include the stamps in Nicaragua's total, thereby giving her credit with 1,037 stamps, and crowning this country as "king" of stampdom.

Nicaragua, for many years prior to 1904 (when the Bluefields and Cabo issues first appeared) was a country wherein two money standards or units existed. In the districts of Bluefields and Cabo, the richest and mining sections of Nicaragua the "silver peso" (45 cents U. S. currency) was used exclusively, whereas in the remaining sections the "paper peso" (25 cents U. S. currency) was in circulation. The ratio being almost two to one, or in simple words, the silver money was worth nearly double that of the paper.

A common practise employed by the inhabitants of the "silver peso" districts (Bluefields and Cabo) was to exchange their money, purchase their stamps in "paper peso" post offices for use in their home districts. Not a bad business at all. In 1904, the Government officials put a stop to this unprofitable custom by decreeing that the regular Nicaraguan stamp issues must show special markings or surcharges for mail originating in the districts of Bluefields and Cabo. These special stamps were the only ones available for postal duty in these two districts. This special surcharging and designation for stamps to be used in Bluefields and Cabo continued until 1913. At this date the "gold peso" or "cordoba" (U. S. gold dollar) displaced both the "silver and paper pesos" and was used throughout the republic. Single stamp issues again sufficed from this time on.

To continue, in the determination of all stamps of Nicaragua during the period stated above, it is essential that both the "silver peso" (Bluefields and Cabo) and "paper peso" stamps be considered. To omit one group or the other would consider but a part of the country. It is because of this that the stamps of Bluefields and Cabo are combined with those of Nicaragua in all the general catalogues and printed albums.

In placing the crown on Nicaragua, which she has easily earned by the figures shown in Dr. Ritter's table as being well above 10% over the stamps issued by Turkey and from what will follow, the writer will show that even this number (1,037 stamps) is low and that Nicaragua bids fair to be the undisputed leader for some time to come.

I will anticipate the next inquiry. "Why did Nicaragua issue so many stamps?" Many discussions and arguments are opened up, some being in the confines of philately and others not. To avoid a long discourse, I might add that the history of Nicaragua from the date of her independence (1821) right through to the present date tells the story very well. This history is based on financial, political, commercial, educational and diplomatic relations of the country. Through this period, although nationally independent, the government with few exceptions has been in an unstable condition, which has reflected in the phila-

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Again, through the press of the world, the public has learned of the backward tendency of the country even at this late date. The term "backward" can be used in its broadest sense, thus fitting any phase desired. The national life of the republic depended largely on its commerce which meant that no matter what hardships or means were encountered—postage stamps became an absolute necessity. Their workmanship, numbers, whether or not surcharged, were matters of secondary importance. When one looks over the large number of issues with their later outburst of surcharged provisionals, the financial element stands most prominent. Financial emergencies were almost continuous, whether or not they could have been prevented. It is up to us to discuss the stamps as they are known in philately.

More records belong to Nicaragua, some being accurately established, others awaiting future confirmation by students of research. Among the Central American republics (excluding Mexico) Nicaragua was first to adopt and use the adhesive postage stamp in 1862—first to change her monetary system to the gold standard in 1913—last in national advancement, and the record holder for revolutions and provisional governments. In Philately, is Nicaragua also "king" of provisional stamps and minor varieties? I claim she is, who can dispute this statement.

Nicaragua is a most misunderstood country, due to the confusion in the separation of the major from its minor variety, inclusion and omission of legitimate and illegitimate issues. This situation prevents uniform and proper listing, cataloguing and pricing in the standard reference works. The country is well adapted to both general collecting and specialism. The latter branch of philately is entirely individual and many specialists can vouch for its fascination.

The stamps are simple to identify and barring a few exceptions, do not present any paper, watermark, perforation, printing and high face valued stamp difficulties. These characteristics are offset by the presence of many minor sheet and print varieties, novelties, etc., which are personally regulated.

During my fifteen or more years of keen specialism in the stamps of Nicaragua, the world's largest stamp country, I find that many real scarce and rare varieties exist, some in surprisingly small numbers. In most general collections the percentage of missing stamps is extremely high. Many unused copies are doubtful of existence no matter how common or scarce the cancelled stamps may be. Two or three years ago a very prominent and wealthy collector, with agents all over the world, in an effort to get a complete collection of unused stamps of both major and minor varieties (numbered and lettered by our Scott's catalogue from A to Z) finally needed 2,000 stamps to finish the work at this time. Of these 2,000 stamps, Nicaragua headed the list with 240 stamps. I might add that one cannot get a complete collection of Nicaraguan stamps either in unused or cancelled condition—it must be the sum of both.

Although unpopular for many years, Nicaragua changed its status in 1921, or so, by becoming a desirable country, and today it ranks as the most popular country in Central America, another record. The vastness of the country and other reasons still allows for the serious collector or specialist to secure nice items at a low cost.

In order to show the number of major varieties of Nicaragua, which are generally known to the collectors of the world, I have prepared a comparative table showing the stamps listed in the various catalogues (1928 editions). I have included Dr. Ritter's totals and have made up a personal list which is somewhat tentative at this time.

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It will be noted that Dr. Ritter's grand total of 1,037 stamps, is second lowest, with Michel showing 121 less or 916 total. His estimation of Bluefields and Cabo is very low and inaccurate. In order to get a fair average let us disregard the extremes both ways (Stroub—1,188 and Michel—916) and the average is 1,076. The average of the entire six totals is 1,069. Either of these figures upsets Dr. Ritter's by 4% or so. These figures verify my usual estimation of about 1,100 major varieties.

In closing, the writer is at all times ready to assist any of the standard cataloguers in an effort to have the stamps of Nicaragua more uniformly arranged as to numbers, issues, major varieties, values, etc., Probably one of the greatest handicaps is in the changing of the printed albums, but I believe that something should be done to eliminate the statement very often uttered that Nicaragua "is the worst catalogued country in the world," a record which should be lifted. Thus we close the "World's largest stamp country," the handling of which is always in record terms.

(AUTHOR'S NOTE. If my readers desire it, I should be pleased to discuss the rarest stamps of Nicaragua, many of which are uncatalogued and unknown. I also have had many requests to write the "Resello, 1927-1928" stamps, the aftermath of the recent Revolution, and which contain many current rare items. Address the writer, Box 16, Station L., New York City.)

NEWFOUNDLAND NOTES

By F. F. WILLS.

The 9c new issue 1928 is now obsolete and unobtainable. This value, with the 30c of the same issue, was placed on sale to replace the 9c and 24c of the old pictorial 1923, when the latter became obsolete.

The other values of the new set have not yet been placed on sale as there are sufficient stocks to supply present needs at the G. P. O. of the old pictorial 1923.

Most of these 9c were postally used, and there are very few mint except those that have them with the other stamps as a complete set.

The whole set is useless without this stamp, and copies will fetch high prices by those desirous of getting the complete set.

I understand that this value will not be re-issued, but there will be a new stamp of a 14c denomination issued to cover foreign postage and registration fee for foreign registered letters.

POLLITZ ENTERS BROWN CO.

Mr. O. F. Pollitz, a long-time advertiser in the WEEKLY, has taken an interest in the Frank P. Brown Co., as indicated elsewhere in this issue. We congratulate Messrs. Kling and Pollitz upon this business partnership. The firm has removed its offices to 44 Bromfield St., and should prove an important factor in Boston stamp trade.

WE are informed by C. D. Reimers that Walter Weber, who has been with the Marks Stamp Co. for nearly ten years, is now with the C. D. Reimers Co., at Fort Worth, Tex. Mr. Weber, who has had considerable experience in handling retail approvals and wantlists, is taking care of these two departments of the firm's business.

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The change out of my four bit piece was gone before I got started on account of a smooth talker sellin me a program; it sure had some funny stuff in it too, one of the first things I hit on was a feller advertising that he didn't want any money, mind you *advertising* that kind of dope, I hunted around a bit but didnt see no one passing out any money so figured there was a catch in that somewhere. I got to studying for a minute not having met the fellow that didnt want any money and thought I had better look the program over to see where the game started. There was a page about Patrons but I couldn't find nothing about Matrons so figured the party didnt have no chaperone after all; there was a page marked Judges and I thinks this must be some contest sure if it takes 12 fellers to settle the argument; it read more like there might be a trial comin off with the jury all picked in advance.

Over the page in this here program was a hot one, I didnt read it but its marked The Charm of Collecting havin read the notice of the feller that didnt want no money I thinks this here Charmed him to make him that way and so I'll do a little skipping, me wantin all the dough I can get to!

After a while the program begun to clear up for me and I doped it out that all them other pages was tellin what the windows had in em.

Right off the bat the thing describes two little boys named Sid and John as havin a collection A-1 it looked that way to me and the Copper standin by it begun tellin about this and that being worth so many thousand dollars, I had to move on as I couldnt be disrespectful to ôle Jno Law, thinks I that stuffs A-1 at that.

A feller whose daddy must have been a harness maker account his name endin in stirrup I forget the front part of it sure had the stuff like you got only more so. You know that dime stamp thats green you got and always tellin me it was used afore the war, well you want to get next to this feller he must have two peck of em I think likely he'll be willin to swap with you him havin so many.

You know that european country you was showin me, I sure stopped plumb still when I saw that a *european country* was showin stuff in a lot of them winders the funniest thing was this country havin a first name, it was Alfred I never heard tell of anything like that in the geography I studied so figured I learned somethin there besides seein a heap of pretty stuff.

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By ALBERT H. HARRIS.

Paris, May 17.

Consternation was caused this morning when, within two hours of the commencement of the International Stamp Bourse at the Hotel Continental, a surprise raid was made by a Commissioner of Police accompanied by ten inspectors, who proceeded to demand the production of the "Patent" (or registered authorisation to trade, which is required of all French traders) in order to ascertain whether the fiscal laws were being complied with, both as regards registration and payment of customs duty on stamps imported.

"Patents" Wanted.—All dealers know that there is a duty of 2% on stamps brought here to sell to French dealers, but no prior notice had been given that foreign dealers would be required to take out a "patent" to trade, as this has not been required in the past except of those who make France their habitual residence. A large number of those present being foreigners, the effect of this bombshell was to stop all business, while excited groups discussed the situation, and the police guarded the exit to prevent anyone leaving without a permit.

For the French dealers the matter was simple, but the Commissioner and his assistants took possession of all the stamps they could lay hands on belonging to foreign dealers, handbags and valises were sealed with string and wax, and the owners told to present themselves at the Office of the Ministere de Finance at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. They were then permitted to leave.

Naturally, this high-handed action was much resented, and the Committee held a hurried meeting. Unfortunately, being a fête day, legal advice cannot be obtained, and there is nothing to do but wait on to-morrow's events.

May 18.

Stamps Not Returned.—A crowd of angry stamp dealers waited outside the Commissioner's office in Place St. Sulfrice this morning, while M. Peleeheid, President of the Bourse, assisted by legal advice and members of his committee endeavored to clarify the position. This took the whole of the morning. The outcome was that the price of a Patent was fixed at 1,000 francs (£8 6/8) plus .55 francs Police expenses. A photograph was also required. Those who were able to produce both a photo and 1,000 francs were given their Patent, but their stamps have not been returned, as they have now to prove that they have either paid Customs duty or bought the stamps since their arrival here.

English Dealers' Position.—The position of the English dealers here is quite clear as they came to buy and bro stamps with them. The only stam have are therefore those purchase but the position of some dealer other countries is said to be not so nate. At the moment of writing seized property remains at the M of Finance. Rumours are rampa everyone tells a different story a body really knows what will happe only matter on which everyone is is that the whole affair is a scanc that this Bourse is absolutely w whatever may happen in the fu *Philatelic Magazine.*

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Don't crowd, a comfortable should be left between stamps. A or so items properly placed on a will look better than too many. 1917-22 issue, for instance, will n 17 stamps, normal varieties only will make a very beautiful pag colors harmonizing handsomely.

There should be a little varie course, in these page arrangements. could be shaped into oblong, tria or diamond-shaped designs as a from the monotony of all one Numbers and prices below each detract from appearance, and co well be put under the stamps. A lettered line at the top of the p usually sufficient.

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es from my own collection, with
e that they may offer some sug-
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ding my little collection of In-
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s follows: "Beware The Injuns."
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ndian with a blue feather in his
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f mist across the page which I
"Beautiful Niagara." Apple
are a favorite of mine because of
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n of an apple tree on which hangs
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g, done in black on buff paper,
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s section. The outline of the
can be drawn from the stamp,
rged of course.

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I have lettered "Harding Memo-
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COLUMBUS—EXPLORER

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Centuries later—despite all the daring explorers who have gone before to the world's far horizons; despite cable and radio, steam, and plane—there remains a voyage to be made to lands of romance, into regions that were ancient when the Christ-child was born at Bethlehem in Judea; a voyage to be undertaken on a craft so frail that it would not sustain the weight of a nail from a single finger of Columbus, the sailor.

On this magic trip we shall touch thousands of ports of fame and fable; we shall meet kings and rickshaw runners; we shall sit with knights of old and Balkan komitadji; we shall meet great lovers, historic haters, bandits, buccaneers, heroes and villains, murderers and martyrs.

Dante in Italy with his own hands will show us his "Divine Comedy," and in Vienna we shall waltz to inspired melodies while Johann Strauss looks on. We shall find Joan of Arc, the fabled maid of Domrémy, not in her native France, but banished into far-distant Indo-China. Christ on the Cross will look down upon us with compassion, not from Gethsemane, but from the Monte de las Cruces in Mexico, largest of the Catholic lands of the Western World.

We shall outsail Columbus mile for mile upon a score of seas. We are off on the first leg of the journey that has never been made before in the life of mankind. We have started to go round the world on postage-stamp, a thin bit of coloured paper rarely more than one inch square.

To what land or port shall we first pay call? It would simplify the trip to visit first the persecuted land of Armenia, southeast of the Black Sea; but, since Armenia lacks a convenient seaport at which a landing can be effected, it may be well to journey first to Spain and observe the efforts of the Italian-born Christopher Columbus to get backing for his voyage to the west from the rulers of three lands—Portugal, Spain, and finally England, still a feudal land, where, at the close of the War of the Roses, Henry VII sat on the throne.

When Columbus sought aid for his expedition from Henry VII, England was trying in vain to conquer France. When John of Portugal rejected the sailor's overtures, he deferred Portuguese opportunities that luckily were to be partially retrieved for his nation by the voyages of Vasco de Gama.

When Isabella of Spain, importuned by a priest to reverse her earlier rejection of Columbus, gave her support to the venture, she laid the basis for Spanish domination of the western world for centuries to come, brought untold wealth to the Spanish crown, and constructed within her own mind a picture of colonial dominion that did not come to Great Britain until the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

So we may start with Isabella and Columbus, even though Spain, land of his adoption, Italy, land of his birth, and Colombia, the South American land later bearing his name, have never to this day, by picture or word or sign, recognised the existence of Columbus in any form of postal issue.

The republic of Dominica (Santo Domingo, discovered by Columbus) depicts on a stamp of 1899 the figure of Toscanelli, the Florentine map-maker. Another stamp of the same land reveals Columbus seeking Spanish support at Salamanca, and being rebuffed because Spain was then embroiled in a war with the Moors a strange reminder of the recent four-year struggle with Abd-el-Krim, ending in 1926 with the Riffian leader's banishment for life to the French colonial possession of Réunion Island, in the Indian Ocean.

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(Continued from Nov. 7th)

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The lists, of course, are not complete. They include only selections here and there from a collection of nearly one hundred volumes, and many items not mentioned are equally rare or equally desirable. Many of these items have been sold and now grace some of the foremost collections in America and the British Isles, but thousands of other beautiful stamps, blocks and covers are still available and want lists are solicited on all general issues after 1856. Five dollar orders receive the same courteous attention given to five thousand dollar orders. The sales referred to, without exception, have been bona fide transfers to new owners. Items for which I could find no buyer and which were returned (I don't say "sold back"), to the original owner are not reckoned as "sales". I have not found it necessary to exaggerate my own importance as a dealer by inflating statements of purchases or sales, nor by distorting facts, nor by committing assault and mayhem on the truth. Rather, I am quite satisfied to let facts speak for themselves, well knowing that he who blinds himself to them makes of himself either a liar or a fool—if not both.

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EDITORIAL MELANGE

In the absence of Mr. Severn we shall give week by week editorial opinions as expressed by some of the distinguished philatelic editors at home and abroad. This will be a novelty that will be appreciated and Mr. Derek Ingram will have the right of way in the following issue.

EARLIEST POSTMARKS

By HARRY M. KONWISER.

Reading the Cleveland Show number—a good one, by the way—I note your Editorial reference to "early circular form" of postmark, containing name of town as well as date.

It might be pertinent to make mention of the fact that the earliest form of circle, seen in the United States, appears to be as follows:

1787. Philadelphia letter. Small circle, 15mm, with "22" over "NO"—for November 22.

1793. Same style, same size, with "3" over "SE"—for September 3. I have this on a front part of letter written by Alexander Hamilton.

1793. Philadelphia letter, same style, same size, with "17" over "MR"—for March 17.

All of these are in black ink, and follow the style of postmarks used by the English Government, which group had something of a hold on these United States, at that time, as the history book tells us.

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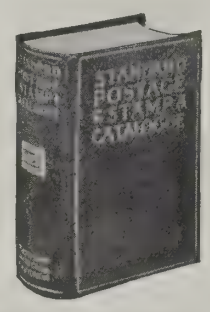

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

On July 10th you will have the pleasure of sending Air Mail covers over another new route! Chicago - Cedar Rapids - Des Moines-Omaha-Lincoln, Neb. This service will start on the above date with the Westbound plane out of Chicago at 5.45 A. M., after the arrival of the New York plane. The schedule calls for stops at the above towns and cities, the arrival at Lincoln, Neb., being timed for 10.45 A. M. The return plane will leave Lincoln at 2.45 P. M. and is due in Chicago at 7.30 P. M. in time for the night plane for the East. This courtesy information comes from Mr. W. S. Dochterman of Cedar Rapids, who sends full newspaper accounts.

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Effective August 1st, the Air Mail rate becomes 5c per ounce. The little old nickel may not buy a good cigar yet, but it certainly will give a whole lot of service to your letters when sent via Air Mail! It is most evident that the Post Office Dept. is in for a whale of a business when the new rate goes into effect. Business concerns who have felt that the old rate was too high for daily use are already making plans for extensive use of the Air Mail after August 1st, and an envelope manufacturer told me today that he has been deluged with requests for information on Air Mail envelope prices in quantity.

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The 10c Air Mail stamp is now available in booklet form, having been placed on sale for the first time May 26th. I saw one booklet—cancelled at the Mid-Western Philatelic Station—the cancellation having been applied to the two sheets of stamps in the booklet, making a very unique and attractive souvenir.

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Capt. Kingsford - Smith's tri - motored plane, "Southern Cross," is reputed to be carrying several hundred letters to Australia. Too bad that the bunch of covers that collected in San Francisco last year for the same flight are not aboard.

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Messrs. Smalley of Detroit and Leonard of the Canal Zone have sent me covers issued by the Canal Zone for Air Mail use. These envelopes are of 2c denomination, printed in red with the customary blue, white and red stripes and an additional card in the lower right hand corner reading "Senders address must be shown on envelope". Apparently, the two cent rate will be for local usage, as the covers received bear the present rate of postage, 10c. The seal of the Canal Zone is effectively used in conjunction with the denomination and the envelope is very attractive.

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The establishment of the Newark Air Mail field will speed up the delivery of Air Mail to the New York Post Office a matter of one hour and a half over the present time necessary to convey mail from Hadley Field. Twenty-five minutes will be allowed as against the present time of two hours. The Newark Field is to be dedicated on August 1st next.

The story published under date of May 28th regarding the Air Mail Derby brings a statement from Mr. Donald E. Dickason of Wooster, Ohio, that he has covers antedating the Seattle cover by almost a year. I have seen the covers in question and they bear enough postmarks to satisfy the most rabid Air Mail fan in existence. Total time for trip was 80 days.

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Mr. Nelson F. Gerken of St. Louis also writes that he has an Air Mail cover sent around the world and that 133 days were necessary for the cover to make the circuit. Mr. Gerken also states that an ordinary cover, sent around the world, not by Air Mail, only took 84 days, 15 hours and 45 minutes as against 78 days, 1 hour and 30 minutes for the Seattle cover, which was carried by Air Mail at different points.

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The sweetest cover I have received in many a day arrived June 5th from Paris. It is in commemoration of Lindbergh's flight to Paris and bears a wonderful cachet. Whoever got up the design certainly did a nice job. The background is the Lucky Lindy horse-shoe, with the centre surmounted by a small map of Lindy's route. Capping the map is an eagle in flight and the wording reads "Aviation Day in U. S. A.—Lindbergh—Anniversary of First Flight New York to Paris. Mailed from Paris 21 May 1928.". I am going to hazard the guess that this will be one of the most popular covers ever sent out on an anniversary and that the demand will exceed the supply. Unfortunately, whoever sent it to me failed to include his name in the cover, otherwise I would not hesitate to give him some free advertising! Boy! It's a HONEY!

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I am indebted to Messrs. Leve, Smalley (several), Stuber, Leonard and others for covers, clippings and items of interest. Their co-operation is greatly appreciated and is partly responsible for making this column interesting. What are YOU doing to help?

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Before somebody begins to razz me about my statement in regard to Schenectady not despatching Air Mail to Albany on the First Flight of CAM No. 20, I am going to speak up in meetin' and tell you that two days after my copy had gone, I received a letter from Postmaster Conde of Schenectady stating that he had received telegraphic notice from Washington that the East-bound plane would pick up mail for Albany ON THE FIRST TRIP ONLY. So, if you were fortunate enough to have covers on this flight, addressed from Schenectady to Albany, you have some mighty good ones.

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Postal officials at Louisville, Kentucky, expect Contract Air Mail service between Louisville, Kentucky, and Cleveland, Ohio, via Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus and Akron, Ohio, will be inaugurated July 1, 1928. The secretary of Louisville Stamp Society has advised secretaries of all Chapter societies connected with A.P.S. that the Louisville members will be pleased to assist others in obtaining first flight covers from this place. Our offer of assistance is not confined to A.P.S. members only and will be pleased to help others who wish it. They should address the undersigned, W. E. Greenaway, Secretary, P. O. Box 2353, Louisville, Ky.

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We are indebted to Albert E. Gorham and Bradie Buchanan for covers connected with the first flight from Toledo June 4, due to the opening of Toledo as a terminal on the feeder line to Detroit. Both and violet cachets were used.

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It is becoming the custom to tak vantage of first airmail flights by ducing special envelopes through p enterprise. The latest at hand is a Forge first day from Valley Forge sent by Howard D. Egolf, Norristow The design shows Washington at pr

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We have to thank several subscribe covers received in connection with Al Buffalo first flight June 1. The s bears markings of Albany 8.30 A. M., ester 12.30 P. M., Buffalo 2 P. M. and cuse 3.30 P. M. The Covert Stamp Albert E. Gorham and A. Atlas Leve us with envelopes. The Syracuse cachet is in blue and the others i Thus CAM 20 is a part of philatelic hi

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ISSUES OF MEXICO 1923 TO DATE

By Victor M. Suarez.

Since 1923 when Mexico changed the designs of its postage stamps, we have seen them on all the regular issues of this country and probably we will see them for some years in the future.

The first issue where appeared the new designs was that of early months of 1923, consisting of seven values: 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 30c, printed on unwatermarked paper, rouletted 14½, and three values: 40 and 50c, and 1 peso, on watermarked paper "Mexico Correos," perforated 12½.

The designs of these stamps were as follows:

2c carmine, Colonial Fountain.
3c brown, Pyramid of the Sun, San Juan Teotihuacan.
4c green, Castle of Chapultepec (The White House of Mexico).
5c orange, Columbus Memorial in Mexico City.
10c brown, Hemiciclo Juarez.
20c dark blue, Josefa O. de Dominguez Memorial.
30c dark green, Cuauhtemoc Memorial.
40c violet, Map of Mexico.
50c bistre-brown, Palace of the Secretary of "Comunicaciones."
1 peso red and blue, National Theatre, Mexico City.

At the end of 1923 the 10c stamp was replaced by another 10c red-brown stamp, with the design of the 30c stamp. It was printed on unwatermarked paper.

Second Issue. — According as these stamps were exhausted at the Post Offices new stamps were issued from 2 to 30c, printed on watermarked paper "Mexico Correos," all rouletted except the 30c stamp which have a perforation 12½. The only change in design was that of the 30c stamp where the Cuauhtemoc Memorial was substituted by the Hemicilo Juarez, depicted by the first time on the 10c stamp. The 4c stamp on watermarked paper and perforated 12½ must be included also in this second issue.

In January, 1925, a new stamp depicting the Morelos Memorial at Mexico City, was issued to raise funds for the campaign against the locust. The use of this stamp, valued 1 cent, was made obligatory for all letters for inland service. It was printed first on watermarked paper "Mexico Correos," rouletted 14½. Soon after appeared on unwatermarked paper.

In December, 1926, was issued a new series of these stamps, consisting of 4 values: 1, 2, 5 and 10c, like those of the preceding issues, printed on perforated paper 12½. They were sold only in booklets valued 50c and 1 peso accordingly to the number of stamps contained in them.

All these stamps are still in circulation, except the 4c, where instead of the Castle of Chapultepec we have now a design all alike to that of the 5c stamp. It was issued in August, 1927.

This same year a new value, 8c, was issued, when inland and foreign postal rates were reduced (January, 1927). On this stamp is depicted don Benito Juarez, a Mexican ruler of the nineteen century. It was printed on watermarked paper Correos Mexico, rouletted 14½. As the postal rates had been increased last January, the General Post Master has decided to discontinue the printing of these stamps.

In March, 1924, when Yucatan and Campeche were occupied by the revolutionary army of don Adolfo de la Huerta, the 5 and 10c stamps being exhausted, were substituted by two new stamps issued by the provisional government: 5c violet depicting an ancient maya idol, and 10c carmine with a design representing the ruins of Chichen Itza. It is known also a 50c gray stamp; but it was never put in sale. These stamps were issued on thick paper, both rouletted and imperforated varieties, and there are some varieties with machine perforation. They were withdrawn as soon as the revolutionary forces left those States, being destroyed by the national postal authorities. Notwithstanding, these stamps are catalogued only in two or three stamp catalogues, they have a real philatelic value, as they have been issued and used for postal service.

In connection with the Second Pan-American Postal Congress celebrated in Mexico City in October, 1926, the Government issued eight special stamps intended to commemorate this event. They were printed on watermark paper Mexico Correos, having a perforation 12½.

The designs and colours were as follows:

2c carmine, Allegorical design.
4c green, Map of America.
5c orange, Same as 2c.
10c red, Map. Same as 4c.
20c blue, Don Francisco Garcia Santos.
30c green, Don Francisco Garcia Santos.
40c violet, Don Francisco Garcia Santos.
1 peso red-brown and gray bluish, General Post Office Building.

As these stamps were exhausted very soon a second printing was made in a larger number. The only difference in these two printings is the 1 peso variety brown and blue.

Other Services.—Meantime the current stamps were issued on watermarked paper, the 20c special delivery stamp was also issued in this way.

Later in 1927 the 50c red and blue stamp for Air Mail Service issued some years ago on unwatermarked paper, appeared on watermarked paper.

Some magazines chronicle some Mexican stamps surcharged Oficial. These stamps have not any value as they have not been issued by any postal authority.

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5c Air Mail

—New Rate on Air Mail Will Be Effective August 1 With New Stamp.

WASHINGTON, June 11. — Effective Aug. 1, the new rate on air mail postage will be 5 cents for the first ounce and 10 cents for each additional ounce. Postmaster General New has ordered a new 5-cent air mail stamp issued.

This action was taken by Mr. New under authority of the Kelly bill passed at the recent session of Congress, providing for a reduction in the rates on letter and package mail carried by airplane.

It has been variously estimated that through this reduction the business of the air mail will increase from 100 to 800 per cent. Mr. New regards it as the most forward step taken by his department in the development of this service.

Next—Air Mail Towers

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The Philatelist

("A man who collects stamps cares for nothing else in the world").

"O come," said Music, "come with me
To Adelina Patti list;
Melt in her magic melody"—
"I shan't!" quoth the Philatelist.

"Come," said the Gourmand, "come with me,
And try the varied Gatti-list;
I prithee, try Gastronomy"—
"I won't!" quoth the Philatelist.

"Come," said the Eightsman, "come with me,
And to the merry rattle list;
Come, join our cheery crew, and we"—
"Please go!" quoth the Philatelist.

"Come," said the Farmer, "come with me,
And to my lowing cattle list;
They're slowly winding o'er the lea"—
"Let them!" quoth the Philatelist.

"Come," said the Mother, "come with me,
And to my cherub's prattle list;
Come, take the babe upon thy knee"—
"No thanks!" quoth the Philatelist.

"Come," said the Warrior, "come with me,
And to the roar of battle list;
Come, join our valiant company"—
"Not me!" quoth the Philatelist.

"Come," said Society, "come with me,
And to my tittle-tattle list;
Come, try the World, the Flesh, the D—"
"Get out!" quoth the Philatelist.

—*Oxford Isis.*

Chang Tso-lin Issue

Out of the maze of Chinese disruption there comes the first commemorative series since 1923, when the Temple of Heaven stamps were issued to mark the tenth year of the Chinese Republic. Through all the confused conflicts of the past few years the ordinary stamp issues, printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Peking, have suffered little change, and only in a very few cases have provisional expedients had to be resorted to in distant provinces, where stamp supplies have been temporarily exhausted.

For a day and a half during the strike in Shanghai last March, the Shanghai Municipal Council, which in earlier times conducted a regular postal service, set up an emergency postal service, using the current English stamps, which are recognisable by the cancellations of the British Field Post Office, which were used for the occasion.

The new commemorative series, engraved and printed in Peking, presents a portrait of the victorious Marshal Chang Tso-lin, now in power at the capital of the former Empire. At the sides of the portrait oval are the ripe ears of corn often used on Chinese stamps since 1911 to typify the fruition of revolutionary aspirations. The Marshal is a little man, 5ft. high, and weighing but 6st. Lady Hosie describes him as 53 years of age, of mild manners and gentle face, but a stern autocrat. In early life he was a bandit in the Manchurian hills, but became Governor of Manchuria after the Russo-Japanese war. Early in 1926 he evicted the "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang, from Peking, and has been one of the strongest opponents of Russian ambitions in China.

The Chang Tso-lin series comprises four values, all in the same design, 1 cent orange, 4 cent sage-green, 10 cents blue, and 1 dollar red. They were issued on March 1st in the Marshal's old province of Manchuria, and I am indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. for the earliest specimens. The stamp bears an overprint of four Chinese characters over the ears of corn, denoting that they are for use in Manchuria; but there will be sets without overprint for China proper, and other overprinted sets for use in Sinkiang and Yunnan. As I have had previous occasion to explain, the variation in currency values in different provinces of China make it necessary thus to earmark stamps sold in one province in such a way that they cannot be trafficked in by exporting to other provinces.—*Postage Stamp.*

Hints and Helps

In Scott's catalogue the white lines of the defacing scratches have nearly covered up the distinguishing characteristics of Rhodesia types A4 and A7. In order to distinguish easily between them, let the collector remember that in type A7 the ribbon curves in front of the animals' hind legs and that it passes behind them in the other case.

* * *

The stamps of Southern Rhodesia and the last issue for Rhodesia are quite similar. Collectors can easily classify them if they watch for the country name at the bottom of the stamps. Those for Northern Rhodesia will not be confused with the other two mentioned as the design is distinctive for that country.

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Get acquainted with other collectors in your town, talk stamps, compare notes on them, get your friends together into a club if there isn't one already. It is lots more fun than trying to go it alone. If you have no nearby collector friends, get them interested by giving them your duplicates.

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Don't fill your collection with a mess of junk. Buy only good quality stamps. It is far better to buy one perfect stamp for ten cents than it is to buy ten poor ones for five cents. Real rarities at bargain prices may be all right as "space fillers," but there is no excuse for putting poor copies of common stamps into any album.

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The best collections are not made in one evening nor in a few scattered evenings when you don't happen to like the particular movie show that happens to be on. Collect and study your stamps and keep on collecting and you will surprise yourself in a few years as to the size of your collection. Many collectors find it very interesting to count their stamps about every three months and keep a record of the progress from one count to the next. Try it.—A. C. LeDuc.

Chemins De Fer-Spoorwegen

The French and Flemish equivalents for "Railways" shown upon all the parcels post stamps of Belgium issued since 1895.

Our Junior Dictionary

Pittsylvania. — A small Virginian town from which in 1861 the then postmaster issued some special 5c stamps.

Piura.—The capital of the department of the same name in Peru at which the first colony founded in the country by the Spaniards was established. During a revolution in 1884 a number of Peruvian stamps were overprinted with the name "Piura" for use here.

Polska Poczta.—An inscription on the stamps of Poland meaning "Polish Post."

Pomeroy Locals.—Special stamps issued in connection with Pomeroy's Letter Express—a local post of the United States operating in 1843 The reprints of these stamps are very plentiful and are found in most boy collections.

LABRADOR DOG MAILS

Only Means of Winter Communica Through 700 Miles of Iceboun Territory.

By S. TANNER GREEN.

No branch of humanly devised act embraces so wide a range of mean transport as that of the post office. In e clime the methods are made to con to the easiest, effective mode of tra Every sort of carrier, from the o liner, the railway train, aeroplane, a mobile, stage, horseback, foot runn used, and last, but not least in useful the dog team. This traverses the l ice-bound shores in winter, north o Gulf of St. Lawrence, from the st onward to within 226 miles of Qu City.

Dog-team mail transport is little kn except to those immediately inter and wholly dependent upon it to municate, in wintertime, with the ou world. In the winter of 1925-26 a terprising individual, thoroughly fam with what obtains in that region, some special covers prepared, which i ocular manner show how the arduo accomplished mail service function that isolated Canadian tract.

The covers themselves, bearing as do a dog-team design and the inscri "Par cometique," "By Labrador dog- post," were not officially issued by Canadian Post Office, but are the of embossed stamped envelopes in cu use, to which the design, in printing been added outside post office preci but inasmuch as they are properly paid the regular rates of postage, r tered or ordinary, and since they over the route in the regular mail their several destinations, they are a uine record in every other sense.

Caches of Food. — The tract Lourdes du Blanc Sablon, the eastern extremity of Canadian postally contr territory, to Betsiamites, a distanc 717 miles, has, apart from the teleg no other means of communication the dog teams. There, with their h mushers (drivers), humble and unkr heroes, ply to and fro fortnightly bet Betsiamites and Havre St. Pierre, times from there to Natashquan, and times each way beyond. For blizz and other climatic disturbances hol dread. When caught far from reg shelter, mail drivers merely dig th selves in as best they can, possibly having the dogs lie upon then to cons the animal heat of their collective bo Whenever heavy snowfalls occur, mushers trudge along on their snows ahead of their teams, beating a s blance of a path along which the can with their loaded cometiques (so the sleds are called) follow.

Apart from the several large lum ing establishments in operation on nearer shore, the territory traverse inhabited by scattered groups. On easternmost sectors it is necessary to caches of frozen fish, seal or poss whalemeat to feed the ravenous hus at nightfall, because the dogs get t meal only after the work of the da done.

The people of the north shore of Gulf of St. Lawrence are mostly ha fishermen. Almost all of the Indian winter go into the interior in their suit of pelts, and the Eskimos do not habit so far south. The far east shores are devoid of timber, though th are, it seems, virgin spruce forests tremendous waterfalls some distance land.

The inhabitants are in large majo of French-speaking origin, though th is a considerable sprinkling of Engl

ging fishermen from Newfoundland
uting at the better fishing posts near-
ne Straits

Man and Beast Rough It.—In car-
ing the mail, the same dog teams do
travel from end to end of the long
ute; it is divided into regular sections,
hat when the mail arrives it is taken
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Pierre 100 miles
re St. Pierre to Seven
Islands 140 miles
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Monts 111 miles
e des Monts to Betsiamites 99 miles

Betsiamites the mail takes stage for
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w many of those who have received
er from that far-off region have
ed the labour and hardship entailed
transportation? Have they thought
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ng, with sparkling snow like minia-
diamonds all about, the dog teams,
after a night's rest, bound yelping
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ing clouds, fierce winds and biting
which render it almost impossible
an and beast to face its cutting

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that had been frozen are unbridged
t mushers and dogs are compelled
ake detours to headwaters to get
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gh the muck of melting snow, never
ng in their given distances. The
must proceed!—*Philatelic Maga-*

CELLUS P. CASTLE, M.V.O., J. P.

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

ile the early Philatelists of Great
n and I may say of Europe, in gen-
ure fairly well known to European
ors even of today, yet I find, here
erica, only a few of the older col-
really know anything about these
or what they did for Philately in
rly days.

ny of my friends here tell me that
ppreciate the notes I am pulbishing
"Great Philatelists of the Past"
I knew personally, and often in-
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hing a few more notes on others
friends of days long gone by.

Castle was born in Westminster,
n, on the 28th of October, 1849.
vas educated at King's College
l and has stated that he commenced
lect stamps about 1863 while there.
wards he went to Merton College,
1866 to Frankfort-on-the-Main to
German. While in this latter town
st collection was stolen from him.
37 he returned to England and en-
in the brewery trade in which he
a comfortable fortune. After his
ge in 1873 he again commenced to
and after the loss of his wife in
ook up stamps seriously as an en-
ng pursuit for solitary hours.

1879 he was elected a Member of
hilatelic Society, London, and in
succeeded Mr. Tapling as Vice-
ident. In April, 1913, on the death
e late Earl of Crawford, he was
ted President and held that hon-
position until his death on March
17.

en I first knew Mr. Castle, about
he resided at Brighton, which had
his home for many years. About
I settled in Sevenoaks in Kent
my friend, Mr. Castle, very fre-
y spent week-ends with me. He
this garden spot of England so
that eventually he also bought a
at Sevenoaks, and we were close
bors and intimate friends for the
f his life.

many many years there were two
in England pre-eminent as Philat-
and both pre-eminent as writers,
authors, and students of our hobby. I refer to Mr. E. D. Bacon, and to the late Mr. M. P. Castle.

I think that these two men have done more than anyone else with whom I am acquainted, for the spread of knowledge as regards the science of stamp collecting.

In 1891 the Philatelic Society started a monthly journal so well known as the *London Philatelist*. For about twenty-five years Mr. Castle not only edited, but produced the journal, under an agreement with the Society, entirely on his own responsibility, and writing a large portion of the contents of each number himself. As Mr. Bacon says, "In these 25 volumes he has raised a monument to himself which will endure as long as Philately continues."

Mr. Castle was one of the original members of the Expert Committee and was undoubtedly one of the finest judges on that important tribune. I saw a great deal of the working of this committee as the fortnightly meetings were held in one of the Directors Rooms in Stanley Gibbons office, because there they had available the great reference collection of the firm and a stock of almost any country to refer to in case of doubt. No one was more conscientious and thorough in the close examination of stamps than my late friend, and I know how very difficult it has been to replace him and the other great Philatelists who have passed away.

As a collector Mr. Castle was omniferous. He went through all the phases from the school boy collection up to the general collection and then through specialism in many different branches. Mr. Castle loved the pursuit more than the possession. As soon as he got a country or a group of countries as complete as he could make it and found that he was not getting material as fast as he could wish, he used to realize this country or group and take up another one.

On very many occasions he discussed with me the question of "Stamps as an Investment" and I can state absolutely and beyond any doubt that he told me that every collection he had sold he had sold wisely and to considerable advantage, and only shortly before his death he told me one day that he believed he had made as much out of postage stamps as he had made in his brewery. He had the intuition to buy the right sort of stuff—to buy in bulk—never to be afraid of paying a good price for a fine piece or a fine collection. His collections were always made with a view to study, and were always used by him to give information to his fellow philatelists, chiefly through the columns of the *London Philatelist*, through the scores of all important articles that he wrote.

I have no record of the early collections that Mr. Castle disposed of, but about 1888 he sold a very large general collection to Mr. Stanley Gibbons, and some of the books of this collection were still in the stock of that firm when I bought the business in June, 1890.

Mr. Castle then turned to forming a specialized collection of Australia. This I bought from him some years later for the sum of $50,000, and it may interest American collectors to know that a large portion of this collection is still in America in the well known collection of Mr. William H. Crocker of San Francisco, to whom I sold most of the New South Wales plates and other fine things on my first visit to San Francisco about 1907.

After Mr. Castle disposed of his collection of Australian stamps he started to gather together a collection of the whole of Europe, specializing in unused stamps, and seeking for blocks and sheets of the older issues. He worked on this collection for many years and he and I took a number of trips to Germany and France hunting for specimens and having a most enjoyable time together in our search and chase.

We had many joint speculations. Mr. Castle was always willing to finance a big deal if he could have first choice and get out of it what he wanted for his European collection. I remember very well that he did this with the famous "Winzer Collection" of Dresden, a description of which will be found in a monograph I published for Stanley Gibbons many years ago.

The collection of European stamps became so big, for those days, that Mr. Castle used to wonder who would be able to buy it, but one day my partner, the late Mr. Hamilton Smith, was visiting Mr. Castle at Brighton, and in the course of conversation said, "Mr. Castle, would you sell your collection for cash down? I have a customer who I am sure would like to buy it." Mr. Castle told me afterwards he was considerable surprised and named what he thought was a very great price, namely $135,000. In a week from that meeting, he had a check for the full amount and the collection passed into the hands of our friend, the late Mr. W. W. Mann.

It may interest my readers to know how this collection was finally dispersed. The collection was so complete when Mr. Mann bought it that in five or six years he added very little to it, and he got quite tired of it. He then came to me and sold me the collection almost as he had bought it for the sum of $160,000. A description of this collection will be found in an old volume of the *Monthly Journal*.

After Mr. Castle had sold his Europeans, he turned for a while to various countries in which he thought there was good work to be done. Among these I can well remember Trinidad was one, and he made a considerable study of the blue lithographed stamp and I remember that he reconstructed a plate of the last printing. He also took considerable interest in the stamps of British Guiana, and attempted to work out the arrangement of the transfers and varieties in the issues of the 1c and 4c of 1853 to 1860, a work that I do not think has yet been finished owing possibly to the lack of material. These smaller collections he gradually disposed of, and thus turned again, once more, to his old love, Australia. This he also sold to my firm, and he then took up Mauritius, Ceylon, and other countries of which I have no record over here.

Altogether I consider Mr. Castle one of the giants of British Philately. The man loved his stamps—he studied them—he wrote on them—and he liked nothing better than to have his friends visit him and spend week-ends comparing their mutual treasures. He was one of the real giants of Philately of Great Britain whom it has proved very difficult, if not impossible, to replace.—*Philatelic Classics.*

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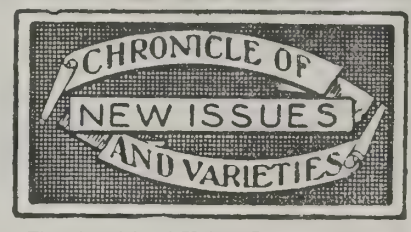

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United States

New 5c Air Mail Stamp

The Kelly Bill relating to the air mail, which was described in this column some weeks back, finally passed Congress in a modified form and has received the approval of the President. As a result, under date of June 1st, I had the pleasure of receiving the following telegram from the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. W. Irving Glover. "Effective August first air mail rate will be five cents an ounce and ten cents for each ounce thereafter. There will also be a new five cent air mail stamp available at that time." It is expected that this reduced rate will greatly increase the use of the air mail service.

Mr. Glover further writes that at the present time there is no thought of having a special cancellation on the day this new rate takes effect. However, the subject will be given consideration and if it is decided to use special markings our readers will be given further details.

At this writing, it has not been decided as to either the design of the new five cent stamp nor have they considered the advisability of changing any of the other denominations. We will probably end up by having a five cent stamp similar in size to the current design, printed in a different color—the design to be decided upon within the next few days.

New Special Handling Stamps

The Greist Bill also received the approval of the President, and as a result the current 25-cent special handling stamp will be discontinued as there will be no use for it, and new stamps in denominations of 10c, 15c and 20c will be available and placed on sale for the first time at the Philatelic Agency in Washington, on June 25, 1928. These three Special Handling stamps will be identical in color, size and design as the current special handling stamp and will show the new figures in the center.

Further Washington News

The Greist Bill also calls for a revision in the special delivery charges wherein under certain conditions the fees will amount to 25 cents and 35 cents. At the present time, they are not contemplating issuing new stamps in these denominations, as the two rates can be made up by using the 15 cent special delivery with the 10 cent, and the 15 cent with the 20 cent. Quite likely, later on stamps of the higher denominations will, no appear.

The new Bill also changes the charges on private postal cards to 1 which will do away with the necess the large use of the 2 cent stamp o class of mail matter. As a resul hundred million 1 cent stamps have ordered from the Bureau which is two months supply.

The demand for the Valley emission has been exceedingly larg fifty million additional copies have ordered, so that the total issue amount to one hundred million, m it, if I recall correctly, the largest memorative issue with the excepti the 2c Sesqui-Centennial issue.

The Valley Forge stamp is m with the approval of the postal clerl the sheets are the same size and c the same number of stamps as the mal variety.

Mr. William M. McFarlan subn copy of the Valley Forge stamp fro lower left pane of Plate 19496, No. 38, which shows two little through the lower left circle conta the figure "2." These run diag through the lower left portion o circle and I am endeavoring to further copies from this sheet to as to whether this is a plate varie whether something has adhered t plate, wherein one or two copies a in this condition.

Postmaster General New anno under date of June 1st, that are now thirty-five foreign tries and colonies to which letters be sent from this country at the po rate of 2 cents an ounce or fra thereof. Outside of Canada and ico, all of the countries enumerate either South or Central American, o West Indies with the exception of Britain, Ireland and Spain. Since termination of the War, we have concluded further arrangements Germany restoring the postage to th rate, nor have we ever been able t duce France to conclude a specia

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Gwalior.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle the 1a brown, 2a violet, 3a blue, 4a olive, 2R carmine and orange ordinary stamps, and the 1a brown, 2a violet, 1R brown and green Service stamps, Nasik printing overprinted at Nasik.

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Establishment Canal Zone Postal System, 1904

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After their liberation from Spanish rule on Nov. 28, 1821, the Isthmian provinces of Veraguas and Panama joined the Colombian Confederation as the Department of the Isthmus, and continued as a part of it until the revolution of November 3, 1903. The formal declaration of independence was made November 4th, when the Municipal Council of the City of Panama met, and after a discussion of the events of the preceding day unanimously voted that Panama should be declared a free and independent republic. This resolution was ratified at a mass meeting of the people of Panama City held that afternoon at 3 o'clock in Cathedral Plaza, and nine days later, the new republic was recognised by the United States.

By a treaty between the two Governments, signed November 18, 1903, the U. S. acquired the right to construct a canal across the Isthmus, and a strip of land ten miles wide (five miles on either side of the proposed Canal route), excluding the terminal cities of Panama and Colon, except in matters of sanitation and quarantine. For this Panama received 10 million dollars, and an annual payment of $250,000, after nine years. The treaty was ratified by the U. S. Senate, February 23, 1904, and proclaimed February 26th.

The purchase of the Canal properties was completed on April 23rd, by the payment of $40,000,000 to the French Canal Co., and on May 4th, at 7.30 a. m., at the French Administration Building in Panama City, formal transfer of them was made to Lt. Mark Brooke, U. S. A., who had been delegated by the U. S. Government to receive them in its name. On May 7th, the French Co. transferred 68,887 of the 70,000 shares of the Panama R. R. Co. stock to the authorised agent of the U. S. Government.

Six days after the ratification of the Canal treaty by the U. S. Senate, President Roosevelt appointed an Isthmian Canal Commission, of seven members, who were duly confirmed by the Senate on March 3rd. On May 9th the President issued an Executive Order placing the work of the Isthmian Canal Commission, both in the construction of the Canal and in the exercise of governmental powers, in the Canal Zone, under the supervision and direction of the Secretary of War (William H. Taft). In the same order power was given to the Commission to legislate and Maj. General George W. Davis, U. S. A., a member of the Commission, was appointed Governor of the Canal Zone. Gov. Davis entered upon his duties on May 17th and two days later issued a proclamation announcing to the people of the Canal Zone that he had assuumed the government of their territory by order of the President of the U. S. On June 16th an agreement was signed with the officials of the Panama Government containing a provisional delimitation of the Zone as described in the Canal treaty.

By sections 1 and 2, of Order 551, dated June 2nd, 1904, of the Postmaster General of the U. S., H. C. Payne, the domestic rates of postage were made to apply to or from all possessions of the U. S. named in section 3—

"3.—In this order, Hawaii and Porto Rico are included in the term 'United States'; and the Philippine Archipelago, Guam, Tutuila (including all adjacent islands of the Samoan group, which are possessions of the United States), and the Canal Zone, are included in the term 'Possessions of the United States.' The term 'Canal Zone' includes all the territory purchased of Panama, comprising the 'Canal Zone' proper, and the islands in the Bay of Panama named Perico, Naos, Culebra and Flamenco."

The postal system of the Canal Zone was inaugurated by an Executive Order of June 24, 1904—

"War Department, Washington,
June 24, 1904.

To the Chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission:—

Sir:—

The necessities of the inhabitants and the due administration of the affairs of government in the Canal Zone at Panama require the establishment of post offices and postal service in that territory.

It is therefore ordered: That a Post Office be established in each of the following named towns of the Canal Zone, to wit: Cristobal, Gatun, Bohio, Gorgona, Bas Obispo, Empire, Culebra, La Boca and Ancon.

The Post Offices at Cristobal and Ancon shall be Money Order Offices.

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The Governor of the Canal Zone is directed to formulate a plan for a practical and efficient postal service in said Canal Zone, and including such measures and provisions of the postal service of the United States as are not inapplicable to the conditions of law and fact existing in the Canal Zone, and to report said plan to the Chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission for such action as the discretion of the Commission shall approve.

Pending the establishment of the postal service by an act of the Commission or other competent authority, the Governor of the Canal Zone is hereby authorised to establish Post Offices at such additional places in the Canal Zone as in his judgment the interests of the public require, and to appoint Postmasters therefor and fix their compensation subject to the approval or other action thereon by the Isthmian Canal Commission.

The Governor of the Canal Zone is also authorised to adopt and enforce such temporary rules, regulations, provisions and requirements as may be necessary to secure a practical and efficient postal service in said Canal Zone; and to employ such temporary assistants and employees as the exigencies of the service require.

By direction of the President.

Signed, WM. H. TAFT,
Secretary of War."

The Treasurer of the Canal Zone, Paymaster E. C. Tobey, U. S. N., was delegated by the Governor to supervise the opening of Post Offices, and the operation of the postal system.

"Executive Office, Canal Zone,
CULEBRA, June 24th, 1904.

Paymaster E. C. Tobey, U. S. N., Treasurer of the Canal Zone, is charged with the work of establishment and operation of the Postal Service in the Canal Zone.

He will issue instructions from time to time as may be necessary. All postmasters, mail messengers and mail superintendents will report to Paymaster Tobey.

The accompanying notice is published for the information of all concerned. It will be posted in a conspicuous place in each Post Office.

Signed, GEORGE W. DAVIS,
Governor."

Although only nine offices are mentioned in the Executive Order, ten Post Offices were actually opened on June 24, 1904, with Panama R. R. agents in charge as Postmasters. Matachin was substituted for Bas Obispo, and a tenth office opened at San Pablo.

A small quantity of postage stamps (2c, 5c and 10c) was secured from the Panama Government, and rubber stamped "Canal Zone," in one line, as a temporary issue pending receipt of U. S. stamps similarly marked. In the circular published concerning the establishment of the postal service, persons were warned not to purchase more stamps than were absolutely necessary for immediate use, as after receipt of U. S. stamps, those of Panama overprinted "Canal Zone" would not be valid for use, or redemption.

The overprinted stamps were placed on sale June 24, 1904, and precautions were taken to confine their sale strictly to postal use; the supply was only sufficient for the estimated postal necessities. Postmasters were instructed to sell only $1 worth silver, or 50c gold, to an applicant, but blocks and sheets are known in mint condition, with greater face value.

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The 2c furnished the Zone authorities was with the overprint of the 3rd Panama setting. In these stamps "COLOMBIA" was first obliterated with a bar in the color of the stamp before applying the PANAMA—PANAMA overprint from a setting of 50 (5 horizontal by 10 vertical). Two impressions from this setting were required to completely overprint the sheets of 100 stamps. Usually, the overprint reads up on both halves of the sheet (i.e., left half and right half), but where the sheet was reversed after the left half had been overprinted, the overprint on the right half is in an inverted position, i.e., PANAMA—PANAMA reads down. Normally, the length of PANAMA is 13½mm, and the letters are 1¾mm, high, reading up at both sides. But on Nos. 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 (of the 50 subject setting) the word measures 15mm, and the letters are 2mm high. On No. 1 of the setting, PANAMA measures 13x 1¾mm, and reads down at the left, and up at the right. Varieties in the left half of the sheet are repeated in the right half, although the positions (in the 100 stamp sheet) are not always the same—depending on whether the sheet received the overprint in two applications of 50, side by side, normally, or 50 normal (reading up) by 50 inverted (reading down). There are in addition numerous minor varieties where letters of different font were used, etc.

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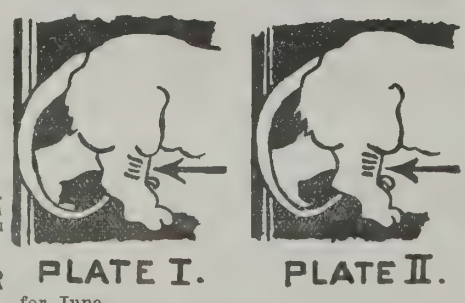

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The above cut cork conventional designs are interesting, though not in any way remarkable. The No. 2 is met with frequently, and is probably N. Y. City. There is little to say about them, and you have probably saved up many of these, or copies that are quite similar. No. 8 in blue, is perhaps the prettiest one in this group, and is an unusual design.

The Cleveland Exhibition was a dandy. Will mention a few items that may be of interest to the Forum folks, tho some are foreign cancellations and stamps. The several exhibits of Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein (not for competition) were to me even more wonderful than the first time I had seen them at New York. While each country exhibited was in remarkable array, I cannot but mention the particular exhibit of British Columbia, an example of philatelic perfection.

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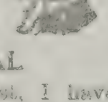

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What impressed me with this exhibit was, 1, Each and every page was so arranged that it appeared as a complete unit, and 2, The thought of what a mass of material must have been gone over to unearth these super deluxe items.

Studying this exhibit resolves itself into the pictured layout of a page before it is started, then the gathering of the items, and that was a task that took plenty of time on a country like British Columbia. It could be easily done by making a page of interesting Valley Forge covers, blocks, etc.; but to do this with old issues is a very different proposition.

When a fine item comes to you in the issue, or stamp, you are collecting, it is well to take it while you may, for often items you like cannot be bought from the owner, if he be a collector, while if you have a beautiful duplication of an item, he may be eager to make an exchange, which would benefit both collections.

I mentioned British Columbia, for there it was, immaculate! You, personally, may substitute the country or stamp you are after, and your pages will gradually form themselves into the right kind of a collection. It takes much time gathering the unusual items, and it is always the unusual that attracts, at these exhibitions.

The Confederate exhibits were very strong. The Locals exhibited by Sidney and John Hessel were a surprising treat, and attracted much attention. The Confederate general issues shown by Tom Pratt of Tennessee were remarkable. This collection had an added interest to me, inasmuch as the owner is from the South, and being a newspaper man, he does not stop at the mere gathering and plating of the stamps, but digs in and gathers all the historical and philatelic news obtainable, and this fund of information is as interesting as are the stamps.

Two beautiful pages were those of the two 2c denominations. Imagine, a single, a pair, and then five copies, all on separate covers. The pair of 2c greens did duty as a pair of the 5c green lithos, and sure had the postmaster fooled. In this exhibit the most striking item was directly across from the booth of the Hot Stove League (they had a smoking station adjoining the Nehi soft drink Emporium). As you sat here the crimson glow from this 10c "carmine rose" (Scott No. 204a) cover rather blinded you to all else in that neighborhood. "Carmine Rose" isn't the half of it, for that was sure the ace of aces in color for that rare stamp, it howled!

Another single stamp which pleased me greatly was in the very unusual collection of "Stamps of Great Britain Used Abroad" shown by Dr. A. E. Whitehead of Montreal, Canada. While these stamps were shown in plentiful array, the one I was most strongly attached to was a 2d 1855 Gt. Britain, cancelled with the French "Diamond of Dots" carrying the rare "AOM," or Army of the Orient "M" at Kamiesch. As I try to save up a few of the unusual cancellations on the stamps of France, and of Gt. Britain, I recognized this as a real rarity. How was it used is the question I asked myself, and seeing no one around who knew his "Kameisches," assumed that an English officer while visiting a friend officer in the French Army, asked him to please post a letter he had written, and just thought of while visiting the French camp. This sounds possible; but it may be "all wrong." The stamp has a fine re-entry aside from its postmark.

Have you ever given a thought to the reasons why we find so many Confederate covers with damaged corners, dirty, and torn, and in generally worn condition? Take the Soldier's letters for example, they had no room for carrying reams of correspondence paper and envelopes, so when they decided t a letter, they must dig up pap worse yet, find an envelope, an glue if it were not well gummed. time off duty was limited, and f way many Soldier's letters start raining cats and dogs tonight"—i seem that they were allowed to duty mostly on rainy nights. Th ditions held in both Armies tho Federals had a better supply o and envelopes apparently.

We'll assume that the soldier h ten his letter, found an envelo some gum on it, and a rather dil stamp with a little gum still lef and now he proceeds to seal th and affix the stamp. On these we smoking was not enjoyable, an soldiers substituted a good chew dark burley for the smoke. So w letter began its trip it had a rath seam along the back, and the da often came out from under th of the face of the cover—I'll be had some of these, and wonder the dark stains showed under th That's the answer OK.

Say this letter goes to some ve town back home, and maybe s miles from the nearest railroad and postoffice. The courier w pony gets the mail, and crowds his sadle bags, and sets out to de It is raining. He dumps the of the bags onto the porch floor combination village store and P. the natives eagerly grab out wha rected to the local folks, and the crammed back into the bags courier is on full speed to the ne And so it goes. Those letters at of the line must be rather out o tion for the purists of philately.

The porch floors are muddy, t dle bags are wet, and that is find so few handsome Confeder ers. Usually the best covers fo tion are those carrying on a co correspondence from one city to where the tough trips were elimi

While many a Confederate c not pretty enough to mount in a tion, it may have made a trip tha tell a story fit to be entered rig your collection if it were known way these mussy old covers have strong appeal to your old corres who tries to disseminate a bit of edge along with much philatelic per the FORUM.

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By A. C. Weber.

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Twenty-three delegates attended the Convention, besides thirty-four visitors. The U. S. S. membership comprises thirty different philatelic clubs located in St. Augustine, Fla.; Bloomfield, N. J.; Boston, Mass.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harrisburg, Penna.; Wilmington, Del.; Hackensack, N. J.; Sheepshead Bay, N. Y.; Lynn, Mass.; Memphis, Tenn.; Montclair, N. J.; Newark, N. J.; New Haven, Conn.; New York City, N. Y.; Westwood, N. J.; Passaic, N. J.; Paterson, N. J.; Philadelphia, Penna.; Pittsburg, Penna,; Ridgewood, N. Y.; Springfield, Mass.; Utica, N. Y.; Worcester, Mass.

The Convention was declared officially open by President H. F. Christensen, who introduced F. F. Reed, Vice President of the Ridgewood Stamp Club, as the first speaker. Acting in place of President H. E. King, of the Ridgewood Stamp Club, Mr. Reed in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the delegates and visitors to Ridgewood.

The morning session, which commenced at 10 o'clock, was devoted to the transaction of routine business, also the election of officers and a so-called "donation auction."

It was voted that the United Stamp Societies publish a magazine quarterly, as its official organ.

The annual election of officers resulted:—Pres., William C. Steiger, Hackensack Society; First Vice Pres., Hugh Wallace Smith, Boston Society; Second Vice Pres., William Lycett, Philadelphia Stamp Club, and Sec. of the S. P. A.; Sec., Elmer L. Clark, Lynn Society, and Treas., Gideon G. Ryder, Boston Society.

Mr. Christensen installed the newly elected officers, and a rising vote of thanks was accorded the outgoing administration. A "Donation Auction" was then held, consisting of 40 lots, including some fine U. S. and British Colonials, also other most desirable items. Good prices were bid throughout the sale, which was successfully conducted by Mr. Michaels.

At noon after photographs were taken, a sumptuous course dinner was served. During the dinner, J. M. Bartels spoke about the interesting exhibits at the Mid-western Stamp Exposition, held recently in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Bartels acted as a judge on that occasion, and said it compared favorably with the big stamp show staged in New York City. He was especially impressed with the remarkable exhibits of the juvenile collectors. His talk was well received.

Mr. Bach, Editor of *Stamp Collectors' Magazine,* also spoke about the Cleveland Exposition. Uproarious laughter greeted Mr. Bach's story about one of the exposition visitors who created considerable curiosity on the part of thousands, when he examined a specialized collection of two-cent Columbians with the aid of a gigantic magnifying glass.

The newly elected President, Mr. Steiger, appointed retiring President Christensen, as Chairman of the Recruiting Committee, and also re-appointed Mr. J. W. Chew, as General Sales Manager for the coming year.

A rising vote of thanks was then extended the Ridgewood Stamp Club. In responding, Vice President Reed invited all delegates to attend the Third Anniversary Celebration of the Ridgewood Club on the evening of Memorial Day, Jung's Hall, Ridgewood, where the Club meets weekly. The delegates, in a body, accepted the invitation.

Each delegate and alternate was pleasantly surprised when a first-day cover of the Valley Forge stamp, addressed to these men, was presented them. These first-day covers were furnished through the courtesy of the Ridgewood Stamp Club, the covers having been mailed from Valley Forge on the first day.

Promptly at 6 P. M. a tasty buffet luncheon and refreshments were served, followed by drawings for two fine stamps, one being a 5-cent U. S., 1847, red grid cancellation on a piece of cover, won by Mr. Beauchamp, and a two dollar fine used copy of U. S. Columbian won by Mr. Moses. The remainder of the evening was devoted to stamp sales and exchanges, making new acquaintanceships and renewing old friendships.

The officers of the Ridgewood Stamp Club are: H. E. King, President; F. F. Reed, Vice President; O. F. Miller, Treasurer; T. Schmitz, Secretary, and A. C. Weber, Director of Publicity.

U. S. POSTAL DATA

Compiled by Harry M. Konwiser.

1789. Samuel Osgood was made Postmaster General under the Constitution of the United States.

1792. Pen and ink were used to denote amount due, later hand stamps; if prepaid were so marked or hand stamped —with variations according to office using or issuing.

1794. Letter carriers employed at direction of Postmaster General, with rate of 2 cents for each letter.

1810. General Post Office established at Washington, D. C.

1829. Postmaster General William T. Barry (President Jackson) became a member of the President's Cabinet, the Postmaster previously being "under" the Treasury Department.

1834. Railroads first carried the mails.

1836. Act passed authorizing the Postmaster General to establish a "carrier system" because private carriers were operating at lower rates than U. S. department.

1839. Envelopes first used.

1842. Alex M. Greig appointed the first carrier, by Postmaster Graham of New York.

1842. An adhesive stamp, not Government issue, was first employed, becoming voided by law in 1847.

1845. Franking privilege approved to amount of 2 ounces to members of Congress and to Vice President, the Congressional Act of March 3rd, 1845, changing previous franking regulations.

1845. Change of tariff for letters.

1847. First United States' postage stamp.

1851. Change of tariff for letters.

1852. Congressional Act provided for stamped envelopes.

1855. Change in tariff for letters.

1863. Congress enacted that no mail should be delivered unless postage was paid; mail must be prepaid at time of mailing; drop letters 2 cents; registration fee to be fixed by the Postmaster General, not to exceed 20 cents, the fee being thereupon fixed at 15 cents.

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EDITORIALETTES

By DEREK INGRAM, *Editor (Stamp Collecting.)*

If only because of the weather it is fitting that the vogue of the moment in philatelic circles should centre round the stamps that are upside down. Varieties of this nature have attracted philatelists from the earliest times, and yet the catalogues do not yet testify to these in completest fashion. As witness, there is the error of the 20 pesos claret and slate of the 1916 issue of the Argentine with centre inverted, which so far goes unrecorded in the works of Gibbons, King, Bright, and other historians. A brilliant mint corner block of four of this extreme rarity is to be offered for sale by Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co. on Monday, June 25th; only once previously has one of these come on the market.

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The stamp mentioned belonged to the late Mr. Ernesto Honegger, an enthusiastic Argentine specialist, and the valuable general collection formed by him will be disposed of in the Strand Auction Rooms on the three evenings, June 25th, 26th, and 27th. For the convenience of dealers, the time of the sale has been fixed for 5.30 p. m. each day, so as to avoid clashing with the London International Stamp Bourse. All readers interested—and there will certainly be a great many—should send at once for a copy of the attractive sale catalogue, with separate booklet of photographs of the stamps to be offered, which can be obtained, free on request, from the auctioneers, at 188-189 Strand, W.C.2.

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An "inverted" question of a different kind is raised by a much esteemed correspondent, who, apropos of our chronicle of Kedah duties with *watermark reversed*, considers that these should be chronicled as *watermark inverted*, not reversed. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., who showed us these particular varieties, maintain that, if they advertised these stamps with inverted wmk., their customers would expect the wmk. to be facing downwards, and not to the right instead of, in this case, to the left. The view held by our correspondent, however—and undoubtedly by very many others—is that "reversed wmk." is understood to mean that the printing has been done on the wrong side of the paper, giving, with Colonial stamps, the so-called "Crown AC" wmk. With upright wmk., the meaning of inverted wmk. is obvious. When stamps are issued with sideways wmk., it normally points in one direction, *e.g.*, Kedah, Bermuda, May, 1921, &c., to left; St. Helena, Malay, Bermuda, January, 1921, &c., to right.

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Owing to pressure of affairs, we were not able to join the motley throng of reporters who foregathered to welcome—and worry—Adolphe Menjou and his bride when they landed on these chilly shores last week. The disappointment was genuine enough to ourselves, for this idol of the films is in his more serious moments—and we are assured he has many such—a very keen philatelist. He is, indeed, as much in love with his stamps as he is depicted to be so often with the fair sex, and his enthusiasm for the former is so infectious that it will be hard for his beautiful wife to resist the philatelic flame that burns within him. During their stay in London, Mr. Menjou will in all probability "go to the pictures"—as displayed in one or other of the West End stamp shops.

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M. Mosiecki, who is portrayed with Marshal Pilsudski on the novel philatelic commemorative chronicled in our New Issue Notes, has been President of the Polish Republic close on two years. The 20 gr. vermilion stamp of 1927 bears his portrait, which Gibbons lists as that of "President *Moscicki*," and this version of the name seems to have been adopted by other dealers.

The Zamek, the historic castle of Warsaw, where the oath was administered to the new President on June 4th, 1926, is the *Hradcany* of Poland, and we understand it is shortly to appear on a new stamp. The castle stands on the crest of the high banks of the Vistula at the obvious point of strategic importance where the river is to-day spanned by an iron bridge. It dates from the fourteenth century, so there can be little left of its earlier buildings. According to a recent visitor, "there is a marked touch of Scandinavian influence about its architecture which betrays the hand of the Swedish dynasty as plainly as Kensington Palace displays that of the House of Orange. It epitomises the later history of Poland, and, as that history contains a good deal of fighting, it is evident that the buildings have been a good deal knocked about. It is scarred with wounds of many struggles: the old Seym buildings, once within its walls, was destroyed by the Russians, who again in the recent war damaged the whole range of courtyards, besides carrying off nearly all the artistic treasures of the interior, which are now only gradually being returned. It looks peaceful enough as it stands above its hanging formal gardens on the high banks above the river."

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The fact that "a little philatelic learning is a dangerous thing" is instanced by the following Reuter message from Wellington, N. Z., which appeared in the *Daily Chronicle* the other day:—"A New Zealand postage stamp, believed to be the only one of its kind in existence, has been discovered at Christchurch. This is the penny stamp known to collectors as the 'Full Face Queen,' which was printed in London in the early sixties on unperforated sheets containing 240 stamps. These, when sold, were usually cut off the sheet with scissors. But the sheet from which the stamp in question came had been perforated by a firm of Dunedin printers, and is the only specimen known." The London printings of the N.Z. "full faces" ceased long before the sixties, while the private perforations of the Dunedin printings are, of course, fairly numerous.

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In submitting his check for $5.00 Mr. Smith makes the notation that the membership committee has reported favorably upon his application, and he is therefore remitting the amount needed for admission to the Honor Club. We appreciate the favorable report of the committee, and especially as it is accompanied by the application fee.

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

The cachet used at Toledo on June 3rd and 4th is apparently the same one—or its brother (or sister)—that was used on the initial flights over CAM No. 20 on June 1st. I have had reports of four colors being used, but suppose the supply of stamp pads gave out and others were not available.

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A number of collectors have sent covers from recent flights and failed to mark them with their names, or in some way informing me as to whom I am indebted for the courtesy. Please be sure to include your name when sending covers.

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There is every indication that Lowell, Mass., will do something in the way of a special cachet for the dedication of the new Airport. Whether or not it will be official remains to be seen, but private parties interested in the event will take pains to reward collectors who have covers there for despatch on June 20th and possibly the 21st and 22nd.

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Covers sent to NORWICH, N. Y., for despatch on June 14th have been returned by the Postmaster with the notation that his request for authorization to receive and despatch air mail on that date has been refused by the Department. Norwich dedicated her new Airport on the above date and it was hoped that a special cachet would be used.

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National Air Transport, Inc., announce that passengers, in addition to Air Mail, will be carried from Moline, Ill., to Chicago and from Oklahoma City to Dallas. This schedule is for the summer months only and the rate will be 10c per mile. Who will be the first Air Mail collector to make his own First Trip in this manner?

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Word from Mexico City—yea, subject to change without notice—states that as soon as Captain Carranza has completed his trip to the U. S., the Mexican Government will be ready to go ahead. The flights being made to Tampico are fairly successful, which is encouraging the Government to speed up plans for the U. S. connection.

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And while on the subject, this Capt. Carranza is said to be only twenty years old. Today's news states that he has been forced down at Mooresville, N. C., but even at that, he certainly made a beautiful try and deserves just as much homage as our own flyers.

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No mail was aboard the "Friendship," Miss Earhart's Trans-Atlantic plane, when it left Boston. Whether or not she will be prevailed upon to carry letters from Trepassey, N. F., when she takes off, remains to be seen, but it is a pretty good bet that some of our collecting friends up in that neck of the woods will at least make the attempt to sell her the idea, anyway. Good luck to 'em!

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Acknowledgment is made of clippings, etc., from the following co-operators — Messrs. Beuchel, Leve, Smalley, Montgomery, Gatchell and Hagstrom.

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Score one for the West! Monte Vista, Colo., dedicated her Air Port on June 10th and secured official permission for a special cachet. Mr. O. H. Phinney sends me a cover and states that—"This is the First Flight from the San Luis Valley. Authorized by the P. O. Dept., Monte Vista Air Port opened and dedicated by the American Legion, Sunday, June 10th. Mail left Air Port 1 P. M., connecting at Pueblo with Western Airways, Inc."

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Last minute advices from Houston, Texas, state that the "kicking mule" cachet fell through. Guess the Democrats are gonna prefer white mule instead! Messrs. Leve and Parker are my informants.

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The Hon. P. T. Coolican, Asst. Deputy Postmaster General of Canada, is very desirous of having United States collectors place their names on his mailing list for the receipt of data pertaining to First Flights and First Day of issue covers. I am requested by Mr. Chas. L. Hall to give this as much publicity as possible, so don't be bashful in sending in your name to Mr. Coolican. His address is Ottawa, Canada.

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Additional co-operators the early part of the week include the names of P. R. Crooker, Harold L. Burwick, Chas. L. Hall and Harry G. Klotzbach. Nice work, gentlemen. Come early and often!

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The American Legion applied an unofficial cachet to mail at Norwich, N. Y., on July 12th, according to latest information.

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July 17th has been set as the opening date for the service via CAM between Chicago and Bay City, Mich., and possibly between Pontiac and Muskegon, according to report issued in Lansing, Mich., on June 8th by the Chamber of Commerce.

Air Mail

—Lovers of First Flights will be Interested in the Invitation.

By B. F. Myers,
Air Mail Service, Chicago, P. O.

We have received advice from the Hon. W. Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D. C., that the Hon. P. T. Coolican, Asst. Deputy Postmaster General of Canada, at Ottawa, Canada, is desirous of building up a mailing list of those in the United States who might be interested in Canadian First Flight Air Mail covers, and we are giving him a copy of our mailing list, which embraces approximately 1,200 philatelists in the United States and a few in Canada, but we believe, in the interest of Air Mail philatelic history, that it would be a fine thing if you would advise your readers, through the medium of your publication, to the effect that Mr. Coolican is anxious to place any and all of them on his mailing list who will drop him a line in that respect, and in that way they will be advised sufficiently in advance of the effective date of any Canadian flights to enable them to forward their covers to the designated offices for special cancellation.

I might add that we feel that our mailing list is very small compared to the number of our philatelic friends throughout the country, and if you care to we would be pleased to have you also say to your readers that if they are not already on our mailing list we would be glad to include their names if they will so request. In fact, we want you to call on us in any case that you think we can assist you in carrying on your first flight Air Mail work, as we desire to help you and your readers in every possible manner.

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What else do you need of Denmark, Norway and Sweden? [55

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Bagdad-Baranya

Bagdad Issue.—A name applied to a set of stamps used by the British Occupation Forces at Bagdad during the World War. Stamps of Turkey were overprinted "Baghdad—in British Occupation."

Balcony Falls, Va.—A town where a Confederate provisional appeared in 1861. The stamp is circular in shape and the design is a five pointed star with "10" in the centre and P-A-I-D and the letters "C. S." in the spaces between the points.

Balboa Tomando Posesion Del Oceano Pacifico.—"Balboa taking possession of the Pacific Ocean" on the Panama 1915, 2c stamp.

Banat Issue.—In July, 1919, the Serbian troops withdrew from the Banat, an agricultural region in Hungary, whose chief town is Temesvar, but before the Roumanian forces could take possession, the local Hungarian postal officials issued a distinctive local set of stamps. It is known as the Banat Issue and is purely Hungarian.

Baranya.—A city in Hungary where during the Serbian Occupation in the World War certain Hungarian stamps were overprinted "Baranya."

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MANAGING EDITOR.

Junior News Items

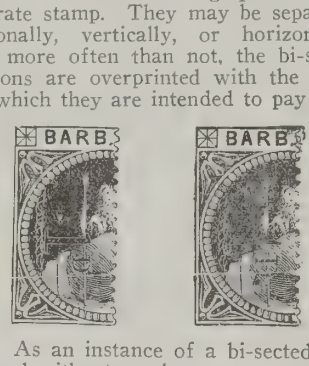
—Henry Wetjen, 8542 108th St., Richmond Hill, N. Y., would like to exchange stamps with other Juniors.

—Gilbert R. Lesser is running a department of "Philatelic News" in the *Leader-Observer* of Woodhaven, N. Y. It's a nice piece of work. Thanks, Mr. Seifert.

—We are indebted to Clark Cooper for some contributions to our Junior Page.

Bisected

A philatelic term applied to a certain class of provisional or "emergency" stamps. These are stamps cut into halves or smaller pieces, each portion of which then has franking power as a separate stamp. They may be separated diagonally, vertically, or horizontally, and, more often than not, the bi-sected portions are overprinted with the value for which they are intended to pay post-



age. As an instance of a bi-sected provisional without surcharge, we may mention that for a period of about 25 years halves of the 10c postage due stamps of Belgium did duty as 5c labels. Various British Colonies—Barbados, Falkland Is., Niger Coast and Grenada, to mention a few—have issued bi-sected stamps with the halves surcharged with the value for which they had franking power.

Jamaica Jottings

Jamaica is an island in the West Indies south of Cuba and has been a British Colony for many years. Stamps were first issued for this island Nov. 23, 1860. This first issue for Jamaica is especially interesting as the paper on which the stamps were printed is watermarked with the design of a pineapple. If it was intended to advertise one of the colony's products it would seem that a better job would have been done if they had put a picture of a pineapple on a stamp rather than put the design into the paper where it is not easily seen.

In 1900 and 1901 Jamaica issued its first pictorial stamps which showed a picture of Llandovery Falls, two stamps that have always been popular with collectors.

There was a long break then until 1919 before any more pictorials appeared, the occasion of the next one being to show the embarkation of soldiers for the great war. As this stamp is very large it would seem that good sized envelopes would be needed to have room enough left for the address.

During 1920 and 1921 further pictorials appeared and ranged in value from ½ penny to 10 shillings. All of them have descriptive titles and make a very attractive display. As these stamps appeared during the time of the change over from the multiple crown and CA paper to the script CA paper, those on the first mentioned paper are by far the scarcer. This is especially true of the 3 and the 10 shilling values, which have recently been boosted in price in Scott's supplement to the catalogue.

Recently Jamaica has been using special advertising cancellations telling us to spend our vacations in "The land of to the summit, 8,740 feet above sea level. sunshine."—A. C. LeDuc.

Hints and Helps

Many of the younger collectors have difficulties in classifying their stamps. In case you have some that you are unable to place correctly, I shall be glad to help you out if you send them to me and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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With the British Colonials that bear kings' pictures they are unable to tell which are the King Edward and which the King George pictures. A quick and easy way to remember how to distinguish them is to remember that King Edward was the man with the bald head.

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Stamps bearing the overprint "M. V. i. R." in any one of various forms of type, are listed under Roumania as German occupation stamps for that country.

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If you happen to have some stamps from Saar (Saargebiet, as inscribed on the stamps) that are surcharged with the word "Dienstmarke," they should be classified as official stamps and not as the name of some other country. Dienstmarke is a German word meaning that the stamp is for official use.

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In the case of the Guatemala 1924 and 1926 sets, they can be easily distinguished by noticing the tiny engraved letters below the design. In the 1924 issue is found "Perkins Bacon & Co.," and in the 1926 set "Waterlow and Sons." These are the names of large London companies who make fine postage stamps.

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Stamps bearing the words "Pohjois Inkeri" are properly classified as those for North Ingermanland.

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Some of the younger collectors have difficulty in placing the stamps of Japan as they frequently confuse them with those for China. Let them bear in mind that the money values used in Japan are "sen" and "yen," while in China "cents" and "dollars" are used.—A. C. LeDuc.

The Kookaburra

The strange bird appearing on the six penny stamp of the Australian Commonwealth issued in 1913-14 is a Kookaburra bird, sometimes called a laughing jackass. Although a member of the kingfisher family, instead of eating fish, as do our native kingfishers, it feeds only upon insects and reptiles. It is an uncouth-looking bird, about the size of a crow, brown and white being the predominate colors of its plumage. A common bird in all forests of Australia it is regarded as sacred by the natives.—CLARK COOPER.

Junior Dictionary

Poltawa.—A Ukraine district known to philatelic fame from the use of Russian stamps surcharged with a trident. Issued in 1918.

Ponta Delgada.—One of the three districts into which the Azores Is. are divided. From 1892 to 1906 each district had its own special issue of stamps in place of a general issue for the whole group as before.

Pony Express.—A postal service established by the well-known firm of Wells, Fargo & Co., in 1860 for carrying mail in the far West by relays of pony riders. The most famous route was that from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Cal.—a distance of some 2,000 miles—which was accomplished in nine days. This wonderful service was discontinued in 1862 after some $200,000 had been lost in its working. Special postage stamps were issued in connection with this post, these showing a horse and rider as the chief feature of the design.

A Word On Albums

What type of album shall I use? is a question that faces the stamp lector, not only at the outset of his atelic career, but at more or less fre intervals during his development, a collection expands. It will therefor be out of place to dwell here upo choice of an album, bearing in mind proper consideration of the subjec forehand will save disappointment

I.—Printed without Arrangeme Stamp albums may be divided into eral classes. First, and least impo the album with printed squares, wi without a few illustrations, but wi anything to show where the stamp s be put. These are good for the beginning, but should be grown out quickly as possible. The best tha be said for them is that they are a porary home for stamps, for no c tion can be arranged intelligently i of them, and the collector will soo their limitations. So long, howeve the stamps placed in them have properly hinged, they will be easily ferred to one of the other classes. empty album should then be passe to a non-collector (with a few stam you can spare them) as an encou ment to collect.

II.—Detailed Printed Arrange —In this class comes the detailed p album, providing spaces for all th rieties, major and minor, listed in ever standard catalogue upon which based. Naturally its merit depe good deal upon the advantages or d vantages of the catalogue in que The more highly detailed the catal whether as a whole or in regard t special country (and as to that, no logues are uniformly detailed und countries) the more patchy will b appearance in all but the most con collection.

To the collector who pays as muc tention to minor as to major var and who likes his collection to show glance what is missing according t standard catalogue he has adopted form of album will appeal strongly disadvantage is apt to be that minc rieties are run in alongside major and that for lack of expensive minc rieties, totally beyond his means an essential to the normal series, he have an undue proportion of blanks his stamps will not show to advanta

In some such albums, too, e shades are included, and although may be of quite common stamps, difference is hardly apparent to a the specialist, and the balance o series is upset by their inclusion.

The best type of album is that in the major varieties are given first. a line, or more, for the minor var which can be included or omitted a without giving an incomplete appea to an otherwise completed set.

III.—Specialised Printed Albu Yet another type of printed album i arranged for a specialised collectio a given country. They have been pared by various enterprising publi for countries in which they have a s interest, but are not available in than a restricted number of cases. include Great Britain, United S Belgium and Belgian Congo, Czecho vakia, Danzig, France and Colonies land, and a few others. They give more varieties than the standard logues do, and by provision of a guards, or loose-leaf binders, enabl collector to treat his printed pages a standard, and add his own elabora as well.

IV.—The Plain Loose-Leaf.—F

e come to the plain loose-leaf album. la, that is, in its absence of definite lication of space or instructions how or hle to put your stamps, but almost iably with a groundwork of feint arillé lines in soft grey or green, it or without a border frame to the g. Untrammelled freedom is given by ype of album to the predilections of ndividual collector and his collection, or large. The arrangement must s own, and his pages will reveal his nality.

e first requisite in using such an al- properly is a knowledge of your ps and what you want to do with . Neatness is essential, both of d and handwriting, for to arrange intelligently you will need to indi- at least their issue and characteris- Many do more, and describe the ns for their issue, while in the most rate specialised collections will be Decrees, descriptions of the designs, ls of manufacture, quantities printed fact, everything the collector can ver relating to the postal service postage stamps of his speciality, his albums become a complete his- illustrated by the stamps them-

at is the ideal collection.—*Junior p Magazine.*

SOME EGYPT TYPES

By B. W. H. Poole.

ere is nothing in the designs of the s of Egypt that should prove trou- ne, even to the veriest tyro, with the le exception of the 15m value of 22, which exists in two types num- A34 and A35 respectively. Here hief distinction lies in the vertical at the right inscribed with Arabic cters. A close inspection of the cat- e illustrations will show that in A34 these characters are compara- few and elongated while in type they are numerous and close to- r. The other designs are quite dis- ve and a careful inspection of the rations given in the catalogue should l classification easy.

t there are other interesting things nnection with Egyptian stamps that ell worth the telling. Quite fre- ly we have been asked if there is a l way up in the case of the stamps of first issue, which are seemingly ly similar as regards their upper lower portions. And the answer is nd no. The keen eyes of studious lelists have detected differences so there are two varieties of each value. s the manufacturers did not appear ow of these minor distinctions no was taken in transferring the de- to the stones so that neither vari- n properly be said to be inverted or way up. So far as the average tor is concerned the designs may be to be right way up when the over- d inscriptions are right way up.

ese stamps were manufactured by rs. Pellas Brothers, of Genoa. The for each denomination were en- d on metal and from these trans- were made to the lithographic stones yed in the actual printing of the s. Then all values were over- d with inscriptions in black, the group being different for each and senting the values. The inscrip- at the sides and top, reading from o right signify "Egyptian Postage p" while the central character, which right when the central loop is up- s, means "Egypt."

the manufacturers did not notice difference between the upper and halves of the stamps it did not, of e, appear to matter which way up ransfers were applied to the stones. quently when the stamps were com- l by the addition of the overprints of them were upside down in rela- to the others. But as one position more correct than the other they t properly be called inverted. Nor hey properly be termed types and it obably best to call them varieties I II.

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA

Mr. C. I. Crowell's article on these stamps in **Mekeel's** dated May 14th last, should be read with attention.

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Mr. G. B. Duerst, an English writer, was, we believe, the first to call attention to these two varieties, which he described in the columns of the *Philatelic Record* in 1896. Some thirteen years later they were described and illustrated by F. L. Pemberton in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* and it is to this latter article that we are indebted for much of the following information. The two varieties of each value may be identified by the following differences:

5 paras. There are four large circles in the background ornamentation, one in each angle, each of which contains a six-leaved floret. In variety I the circle below and to the left of the word PARA has no leaf which points directly at the last A of this word while in variety II one leaf of the floret points directly at this letter.

10 paras. There is a Greek-key pattern in the upper and lower labels. In variety I this pattern, beginning immediately to the right of the numerals "10" in the upper left-hand corner, starts with a vertical section, while in variety II it begins with a horizontal section.

20 paras. In the arabesque pattern of the background in variety I, some distance above the central word of the overprint, there is a small portion of the design which is shaped almost like a circle but broken at the top. The small pearl like ornament in the extreme lower left-hand corner contains a curved line of shading situated at the top. In variety II the ornament in the background is crescent-shaped, and the shading on the pearl in the lower left-hand corner is situated at the left instead of at the top.

1 piastre. The upper part of the arabesque ornamentation in the central oval is roughly heart-shaped and in variety I the two curled lines within the "heart" do not meet, while in variety II they touch. Again, in variety I the numeral "1" in the upper right-hand corner is larger and has a more pronounced serif than the corresponding numeral in variety II.

2 piastre. In the background, immediately above the central word of the overprint, the lines of the ornamentation are interlaced so as to form two transverse loops. In variety I these are almost equal in size, while in variety II the loop at the right is smaller and shallower than the other.

5 piastres. The lower loop of the scroll of the central ornamentation is outlined in color by the circles containing the letters "PE." In variety I the scroll barely touches the circle while in variety II the bottom of the loop is cut off by the outline of the circle.

10 piastres. In variety I the "P" of the letters PE in the upper left-hand angle is well shaped while in variety II this letter is poorly shaped and appears to have the loop prolonged slightly downwards.

It will thus be seen that there are two well defined varieties of each value for the specialist to collect and all may, of course, be found *tete-beche*, if this term may properly be used in connection with stamps produced in this manner. As a matter of fact almost any pair of the 10pa, 20pa, or 1pia values is apt to be *tete-beche* for both varieties seem to be equally common. In the other denominations, the second variety seems to be much the scarcer.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

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United States

New Air Mail Stamp

At this writing, Washington is not in a position to furnish any official information as to the probable design of the new 5-cent air mail stamp to be used after the new rate goes into effect on August first next. The design is entirely in the hands of Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, in charge of the air mail service. Mr. Glover is in attendance at the Republican Convention at Kansas City, hence, cannot be reached. It is understood, however, that he will make a formal announcement very shortly, giving the full details.

Plans at present, call for a new 5-cent stamp only, without any change in the higher values. There will be a 5-cent booklet, in addition to the stamp in sheet form. Before we are through, we will no doubt, have this variety from both the flat plate and rotary press. It will be very distinctive in design, so that it will immediately catch the attention of the mail clerk assorting letters.

New Special Handling Stamp

The new special handling stamps, namely the 10, 15 and 20 cent, which were described in this column last week, are further described in an official circular sent out by the Information Service under date of June 7th.

The circular confirms the details which were previously mentioned and calls attention to the fact that stamp collectors may obtain these at the Philatelic Agency in Washington, on and after June 25th next.

New Plates

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including those assigned to June 6, 1928. In the list will be seen the first of the Lindbergh air mail booklets, as well as the Valley Forge varieties.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class.	Series.	Subjs.
19410-413	50c	Ordinary.	1922	400
19414	10c Bk.	Lindbergh AirmailStp.	1927	180
19415-416	2c	Ordinary	1922	400
19417-420	14c	"	1922	400
19421-424	2c	"	1922	400 Crvd.
19425-427	10c Bk.	Lindbergh AirmailStp.	1927	180
19428-431	2c	Ordinary	1922	400 Crvd.
19432	5c	"	1922	400 "
19433-437	2c	"	1922	400 "
19438-441	14c	"	1922	400
19442-444	12c	"	1922	400
19445	11c	"	1922	400
19446-449	2c	"	1922	400 Crvd.
19450-451	2c	"	1922	170 "
19452-459	2c	"	1922	400 "
19460-461	2c	"	1922	170 "
19462-463	15c	"	1922	400
19464-467	17c	"	1925	400
19468	20c	"	1922	400
19469-470	5c	Pst.DueStp.	1894	400
19471-474	2c	Ordinary	1922	170 Crvd.
19475-482	2c	"	1922	400 "
19483-486	2c	"	1922	170 "
19487-488	7c	"	1922	400 "
19489-490	10c	"	1922	400 "
19491-492	2c	"	1922	170 "
19493-497	2c	Valley Forge Comm. Stp.—Vignette—Washington at Prayer	1928	400
19498-499	2c	Ordinary	1922	170 Crvd.
19500-503	2c	Valley Forge Comm. Stp.—Vignette—Washington at Prayer	1928	400
19504-507	10c	Ordinary	1922	400 Crvd.
19508-511	7c	"	1922	400 "
19512-517	2c	"	1922	170 "
19518-519	2c	"	1922	400 "
19520-521	7c	"	1922	400 "
19522-523	10c	"	1922	400 "
19524	2c	"	1922	170 "

Greece.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for mention the 5D Navarino stamp with the corrected inscription it now being "Sir Edward Codrington" instead of "Sir Codrington" as first printed.

Japan.—Messrs. Yuasa and Co. inform us that a special Coronation issue will appear in November. The values are expected to be 1½, 3, 6, and 10 sen, the two latter being likely to be printed in limited quantities, as is the usual practice with Japanese commemorative sets.—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

Lebanon.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the pictorial stamps of Grand Liban, overprinted in French and further overprinted in Arabic: The values range from 10c to 25p.

Luxemburg.—The recent provisional stamps of the values of 35 and 60c have now been replaced by a permanent s of these two values in the type o current set. The 35c is gray-lilac, the 60c blue-green. Date of issue 25. We are indebted to Hermann for this information.

Mr. R. Roberts submits for chr copies of the following new valu the Grand Duchess Charlotte design blue-purple, 60c blue-green, overpr "Official" in fancy script, 5c violet olive, 20c orange, 25c sepia, 30c yellow-green, 35c blue-purple, 40c olive, 50c red-brown, 60c blue-green olive-brown, 90c rose, 1fr black 1fr50c deep blue.

Mexico.—In reply to an en from Señor Victor M. Suarez, the rector-General of Posts has info him that in view of recent chang the postal rates, stamps of 8 cen will not be printed again.—*Gi Stamp Monthly.*

Papua.—Mr. A. A. Rosenblum forms us that all values have now despatched to Papua, printed on the unwatermarked paper.—*Gibbons S Monthly.*

Persia.—Mr. Ian T. Hamilton s that he has the 1 kran, 1909 issue, "Règne de Pahlavi, 1926" overp perf. 11½ all around. We have not viously heard of this perf. in this iss *Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

Portugal. — Mr. R. Roberts shown us two values of the Olym stamps, one being a 15c rose and b of large upright format, while the a slightly redder shade of rose wit wordings in black but of smaller Both stamps are perf. 12½ on unw marked paper.

South West Africa.—Copies of 4p brown Union of South Africa, engraved pictorial picturing a K Kraal, overprinted "S.W.A." ar hand from Mr. R. Roberts.

Sudan.—The 1m orange and b multiple SG watermark, have bee sued and a copy has been received Mr. R. Roberts.

Sweden.—Whitfield King & Co. shown us the advance proofs of stamps to be issued on June 16th in memoration of the 70th birthday of Gustav V. At the top is the "Gusta 1852 1928" with the value on the side. In the centre is the likeness of King in military dress with the u "Sverige" at the lower left. The sta are to be issued for franking all k of mail matter and an additional 5 o charged on each stamp which goes to a fund to fight against cancer. The ues and shades are 5o green, 10o vi 15o red, 20o orange and 25o blue. T will be on sale until the end of the when they will be withdrawn.

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The CANAL ZONE overprint, in one line of caps, was applied, in blue-black ink, with a rubber handstamp, by a clerk in the Executive Offices at Culebra.

All three values are known with the Canal Zone overprint double, and all three with the overprint inverted. (Of the latter variety, one sheet each of the 2c and 5c exists, and of the 10c two sheets.) On one sheet of the 5c the overprint was applied diagonally instead of horizontally. Of the 5c and 10c horizontal pairs exist with one stamp minus the CANAL ZONE overprint, occasioned by a vertical row in two sheets of the 5c and in one sheet of the 10c not receiving the overprint. The 2c is also known with double overprint, both inverted, and the 5c double, both diagonal.

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10c,	5,250	5,025	502.50	225	22.50
	15,400	14,300	$891.25	1,100	$61.75

This figure of "value of stamps sold" ($891.25) is $35.35 less than that given in the First Annual Report of the Isthmian Canal Commission, dated December 1, 1904, i.e. "The receipts from the sale of Panama postage stamps surcharged (sic) Canal Zone, from June 25th to July 16th, 1904, $926.60." Evidently a greater quantity was sold, and a less number destroyed ($26.40), than shown in this tabulation.

June 24, 1904. Colombian postage stamps, 1892 series, Map design, engraved and printed by American Bank Note Co. of New York. Overprinted at Panama City, in carmine, with a bar cancelling "COLOMBIA" at the top, and adding "PANAMA—PANAMA" at the sides. Additionally handstamped at Culebra, Canal Zone, "CANAL ZONE" in one line of caps, in blue black, perforated 12, single line.

2c rose, PANAMA reading up, 13x1¾mm.
- a. reading down, 13x1¾mm.
- b. reading down and up, 13x1¾mm.
- c. reading up, 15x2mm.
- d. reading down, 15x2mm.
- e. CANAL ZONE inverted.
- f. CANAL ZONE double.
- g. CANAL ZONE double, both inverted.

5c blue, PANAMA reading up and down, 15x2mm.
- a. Distance between bar and PANAMA 2mm instead of 3½mm.
- b. Colon between bar and PANAMA, at right.
- c. CANAL ZONE inverted.
- d. CANAL ZONE double.
- e. CANAL ZONE double, both diagonal.
- f. CANAL ZONE diagonal.
- g. horizontal pair, one without CANAL ZONE overprint.

10c orange PANAMA reading up and down, 15x2mm.
- a. Distance between bar and PANAMA 2mm instead of 3½mm.
- b. vertical line between bar and PANAMA at right.
- c. CANAL ZONE inverted.
- d. CANAL ZONE double.
- e. horizontal pair, one without CANAL ZONE overprint.

NEW ISSUE NOTES

ALBANIA.—To celebrate the first flight across the Adriatic, a special set of stamps has been issued and were on sale from the 21st to the 29th of May. The ordinary Air Post stamps of the 1925 issue have been overprinted "Rep. Shqyptare Fluturim' i I-ar Vlone—Brindisi 21.IV.1928," the denominations being as follow:—5, 10, 25, 50 qind, 1, 2 and 3 francs. We are informed that only 5,350 complete sets have been issued, and were sold at a premium, francs 10.45 *gold* being charged for the complete set.

ANDORRA.—This tiny Republic in the Pyrenees now has a special set of postage stamps of its own. The contemporary stamps of Spain have been overprinted in two lines with the words "Correos Andorra," the denominations being as follow:—2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 centimos, 1, 4, 10 pesetas and Express 20 centimos. These stamps are of a provisional nature only, a new permanent set is being prepared and will show different views of places of interest in Andorra.

COSTA RICA.—Owing to delay in the receipt of further stocks of the 5c green and 10c red stamps of the current issue from the American Bank Note Company, old stocks of stamps which are not much in demand have been overprinted to meet the shortage. We have received the 15c purple, No. 71a, surcharged with the numeral "5" at the lower left and right corners obliterating the original denomination. We are also informed that the 5c orange Red Cross stamp has been additionally overprinted "5c," but up to the time of going to press we have not seen a copy.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—We have seen a set of five Official stamps for this country, 1c green, 2c carmine, 5c blue, 10c pale blue and 20c yellow. All five denominations are of the same design, showing a lighthouse in the centre, at the top of the stamp the inscription, "Republica Dominicana Faro A Colon," at the base of the stamp are the words "Correspondencia Oficial" and the value. These stamps are not sold to the public, but are for official use only.

LATVIA.—The Tschakste memorial set has at last appeared. We are informed that only ten sets were sold over the Post Office counter to each applicant and that the whole issue was sold out on the day the stamps were placed on sale. We have also received from this country three new Air Post stamps, which are of exactly the same design as the 1921 issue, type 9 in our catalogue, but with the values in santimu instead of roubles. The three denominations received are 10 santimu green, 15 santimu red and 25 santimu blue.

NEW CALEDONIA.—A complete new set of pictorial stamps has been issued for this French Settlement in the South Seas. There are 23 denominations of postage stamps from 1 centime to 20 francs, also a set of 13 denominations of Postage Due stamps. The set is a very pretty one and should be very popular amongst the junior collectors.

NEW GUINEA.—With reference to the 6d olive-bistre, No. 85 in our catalogue, which is an error of colour, we are now officially informed that further supplies of this denomination have been printed in the original brown colour as No. 84 in our catalogue. We have received a small supply of this new printing, which differs slightly from the first printing, the new printing being of a paler shade of brown. The stock of the olive-bistre colour is entirely exhausted at the Post Office and we think the catalogue price for this stamp will be advanced before long.

PERU.—In February last we received a few copies of the current 50 centavos mauve postage stamp, No. 203 in our catalogue, overprinted "Servicio Aereo" and we immediately sent out a large order for the requirements of our New Issue Service, but we have received a supply of Air Post stamps in exchange for our remittance and to our surprise they are of an entirely new design, printed in green, showing a portrait in the centre and in the background a map of the Pacific side of South America, with an aeroplane in flight. Inscribed at the top of the stamp are the words "Rapidez Progreso," at the sides, "Servicio Aereo," and value at foot. The stamps are very handsome and the engraving is the work of the American Bank Note Company. We are informed that the 50 centavos mauve surcharged stamps are quite unobtainable, only 3,000 having been issued.

POLAND.—A Philatelic Exhibition was opened at Warsaw, on May 3rd, and remained open until May 13th. To celebrate this event two special postage stamps have been issued, 50 groszy, showing a portrait of Marshal Pilsudski, the Polish Prime Minister and Minister of War, and 1 zloty, showing a portrait of President Moscicki. These stamps are printed in sheets of two, both values being on the same sheet, in the same manner as the 5 and 10 francs Philatelic Exhibition stamps issued for the Strasbourg Exhibition in 1927. We understand that 8,000 of these sheets have been printed and that only one sheet was sold

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ROUMANIA.—The new stamps have now been issued to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Bessarabia having rejoined Roumania. There are seven denominations:—1, 2, 3, 5, 7½, 10 and 20 lei. The 1 and 2 lei show a view of the former Bessarabian Parliament, the 3 and 5 lei, the Fortress of Hotin; and the three highest denominations, the Fortress of Alba.

SARAWAK.—A complete new issue has appeared here in exactly the same design as the previous issue, but printed on paper watermarked multiple rosettes. The denominations printed on this new paper are as follow:—1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 25, 30, 50 cents and 1 dollar. It will be noted that the 5c denomination is not included, but that it may be issued later on, the last supply of this denomination without watermark was sent out to Sarawak before the reduction was made in the Straits Settlements rate of postage with which Sarawak fell into line and as a result much larger stocks of the 5c stamps were left on hand than would otherwise have been the case, so that the old issue without watermark of this denomination will probably be on sale for some time to come.

SOUTH AFRICA.—The new 4d rectangular pictorial stamp has now appeared printed in brown and shows a picture of a South African Kraal. The stamps are printed in sheets showing the two varieties of inscription in English and Afrikaans. These stamps have also received the "S.W.A." overprint for use in South West Africa.

SWEDEN.—A set of five stamps will be issued on June 16th to commemorate the seventieth birthday of King Gustav V. The denominations and colours are as follow:—5 ore green, 10 ore violet, 15 ore red, 20 ore orange and 25 ore blue, but an additional charge of 5 ore on each stamp will be made, which will go to a fund for the fight against Cancer. These stamps will be available for franking all kinds of mail matter and they will be on sale until December 31st, after which date they will be withdrawn from sale.

URUGUAY.—A special 5 centavos commemorative stamp has been issued to celebrate the centenary of the Battle of Misiones.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

JUNE 1 SUBSCRIPTION RECORD

The leaders for the month are Andrew R. Perry, W. W. Betts and the Johnson Stamp Co. The three leaders for the year are W. W. Betts with 213, the Johnson Stamp Co. with 207, and the Ancher Stamp Co. with 169. Those having ten or more to their credit for May are:—

ANDREW R. PERRY	26
W. W. BETTS	24
JOHNSON STAMP CO.	22
ANCHER STAMP CO.	16
HAWKEYE STAMP CO.	14
T. D. BOTTOME	10

The standing for the eight months is as follows:—

W. W. Betts	213
Johnson Stamp Co.	207
Ancher Stamp Co.	169
H. A. Keigwin	107
Andrew R. Perry	106
Hawkeye Stamp Co.	93
D. B. Nagle Co.	82
Phil Lundsted	67
D. M. Ward	64
Loma Stamp Co.	53
Norman Shepard	52
C. W. Schmidt	49
Indian Stamp Co.	48
Rotnem Stamp Co.	41
Paul F. Cornish	40
Suburban Stamp Club	40
Palmer Stamp Co.	35
T. D. Bottome	35
Payn Stamp Co.	34
Auburn Stamp Co.	31
J. E. Guest	30
C. A. Stegmann	29
M. R. Lampson	28
Geo. W. Deering	27
A. K. Bert	25
Lakeview Stamp Co.	24
Louis Morrison	23
W. Mikkelsen Co.	22
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B. Elmer	20
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Buckey Stamp Co.	13
Stamp Studio	12
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E. D. Weber	12
R. H. Carlton	11
Mountain City Stamp Co.	11
R. S. Carter	11
Acme Stamp Co.	11
Henry George	10
C. A. Bensinger	10
C. H. Hollister	10
Palmyra Picka Stamp Club	9
T. H. Ames	9
W. H. Leckie	9
M. G. Hanna	9
R. D. Roberts	9
Fred Slack	9

Eight each:—Van's Stamp Co., W. Hemedinger, Sunshine Stamp Co., Samuel Bennett, G. P. Fish, Richmond Stamp Co., H. H. Shepard, Rev. E. A. Butler, Kolar Co., John Kay.

Seven each:—Paul Mole, Patapsco Stamp Co., Royal Stamp Co., Bradford, Pa., Witch City Stamp Co., A. W. Dunning, J. H. Blakney, H. D. Egolf.

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A more frequent use of the back of stamps is for the printing of some safety device or control, sometimes in place of a watermark. The blue posthorn on the back of Swedish stamps of 1886 to 1891 was of this class, and recently during a temporary shortage of stamp paper in New Zealand some unwatermarked paper was used, but before gumming, an imitation watermark "NZ and star" was lithographed in a faint blue or grey. The Hidalgo stamps of Mexico were also protected by a printing on the back covering the whole stamp with a moiré pattern. Queensland in 1879 and for a short period in 1896 used a burelé band, just a narrow strip of network pattern, across the back of each stamp.

Some of the early Greek stamps had numbers printed on the back, the figures denoting the denomination, which was not too clearly indicated on the front. There are some scarce errors of these in which the wrong denomination is shown on the back. Spain has numbered her stamps on the back for a considerable time. On the 1875 issue, and continuing up to 1900, each sheet of 100 stamps is numbered 1 to 100 on the back, but since 1900 the sheets have been numbered by a tell-tale apparatus and every stamp on one sheet bears the same number. Experiments were made in England within recent years for printing a tally on the back of stamps in caramel ink. This was intended to be used for stamps issued in coils, and would enable the user of a coil to know just how many stamps had been used or were left. Something of the kind may yet be adopted.

The most curious use of the backs of stamps occurred in Portugal in 1895 in connection with the handsome series issued to commemorate the seventh centenary of St. Anthony of Padua. The stamp shows scenes from the life of St. Anthony, but on the back of each is printed an invocation in Latin, with Portuguese heading.

Centenario de Santo Antonio,
MCXCV.—MDCCCXCV.

O lingua benedicta, quæ Dominum semper benedixisti et alios benedicere docuisti: nunc perspicue cernitur quanti meriti fueris apud Deum.—S. Bonaventura.

This may be rendered into English:—

O blessed tongue, who didst always bless the Lord and teach others to bless Him, now it is clearly seen of what great worth thou wast with God.—S. Bonaventura.

The allusion to the annual celebration on February 15 of the "Solemnity of the Tongue." The tongue of St. Anthony, on being examined thirty-two years after his death, is said to have remained perfect and intact.

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o " 10 Ruble indigo (Scott $6), u
o1926, 1 Ruble dk. brn. (Sc. 85c), u
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Probably no stamps of moder have provided such a novel sens the first issue for the new repu Latvia. In the absence of more material they were printed on the side of great stocks of German staff maps which had been left There was a great scramble to ge mens when these first came out; issue was a large one, and the are common to-day. The Latvia ried the idea further in using u exercise-book paper and big st part printed banknotes, some p by Bermondt and others by the viks. I have actually had proofs sued) of these stamps on the b sheets of gaudily lithographed for labels for a well-known br light beer.

In a recent article I described ber of examples of stamps prin both sides, which are amongst th interesting of all philatelic cur especially where one side of a st of one denomination, and the oth bears a different value. They ar class apart from those on whi backs have been used for speci poses. But before leaving the we cannot omit those historic cur of Prussia, in which the stamps printed on the back backwards. are the 10 and 30 silbergroschen of 1866, and being of high valu Prussia, the authorities were anxi ensure that once used, the stamps not be cleaned and used again—*P Stamp.*

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By Statutory Rules and Orders No. 15 of 1928, made by the Governor in Council, at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands, held at Basseterre, St. Kitts, on April 26th, 1928, 25 denominational varieties of Postage & Revenue stamps (with a face value of £5.11.1¼d) in use in the Federal Colony and the five Presidencies were abolished; two added (30s face), and in the rearrangement there are 63 varieties for the Colony and Presidencies with a face value of £4.8.9¼d instead of 86 varieties with a face value of £8.9.10½d.

Leeward Islands.
General Government.
Statutory Rules & Orders, 1928, No. 15.
Postage & Revenue Stamps.

The Stamps Order, 1928, dated April 26, 1928, made by the Governor in Council under sections 3 and 4 of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act (No. 3) 1890.

At an ordinary meeting of the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands, at the Council Chamber, Basseterre, St. Christopher—the 26th day of April, 1928.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

Whereas it is expedient to consolidate and amend certain Orders in Council relating to stamps for postage rates and stamp duties.

Now, therefore, the Governor in Council doth hereby order as follows:—

1. Short Title.

This Order may be cited as the Stamps Order, 1928.

2. Definition.

In this Order, the term "stamps" means adhesive stamps for postage and revenue, and includes envelopes, post cards and wrappers stamped for postal purposes.

3. Leeward Islands Stamps.

The uniform stamps for use throughout the Colony shall be of the values and descriptions specified in the first schedule hereto.

4. Presidential Stamps.

There shall be used in the Presidencies of Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Christopher and Nevis, and the Virgin Islands, respectively, special stamps of the values specified in the second schedule hereto for use in the said Presidencies respectively concurrently with the uniform stamps.

5. Designs.

The designs of the several stamps hereby authorised shall be as specified in the third schedule hereto.

6. Dies.

(i) The several dies and other implements required to give effect hereto shall be provided.

(ii) The several dies and other implements hitherto provided in respect of stamps heretofore authorised, but not specified in the first or second schedules hereto, shall be destroyed.

7. Repeal.

The Orders in Council specified in the fourth schedule hereto and all orders made prior to the date hereof under the authority of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act, 1890, authorising the issue of adhesive stamps are hereby rescinded; Provided that any stamps heretofore duly authorised, but not specified in the first and second schedules hereto may continue to be used unless or until otherwise ordered, and such stamps may continue to be sold until the existing stocks are exhausted.

Signed, HERBERT BOON,
Acting Clerk of the Council.

The First Schedule.
Leeward Islands stamps.

Adhesive stamps. ¼d, ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s, £1.

Post Cards. Single ½d, 1d.

Post Cards. Reply ½d, 1d on each portion.

Envelopes. 1d, 1½d.

Registered envelopes. 3d.

Wrappers. ¼d, ½d.

The Second Schedule.
Presidential stamps.

Adhesive stamps. ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s6d, 5s.

The Third Schedule.
Designs.

1. Leeward Islands.—The Head of His Majesty King George V.

2. Antigua.—Two medallions, one containing the Head of His Majesty King George V, and the other a representation of the device used on the public seal of the Presidency.

3. Dominica.—Two medallions, one containing the Head of His Majesty King George V, and the other a representation of the device used on the public seal of the Presidency.

4. Montserrat.—Two medallions, one containing the Head of His Majesty King George V, and the other a representation of the device used on the public seal of the Presidency.

5. St. Christopher and Nevis.—Two medallions, one containing the Head of His Majesty King George V, and the other representations of the devices used on the public seal of the United Presidency as follows:—

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ALL PRICES CANCELLED

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(b) The device emblematic of the sulphur baths at Nevis, 1d, 2d, 3d, 1s, 2s6d.

6. Virgin Islands.—Two medallions, one containing the Head of His Majesty King George V, and the other a representation of the device used on the public seal of the Presidency.

The Fourth Schedule.

Orders in Council rescinded:

3 Sept., 1901. New Stamps for Leeward Islands.
20 Feb., 1909. Adding new stamps for Leeward Islands.
25 Sept., 1916. New Stamps for Montserrat.
7 June, 1920. New Stamps for St. Christopher-Nevis.
29 June, 1921. New Stamps for Antigua.
12 Sept., 1921. New Stamps for Dominica.
9 Jan., 1922. Adding new stamps for Leeward Islands.
9 Jan., 1922. Adding new stamps for Antigua.

	Heretofore Den. & Face.	*Dropped* Den. & Face.	*Added* Den. & Face.	*Re-arrangement* Den. & Face
L. I. Federal,	16 19. 7¼d	5 10.3d	2 30s	13 39. 4¾d
Antigua,	15 39. 2½d	5 29.4d		10 9.10½d
Dominica,	15 39. 2½d	5 29.4d		10 9.10½d
Montserrat,	16 19. 7¾d	6 9.9¼d		10 9.10½d
St. K. Nevis,	13 41.10½d	3 32.		10 9.10½d
Br. Virgins,	11 10. 3½d	1 .5		10 9.10½d
	86 £8.9.10½d	25 £5.11.1¼d	2 30s	63 £4.8. 9¼d

9 Jan., 1922. Adding new stamps for St. Christopher-Nevis.
24 Mar., 1922. Overprinting the word "Barbuda" on Leeward Islands stamps.
24 Mar., 1922. New Stamps for the Virgin Islands.
24 Mar., 1922. Adding new stamps for Montserrat.
24 Mar., 1922. Adding new stamps for Antigua.
12 May, 1922. Adding new stamps for Dominica.
17 May, 1926. Adding new stamps for Leeward Islands.
8 Oct., 1926. Stamps on wrappers, envelopes and post cards for Leeward Islands.
8 Oct., 1926. Adding new stamps for the Virgin Islands.

By these Orders two high denominations, 10s and £1, have been added to the Leeward Islands Federal series, and these will be printed from the D. L. R., 1888, Postage & Revenue keyplate, King George V design, the 10s in green and carmine on green script watermarked paper, and the £1 in violet and black on Roman CA watermarked red paper, probably from keyplate No. 20.

The denominations abolished are as follows:—

Leeward Islands Federal series, 4d, 5d, 2s6d, 3s and 4s,	5	10.3d
Antigua, 4d, 2s, 3s, 4s, £1,	5	29.4d
Dominica, 4d, 2s, 3s, 4s, £1,	5	29.4d
3s and 4s,	6	9.9¼d
St. Kitts-Nevis, 2s, 10s, £1,	3	32.0
Br. Virgins, 5d,	1	.5
	25	£5.11.1¼d

These denomination stamps, however, are to continue on sale until the present stocks are exhausted, or unless otherwise ordered.

With the re-arrangement each of the five Presidencies will have a series of ten denominations, i.e., ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s6d and 5s (face 9.10½d), while in the Leewards Federal series there will be these same denominations minus the 2s6d, but with the addition of ¼d, 2s, 10s, and £1 (face £1.19.4¾d).

The following tabulation shows the number of stamps (and face value) in the series at present; the denominations dropped, added, and as the series will be in the re-arranged schedule.

The 5d of Montserrat and Br. Virgin Islands, as well as the £1 of St. Kitts-Nevis have been exhausted for some time, but in several instances, the denominations cancelled are on sale with the two varieties of watermark, i.e., Roman and script CA, notably.

Leeward Islands Federal—4d, plate 10, Roman CA yellow, and plate 11, script CA yellow.
2/6 Roman CA blue.
2/6 script CA blue, plates 10 and 11.
St. Kitts-Nevis—2s, Roman CA, blue.
2s, script CA, blue.

NICARAGUA VS. COL. REPUBLIC

By E. J. S. HALVORSEN.

Permit me to take exceptions to the front page article by Mr. John L. Stroub, subject "Nicaragua as the largest stamp country in the world."

Whatever seems to be the object of this article is rather immaterial, but if Nicaragua is supposed to have issued more stamps than any other country, what about Colombian Republic? I must frankly admit that I never knew, never took the trouble to count them, but just now I went through Scott Cat. and find that Col. Rep.—not considering Panama nor Canal Zone—has issued nearly 1,400 stamps, disregarding paper eties—tete beche's, errors and t Also omitting such items as for ir 20 varieties of a certain stamp o I have counted the color and sha riety as per Scott, and I find tha are about 1,388 cataloged stamps. thermore, I believe, Colombian R stamps are some of the best goin if it were not for the fact that truthfully speaking—are quite and that most any collector is to tackle them," these stamps wo quite in style. Once a collector into" these adhesives and begins at least half a show, I feel sure, t will never quit, except for this very natural reason, that Col. Re mighty hard to find, in fact, outs the minor common varieties, the scarcer than the proverbial "hen's Nicaraguans do not come anywh the neighborhood of that category.

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LY is going to issue 3 new stamps mmemorating the fourth centenary manuel Philibert of Savoy, and the annual of the Victory. We expect stamps to be distributed within the ortnight of June. It is also shortly ted the new stamp of centesimi 7½ ke the place of the old one sur- ed on 85c. (Scott No. 158).—*ie Filatelica Nazionale.*

have received from F. A. Spiel- man, Fairfield, Ia., a cover from the P. convention at Kansas City. It by airmail and thanks to Mr. man's enterprise bears a rubber ing of a hugh elephant.

have previously announced 11.30 A. M. as the earliest postal dating llation used at the Midwestern Ex- ion. We have now been shown by Madow a 10.30 cancellation, which doubt the earliest one used.

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Part I—The Bureau Prints

During the past few months changes have been slowly taking place leading to a, standardization of Bureau overprintings. The above illustrations show the two styles that will be used. All orders since the first of the year have been filled in this font of type where a new precancelling roll was made. There are many old rolls that will not be scrapped until they have become worn sufficiently to warrant their being discarded, so a complete standardization will not take place for many months. Now is the time to watch the Bureaus closely, for with the changing styles there are bound to be many varieties on the 11x10½ perforation that will become quite scarce. One that I might mention is the 1½c Omaha ordinary in the old style which was superseded by the style shown by Chicago and Camden, after a single printing. In order that we may see what is taking place in the Bureau field, I shall list unchronicled items and follow with a comment.

March Orders

E. Pittsburgh, Pa.—1½, 3c coils.
Baltimore, Md.—1½c coil.
Memphis, Tenn.—3, 4, 5, 10c coils.

April Orders

Richmond, Va.—1c coil.
Richmond, Va.—1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10c ordinary.
Baltimore, Md.—2, 3, 4, 5, 10c coils.
Battle Creek—3c ordinary.
Girard, Kans.—3c ordinary.

May Orders
(Incomplete List)

Chicago—1½c coil.
Minneapolis—1½c ordinary.
San Francisco—1½c coil, 9c ordinary.
Kansas City—1½c coil.
New York—1½, 3c, ordinary.

East Pittsburg—The March order marks the first arrival of Bureaus at this office. The Westinghouse people will probably use the entire supply.

Baltimore—Has for many months refrained from ordering the coils, in preference to precancelling them locally with the Multipost machine. We find that the entire set of coils has been ordered except the 1c, for which there is little need because of existing rates.

Memphis—Has had the 1, 1½, 2c coils in stock since Bureau precancelling first began. Now the set is complete, but two styles will be found, as the last order must have been printed in the new. This I cannot vouch for as I have so far seen none of the 3, 4, 5 and 10c coils.

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(Continued from Nov. 7th)

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The lists, of course, are not complete. They include only selections here and there from a collection of nearly one hundred volumes, and many items not mentioned are equally rare or equally desirable. Many of these items have been sold and now grace some of the foremost collections in America and the British Isles, but thousands of other beautiful stamps, blocks and covers are still available and want lists are solicited on all general issues after 1856. Five dollar orders receive the same courteous attention given to five thousand dollar orders. The sales referred to, without exception, have been bona fide transfers to new owners. Items for which I could find no buyer and which were returned (I don't say "sold back"), to the original owner are not reckoned as "sales". I have not found it necessary to exaggerate my own importance as a dealer by inflating statements of purchases or sales, nor by distorting facts, nor by committing assault and mayhem on the truth. Rather, I am quite satisfied to let facts speak for themselves, well knowing that he who blinds himself to them makes of himself either a liar or a fool—if not both.

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They must have liked the looks of the Bureau work, judging from the short time that elapsed after the original requisition.

Battle Creek—Adds the 3c ordinary to the 1, 1½ and 2c in the old style. These are fairly scarce with the exception of the 1½c, so it is logical to presume that the 3c will be fairly difficult to secure.

Girard, Kans.—Requests the 3c ordinary, making a total of three items to complete its set. As the Haldemann-Julius Co. is the only large user of Girard precancels, they will doubtless purchase most of these three cent Bureaus.

Chicago, Ill.—Reached me today, (June 10th) on the 1½c coil in the illustrated style. This means other varieties should follow soon.

Minneapolis—I have a report that the next order for the 1½c ordinary will be precancelled in the new style shown by Camden and Chicago. None have appeared yet.

San Francisco—Has had a worn plate for some time, so it does not surprise me to see the 1½c coil and 9c ordinary in the style shown by New York.

Kansas City—Is also going to come in the three line type. I have it on the 1½c coil.

New York—Was the first to break loose with the standard style in three lines. The 1½ and 3c have appeared to date and by the time this reaches your eyes, others of the set will likely be out.

Information on hand enables me to tip off readers of this column that these offices will shortly have Bureau precancels in the new standard style: Muncie, Worcester, St. Paul and Providence.

Part II—Miscellaneous

Lankershim, Calif.—The 1½c mentioned in my last article will undoubtedly be a "classic." Burt C. Wear, formerly sales manager of the P. S. S. advises that: "The name of this office was changed to North Hollywood over a year ago. I think 1½c precancels were used for about six months before the change in name. From a block I have the device appears to be a four-unit handstamp."

Henry F. Kinnear of Los Angeles also writes as follows: "I read with interest your Precancel Notes in the last issue of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. I see you list one from Lankershim, Calif. I am not a collector of Precancels, but suggest that this would be a good item to hold on to as this city was recently annexed to the City of Los Angeles. I drove thru there a week or so ago and note that they have changed the name Lankershim to North Hollywood least they have taken the Lanke name off the railway station and p the name of North Hollywood. T the best thing they do out here, c the names of cities and streets. time there is a new City Council immediately start in changing nam

San Rafael, Calif.—Has beco precancelling office. Besides a pla 73 handstamp, it has been furnis U-12 electro plate. The latter sho prettily on a 10c at hand.

Santa Monica, Calif.—Is preca ling with the smaller U-13 elect have it on the 12, 13, and 20c.

Dinuba, Calif.—Is a newcome first appears to me on a 6c in the style of handstamp.

Oroville, Calif.—Is out with an in the U-73 style. The 6, 7, 11, an have been seen by me.

La Salle, Ill.—Has a U-12 el plate. The specimen I saw was printed in a grey ink and rather r bled a handstamped impression.

Warren, O.—Is still another tion to the list of offices employin U-12 electro.

Fort Dodge, Iowa—Changes t small U-13 style from the U-10. sides the 10c of the current issue, I acquired the 1, 2 and 5c.

Newark, O.—Has long used n tudes of precancels, all of which been handstamped in a soluble ink. we need not fear their soaking for is a U-12 electro plate doing the wo

Stevens Point, Wis.—Never made much of a flare in the prec world, and I was quite surprised to that they now have a three line electro plate at that office. This is out by a 15c of the current series arrived a few days ago.

Paterson, N. J.—Is precance with a mimeograph. As precance this sort are always good propert will be interesting to hunt for them

Minneapolis, Minn.—On the 10c in the U-13 electro is a hard ite match. It came to me in a depart store job lot, so there is nothing "pho about it.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Appears in U-12 style on the 20c with the over reading horizontally. This leads n agree with Prof. Gamber, who show a specimen, that the cancellation is set especially for the rectangular denominations. There are varietie spacing that seem to bear out this tention.

Denver, Colo.—The serif type i trated in a recent issue is evident new plate, although it seems very str when the U-12 style superseded the but a short time ago. In the new ver overprint I have the 9, 15, 30 50c, besides the 20c which was the of the series to come forth.

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have just received from R. H. Mower, 12 Geary St., San Francisal., his June, 1928, price list. It is illustrated and prices a large vat of sets and single stamps. A copy be mailed on request.

he Detroit *News* of Sunday, June is a very fine full page feature d "Air Mail Fans Stamp Collectervor." It is finely illustrated with es of Postmaster Charles G. Kelstamping airmail, John Kay, the n Detroit collector, Anthony Core Herman W. Boers, Leon Berman Ward R. Chapin. As the title indi- the article deals particularly with il and is a superb production.

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Tucked away in the Postal Bulletin, hardly visible to the naked eye, there appeared the following: "Discontinued—Massachusetts, 4985, Hartford, Conn. to Holyoke. From June 15th. (Not necessary)". In other words, the first motorcycle feeder route has passed out of the picture. Watch the covers that were carried on the first trips take a shoot up in value!

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Another announcement comes as a distinct shock. The Ford Motor Co., contractors of route 6, have asked to be relieved of the contract, effective July 19th, 1928. The opening of the feeder route from Toledo to Detroit is the cause of the discontinuance of CAM No. 6; as no mention is made of CAM No. 7, it is reasonable to suppose that this will be discontinued as soon as the new Michigan route gets going. The Ford Motor Co. took hold of the mail contracts at a time when private interests were somewhat chary of investing in the new venture and their example was all that was needed to demonstrate to private contractors the possibilities of Air Mail. Covers from this route will undoubtedly become very scarce on the open market, for in addition to being the first privately operated CAM, there has always been a sentimental interest in anything pertaining to Henry Ford and the covers have always been good property.

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R. E. Richard has called my attention to the fact that on the recent First Flight, northbound, of CAM No. 17, covers out of Richmond, Va., bear the machine cancellation of May 1st, 10 P. M., while the First Flight cachet is dated May 2nd!

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Are you all set for July 10th? Here is the latest dope. Special cancellations will be used at CEDAR RAPIDS, IA., and LINCOLN, NEB., ONLY, according to the Postal Bulletin. Other stops are Des Moines, Ia., and Omaha, Neb. Westbound plane will leave Chicago on July 10th at 5.45 A. M. and the return plane will leave Lincoln, Neb., at 2.45 P. M., same date. This trip has no bearing on the Transcontinental plane, so save your money and not send covers to point on CAM 18.

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My co-operators are doing great! The past few days have brought in items from S. D. Ravenel, Jr., R. E. Richard, Anna M. Schafer, A. A. Leve, Victor Donatelli, Walter Bruggmann, Fred Baumgartner and L. B. Gatchell. Don't forget the change in address for the Summer months—Buzzards Bay, Mass. Or if in a hurry, 24 Milk Street, Boston, Mass. My stenog will be on the job if I fail to show up.

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Tulsa, Okla., will be served from Ponca City, Okla., effective on July 5th. The plane will connect at the latter city with the Southbound plane from Chicago at 4.10 A. M., arriving in Tulsa at 5.20 A. M. The return plane leaves Tulsa at 6.30 P. M., the Northbound plane being due at Ponca City at 10.50 P. M.

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Yes, I sympathize with you, but it costs me money, too! If I ever stop and check back to see what these new routes are costing, am afraid that it will spoil my vacation. So I am not going to do it! This little Tulsa affair means 18 covers to a set and as for the Michigan Blanket—well, you count 'em, I haven't the courage! Wish the 5c rate was working!

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SPECIAL AIR MAIL NOTE

Post Office Dept. announces the new 5c stamp will go on sale at Washington on July 25th. The design is described as follows:—

"The new stamp is a horizontal rectangle 1 3/32nds by 1 15/32nds inches in size, and is printed in two colors, the outer border in red and the vignette in blue. The central design represents the beacon light on Sherman Hill, in the Rocky Mountains, with a mail plane in flight at the left. In a panel at the top of the stamp are the words "U. S. Postage" in white Roman letters, and on the ribbons directly beneath, supported by acanthus scrolls, are the words "Air" on the left and "Mail" on the right. Ornamental designs appear in both upper corners and both lower corners, within circles with dark backgrounds, is the white numeral "5". A white bordered panel at the bottom of the stamp contains the word "Cents" in white Roman letters."

THE "FAMOUS" ST. HELENA 7sh6d

By Th. Berg.

(We feel that we have now given sufficient space to this vexed question of the market value of the St. Helena 7sh 6d and this communication will end the discussion. Were we to continue it, we might lay ourselves open to even stronger criticism. The poor editor knows but little about stamp values.—W. O. W.)

I notice that efforts are still being made to boost the now quite famous St. Helena 7/6. It is already several weeks ago that in one of my advts. in your paper I dealt with this stamp, and pointed out that it was then still current. The occasion for that statement was that certain parties had been trying to boost this stamp. I follow very closely the principal markets for British Colonials, and dare say that this "promotion" of the 7/6 took place only in the American market, and I consider it rather outrageous that collectors should be made to believe that the stamp was worth more than 100% over face. The men responsible for the boosting undoubtedly acted in good faith, and it must be considered as the acme of decency on their part to ask merely $5.00 for a stamp of such high face value—a stamp that was supposed to have become obsolete under such promising circumstances. It is nothing short of charity!

More recent developments seem to show that the rumors about this stamp have now crossed the ocean because I notice that some unknown British "expert" pronounces it as "the best stamp of the month." It is now only for him to tell us definitely of which month! It is certainly not "the best stamp of any past months" because it is still current. The source of my information cannot be questioned, and my latest advices were received only a few days ago.

It is not for me to say (and I am rather sure that it is not for anyone in the philatelic world to say) when this stamp will become obsolete. It is just as liable as any other current stamp to be withdrawn at any time.

While I wish to compliment you, Mr. Editor, on the great amount of really original and very useful information which you are able to pass on to your dealers, I think it is time for every editor to realize their responsibilities when it comes to accepting contributions purporting to contain "financial advice" in connection with stamps.

While on the subject of "market tips" may I at the same time kill the tip given on the Gibraltar 20/- in new colors. The information given some months ago in a leading American journal that this value would, or possibly might, change colors seems to be quite without any foundation because it is now already several weeks ago that a new printing was ordered.

We can no doubt thank these same "experts" for the boom which during recent months has existed in the various 20/- stamps on red paper. Some of the gossipers had it that the red paper would not at all be used for the 20/- stamps in the future—others knew to tell us that the long awaited change in watermark would take place. Of course, we all know that the Crown Agents' supply of block wmk. red paper is not going to last forever—but I am quite sure that no news regarding changes leak out of No. 4 Millbank. It may interest your readers to know that stamps like the Nigeria No. 12 and Sierra Leone 119 have been despatched to the respective Colonies during quite recent months.

PLEASE NOTE

that on July 1 I go to my fishing camp in Canada, to be gone till Sept. 15th. Letters addressed to 15 John St., New York, will be forwarded, but as far as stamps are concerned, there will be nothing doing till Sept. 15th. Life's too short to endure a New York summer. [56

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EDITORIALETTES

By CORNELIUS WRINKLE
(F. J. Melville, *Postage Stamp*)

A "Royal" Congress. — June will witness the fifteenth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in London under the auspices of the Royal Philatelic Society, and I have no doubt it will be one of the most notable in the series of these gatherings. The proceedings will open with a reception by the President and Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society, on Monday, June 25th, and the formal business of Congress will be taken daily from Tuesday, 26th, to Friday the 29th. A number of interesting visits will be mingled with a variety of entertainments, including a concert and dance. An exhibition of rarities at the Royal Philatelic Society's headquarters, at 41 Devonshire Place, is announced for Tuesday, June 26th.

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Old Friends and New.—I hope to have the pleasure of meeting many of the provincial and country readers of *The Postage Stamp* at some of the Congress gatherings. Both the business meetings and the entertainments afford very pleasurable opportunities for renewing old acquaintanceships and making new ones, and this is, after all, one of the most delightful features of the annual "meet." At the time of writing, we know not what business is coming before this year's Congress, the titles of papers not being yet announced. But as they include papers by Mr. W. Dorning Beckton, Capt. H. R. Oldfield, Dr. Byam, and Mr. J. M. Wilson, there should be a good variety of themes under discussion. One wonders rather why, when gentlemen of their standing write papers for reading at Congress, it is found impossible (or perhaps considered inadvisable) to disclose the titles of their papers.

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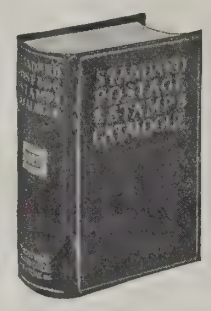

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Captain Crouch's Collections.—Messrs. Plumridge and Co.'s sale catalogue for June 14th and 15th, recalls some of my happiest philatelic memories and the greatest of my philatelic sorrows. The sale comprises the collection of my old chum, Captain Lionel Crouch, of the 1st Bucks Battalion of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, who was killed in action near Pozières, on July 21, 1916. He was then but twenty-nine years of age. He was Vice-President of the Junior Philatelic Society, to which he bequeathed his fine philatelic library.

He was a very constant and delightful contributor to *The Postage Stamp*, and was deputising for the Editor when the war broke out. The Editor was unable to get back from a trip in which he had intended to visit Finland, Russia and Germany, and Crouch, who was already a captain in the 1st Bucks Volunteer Corps, had to relinquish all philatelic work and his profession of the law.

His stamp collections, which were extensive, were formed "more by dint of persevering search and research, than by lavish expenditure." I am sorry that they should have to be broken up, especially the Hayti and the Honduras. They were preserved by his father, Mr. William Crouch, who died in February this year, and left instructions that they were to be sold by auction. They include chiefly interesting collections of United States, France, Hayti, Honduras and Carlist stamps of Spain.

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An American Exhibition. — May should have proved a memorable one for philatelists in the Midwestern States of the U. S. A., for from the 21st to 26th, there was held in Cleveland, Ohio, the first Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition. Without striving to compete in scope and magnificence with the New York International Exhibition of 1926, it appears to have been well planned, and ably advertised.

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A Famous Philatelic "Burg." — Cleveland is no mean city, even philatelically. It was the headquarters and home of the greatest of the American general collectors, the late Mr. George H. Worthington. With him was associated one of the most experienced professional philatelists in the United States, Mr. Alvin Good. Among other early memories of Cleveland friends, I recall Mr. O. S. Hart, who was one of the first to try and plate the New York "postmaster" stamp, and Mr. W. H. Barnum, one-time secretary of the American Philatelic Society.

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Its Influential Coterie.—In this Ohio city there has existed for nearly forty years a small but continuously active philatelic society, whose double-barrelled name—"The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club"—will conjure up memories for many an old-time collector, and for the philatelic literaturist. The Club has its permanent quarters with meeting room in Prospect-Fourth Building, and meets every Friday. It has never been a big society numerically, but it has always been remarkable for the quality of studentship among its members, among them, in addition to those already mentioned, Mr. J. V. Painter, Charles L. Pack, John F. Rust, J. C. Sanderson, and Dr. T. H. Tubman.

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£100,000,000 in "Facsimiles."—Work is progressing on the albums of Fournier Facsimiles, but the magnitude of the task undertaken by the Union Philatélique de Geneva is colossal. An inventory has been taken of the facsimiles dealt with, and they amount at catalogue value of the stamps they represent to Swiss francs 2,354,875,070, or in the neighbourhood of £100,000,000. This is without counting the millions of soiled and defective facsimiles which have been destroyed in bulk. It becomes more than ever clear that the Geneva Society has rendered a most distinguished service to Philately in clearing this vast stock of spurious stamps from the market.

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The Soviet Government.—The Soviet Government has started an air service linking Moscow with Teheran, Persia and Kabul. So Afghanistan has now its first air route. The service, later on, may include Erzerum, Sivas and other Turkish towns and possibly Angora.

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The New Germany.—Germany has announced her intention of issuing an eight and a fifteen pfennig stamp with the designs of her two presidents, Ebert and von Hindenburg, in June. The official decree does not state whether the stamps showing pictures of Goethe and Kant will be withdrawn. The Frederick the Great stamp will be retained however.

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Explorers on Stamps.—New Caledonia, the French Colony in the Pacific, has just been given an entirely new s of pictorial stamps. The higher va bear portraits of Bougainville and Pérouse, two eighteenth-century Fr explorers, while other stamps show v of the Colony.—*Daily Mail*, 7-5-28.

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"Daily Telegraph" Exhibition Olympia.—The *Daily Telegraph* is ganising a great Exhibition of Anti and Works of Art at Olympia, to held from July 19th to August 1st year. The exhibition will cover m phases of collecting, including post stamps, and the President of the J. P has consented to act on the Execu Committee. Most philatelists, and stamp trade, will recognise the not service the *Daily Telegraph* has rende to Philately in maintaining the regu Thursday "Postage Stamps" feat which has been contributed by Mr. M ville for eighteen years or so. For greater part of the time the "D. T." v the only great newspaper which ope its columns to a regular feature on sta collecting.

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The British Empire has not been lavish with its commemoratives. Besides those previously mentioned in connection with the Near and Middle East (Hongkong, India, and Tonga), only the following have appeared:

1497—Discovery of Newfoundland by John Cabot. A beautiful set illustrative of the chief occupation of the inhabitants of the island—lumbering, mining, hunting, and fishing. There are also portraits of Henry VII and John Cabot, and a picture of the *Matthew*.

1498—Columbus' discovery of Grenada (1898) and of Trinidad (1898). St. Lucia commemorated the fourth centenary of its discovery four years later.

1605—Annexation of Barbados by the crew of the English ship, *Olive Blossom* (1905).

1608—Founding of Quebec (Canada, 1908). Portraits of Cartier, Champlain, Montcalm, Wolfe, King Edward VII, and Queen Alexandra, and King George V and Queen Mary (then Prince and Princess of Wales) are shown. Cartier's fleet, Champlain's house, or rather fort) in Quebec, and Quebec itself (1700) also appear.

1609—Landing of Sir George Somers in Bermuda (1909).

1610—Settlement of Newfoundland by John Guy (1910). Portraits of James I, John Guy, and Lord Bacon, "the guiding spirit in the colonization scheme."

1620—Establishment of representative institutions in Bermuda (1920).

1788—Founding of New South Wales (1888). Captain Cook, Captain Phillip (the first governor) and Lord Carrington (governor in 1888) appear.

1805—Battle of Trafalgar. Issued by Barbados (1906), in the capital of which (Bridgetown), according to the stamp, was erected the first monument to Nelson (1813). Actually the first monument to him was erected in Montreal in 1808.

1837—Accession of Queen Victoria (1897). Great Britain, Barbados, British Guiana, Canada, the Leeward Islands, Mauritius, and New South Wales, all issued special stamps to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. In addition the Newfoundland issue of 1897 commemorated the queen's accession as well as Cabot's discovery.

1901—Boer War (New Zealand, 1901), "The Empire's Call."

1905—Opening of the Victoria Falls Bridge across the Zambesi (Rhodesia, 1905).

1910—Visit of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to Rhodesia on behalf of King George V and Queen Mary, who are pictured on the stamps (1910). The death of Edward VII made it impossible for the new king and queen to make the projected visit in person.

1910—Union of Cape Colony, Natal, Transvaal, and Orange River Colony in the Union of South Africa (1910).

1911—Coronation of George V (Newfoundland, 1911). The eleven values bear portraits of the king and queen, their six children, the queen mother, the Duke of Connaught, uncle of the king, and the seal of the Colony.

1918—End of the Great War (Newfoundland, 1918). Picture of a caribou and inscription "Trail of the Caribou" on each stamp. Twelve values, eight of them bearing names of battles in which Newfoundland troops took part. New Zealand and Barbados also put forth "Victory Stamps" a year later.

Religion, literature and the other arts, and in a lesser degree, science, have been the subjects of a considerable number of commemorative stamps.

Stamps with a scientific theme are just four in number—a French stamp celebrating the centenary of the birth of Pasteur (1923), a Netherland stamp celebrating the centenary of the founding of the Royal Dutch Lifeboat Society, and two Russian stamps, both issued in 1925, the one commemorating the bicentenary of the founding of the Russian Academy of Science, the other in honor of Popoff and his researches in wireless telegraphy.

Stamps with a religious theme are more numerous. As has already been related some of the ordinary stamps of Bavaria, the Virgin Islands, Liechtenstien, and Malta bear rather symbolic portraits of the Virgin Mary and the Apostle Paul, while Las Casas is portrayed on a stamp of the Dominican Republic. However, Portugal and some of her colonies

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By Manley L. Behrens.

The Senn Stamp Club's fifth semi-annual soiree and stamp exhibition held in the auditorium and main dining room of the North End Club of Chicago on June 8, 1928, was well attended and was an entire success in every way, there being thirty of thirty-four members and fifty guests present. The exhibits were of a very high order, there being four classes in which there were a total of fifteen entries. The winners and their entries were:

1. *Neatest Arrangement* (not most elaborate, but most serviceable for collection purposes)—First, Gilbert Force, with a collection of U. S. mounted on quadrilled sheets with lined squares around each stamp and appropriate illustrations for commemorative issues; Second, Edwin Zimmer, with the country of Carinthia taken from his collection, the pages had a hand drawn border with the stamps mounted on a black background.

2. *Most Complete Country*—Frank Cunningham and Manley Behrens tied for a first place, both having the country of Liechtenstein complete and equally well mounted.

3. *Historically Interesting*—First, Cramer MacMillan, with a collection of patriotic covers with a footnote about the history or meaning of each; Second, Edwin Zimmer, with a very good historical article centered around King Edward VII as shown on the 12-cent Newfoundland stamp of 1910.

4. *The Largest Number of Countries*—Won by Todd Ebbers with one hundred and ninety-two countries represented. (This class was for Juniors only.)

The announcements were made by Raymond Hamer as though over a radio, a microphone being used on the stage, and the whole stage program being conducted as though in a broadcasting station. All plays were written entirely by members of the Club, and with the exception of one or two parts all the acting was done by members. The second original playlet on the program, "The Playactor," had for its plot the sale of a valuable stamp collection.

Philately—King of Hobbies

By Ralph J. Taylor.

Philately holds the position in the world today of being one of the largest and most extensive, if not the largest and most extensive hobby. The word philately comes from the Greek words loving and free of tax.

The fancy for this interesting hobby began shortly after the first British one and two penny stamps were issued, this was in 1840. Dr. Gray, an official of the British Museum, began to collect them soon after their appearance. It was not until 1842 however that the hobby began to be carried on with regard to such details as watermarks, perforations, different kinds of paper, and distinctive outline. In the same year that excellent British magazine, *Punch*, ridiculed the "collection of worthless bits of paper," as it was then considered.

Probably the first attention paid to the systematic collection of postage stamps by countries was in 1842 when a teacher in Paris instructed his pupils to paste stamps on the pages of their atlases and geographies according to countries. Paris collectors were the first to classify stamps, measure them by the gauge, and separate the distinct issues of each country.

Small bodies of English, French and American stamp enthusiasts formed themselves into clubs as early as 1865; however, the great English society, The Philatelic Society of London, was not formed until 1869. The leading society in America today is the American Philatelic Association; the Societe Francaise de Timbrologie leads the list of philatelic clubs in France.

Around the World Letters

By Philip H. Ward, Jr.

I have Mr. Maurer's favor of the 15th relative to "Around the World" letters, and in reply would advise that the Post Office Department frowns upon such procedure and does not countenance the sending of letters around the world. As a result, I doubt whether today a communication could be so mailed. The usual way is to place a 5-cent stamp upon the letter and should it be mailed from Boston, it should be addressed to Robert L. Maurer, % Postmaster, San Francisco. On the back in pencil, notation should be made that letter should be returned to Boston, via then mention—Japan, etc., where the letter is to pass through. Request should also be made that each postmaster postmark the communication.

As postmasters have been instructed to hold up such letters, I doubt whether they would meet with much success.

Kaieteur Falls

Kaieteur Falls, pictured on the 2c and 10c values of the British Guiana Jubilee issue of 1898, is one of the greatest natural wonders of the colony. The waterfall, discovered in 1870, is formed by the waters of the Potaro river, a tributary of the Esseguibo. The river plunges with a sheer descent of 741 feet over hard ledge of rock, 370 feet wide, whose underlying soft layers are worn back into an enormous black cavern, against which the white spray appears with wonderful effect. The surrounding scenery is grand and picturesque, the whirlpool below the fall being surrounded by a beautiful natural amphitheatre.—Clark Cooper.

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Managing Editor.

Here and There

Our lady friends talk about whether they should have bobbed hair or not. Then if they have it bobbed, whether to let it stay that way or have it grow out again. If all the ladies had a set of Congo stamps of 1923-27, they surely could get some ideas on how (?) to dress up their hair. Look at the damsel pictured on the five centime value; looks like the horn of a sword fish. This is by far the most exaggerated style of the lot.

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A stamp that always appeals is the Newfoundland half cent stamp of 1887 and 1896 showing a full faced view of a big Newfoundland dog. This dog has such an intelligent look that he makes friends with everyone. Altho the dog is a common domestic animal and found in all parts of the world, his picture has not appeared on postage stamps as much as other domestic or wild animals.

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I sometimes wonder what kind of wild or domestic fowl can make such tracks as the surcharges on the stamps of Nejd. Owing to the price of most of them, only a few need worry as to whether they have them in their albums right side up or not. Scott's catalogue says that these surcharges sometimes come inverted, double, etc. What can the, "etc.," stand for? I think a person would need more than two hands to help him talk to explain that, let alone translate them.—A. C. LeDuc.

S-S-S-S

Sharki-El-Erdon.—An inscription in Arabic on Palestine E. E. F. stamps meaning "East of Jordan."

6 De Marzo De 1845—5 De Junio De 1895.—These inscriptions on Ecuador 1896 issue can be easily translated. The set was issued to commemorate two triumphs of the Liberal party, one in 1845 when it secured temporary supremacy and the other in 1895, its final ascendency to power.

Smilten.—This is a small town in Livonia situated on the Abuka River with a population of about 3,500 and occupied by Bolshevists in 1918. In 1919 under the Estonian Occupation Forces, certain Russian stamps were surcharged for the Lettonian post. The town being without stamps, the commander of the occupying forces ordered Russian stamps lying at the post office to be overprinted and used. The issue was limited, only one value being surcharged, the 25 kap.

S. N. D. A.—These four letters are prominently displayed on all values of the Dante commemorative set issued by Italy in 1921. They represent the patriotic Italian society "Societa Nazionale Dante Alighieri" in whose interests the stamps were issued.

The Leeward Islands

The Leeward Islands is a British Colony in the West Indies consisting of five groups of islands called presidencies. These presidencies are Antigua, with Barbuda and Redonda; St. Christopher and Nevis with Anguilla; Dominica; Montserrat; and the Virgin Islands. They all have local legislatures except the Virgin Islands. There is a legislative Council for the whole colony and subordinate to it are these local legislatures. In 1890, a set of stamps was issued for use by the entire colony and the stamps that had been used by the separate groups were discontinued. There is still a general issue for the Leeward Islands, but in recent years all five presidencies have had their own sets as well.—A. C. LeDuc.

New 5-Cent Air Mail Sta

Owing to the new rate of pos air mail, effective August 1, 1928 O. Department is about to issue 5-cent air mail stamp.

The new stamp is a horizontal gle 1 3/32 by 1 15/32 inches in is printed in two colors, the outer in red and the vignette in blu central design represents the beac on Sherman Hill, in the Rocky tains, with a mail plane in fligh left. In a panel at the top of th are the words "U. S. Postage" roman letters, and on ribbons beneath, supported by acanthus are the words "Air" on the "Mail" on the right. Ornamental appear in both upper corners and lower corners, within circles wi backgrounds, is the white nume A white bordered panel at the bo the stamp contains the word "C white roman letters.

The new 5-cent air mail sta first be placed on sale July 25, Washington, D. C., and for the of stamp collectors the stamp w be placed on sale the same date Philatelic Agency, Division of Post Office Department.

Mt. Roraima

Mount Roraima, appearing on 5c and 15c values of the British Jubilee issue of 1898, is a rem mesa or flat-topped mountain sit the common boundary point of ela, Brazil and British Guiana. sloping talus at the base the per lar rock walls rise to a sheer h nearly 3,000 feet, though a slopin at one side enables an ascent to to the summit, 8,740 feet above s —Clark Cooper.

Correspondence Results

By R. L. Maurer,
1480 Clarence Av., Lakewood

Argentine Republic—Mr. L Camusi, "Jefe del Servicio Intern of the Post Office Department, I Service, wrote to me in Spanis really don't know exactly what but think that he will accept c current Argentine at face. He to trade for U. S.

Austria—The P. M. of (can't make out his name) w willing to accept cash for curre tria at face plus postage and list for me.

British Honduras—The Postmaster at Belize sent a type list and expressed a willingness cept money orders for said stam

Belgium—From Belgium con word to "envoyer vos demandes au table, 5e Section à Bruxelles, 1, suppose he wants to sell by mone A list was enclosed and he wen say that all issues would be sup long as they lasted.

Br. N. Borneo—Mr. B. B. Postmaster at Sandakan, said would sell stamps of B. N. B. at a postal M. O. was sent.

Cape Verde—The meaning letter from the postmaster of was rather vague, but I have small list and remittance to see will get.

Cayman Islands—The postma Grand Cayman has a terrible sig which cannot be deciphered; regar that, however, he is willing to current issues at face plus postag

Chile—Mr. Joaquin Aguirre director general of posts and tele was so kind as to send 5c worth current stamps in return for stamp I sent him. He will also

eorder for current issues of Chile
d plus postage.
hia—From war-torn China comes
rd that the current issue as well
Sinkiang Surcharged, old die and
d, new and cancelled, The Yunnan
rged, uncancelled, and the Ki-Hei
rge uncancelled will be sent on
pof a money order.
il.—F. G. Masvidal, administrator
os, has several times filled orders
for current Cuban at face plus
His office is in Havana.
dor—Mr. Luis A. Gandara,
f Claims, G. P. O., Quito, sent
wenty dollars worth of stamps
registered mail and told me to
ull I had no need for. He said
hereafter he would expect a list and
tice in advance. He had a few
ues and all current.
ji-From Suva, Fiji, comes the
om Alex. Gray, Postmaster, that
stamps will be sold on receipt of
order for face value.
any—The Versandstelle fur
rmarken in Berlin sells current
y at face and also sends a list
rm to fill out.
Britain—The Secretary, G. P.
that a money order would be
for all current stamps as used
British Isles.
uras—Mr. Vicente Celeni, P.
Tegucigalpa, referred me to Dr.
iron Membreno, of said city. I
know what he will sell or his

—G. Kondo, P. M. of Tokio,
t money orders would be ac-
or current Japan, return postage
luded.
enstein, Luxemburg (philatelic
Malta (agency), Madagascar,
Mozambique, Norway, Para-
eru, Phillipines, Russia, Salva-
d Switzerland, all replied and
they would sell current stamps
Most of these were communi-
ith thru the postmaster of the
City.

GE STAMPS AND THEIR USE

Continued from page 411)

pioneers in issuing stamps offi-
mmemorative of events famous
ous history. In 1895 they issued
set commemorating the birth, in
of St. Anthony of Padua. Sev-
ues represent the saint preaching
fishes of Rimini, an heretical
here he was unable to gain a
According to the legend the
stened intently and bowed their
of the sermon! Bulgaria is-
tamp celebrating the baptism of
Boris in 1896. Italy has issued
ligious sets within recent years.
the tercentenary of the founding
Society for the Propagation of
h was celebrated. Two years
nessed an issue in honor of the
quarter century "Holy Year,"
1926 the septicentenary of the
St. Francis of Assisi was com-
ed.
ture and the other arts are gain-
easing recognition on the post-
nps of the world. Stamps is-
the German, Austrian, and Hun-
epublics portraying literary and
celebrities have already been
d. The Newfoundland stamp
Lord Bacon, the Greek stamp
orating the death of Lord By-
the Italian stamp bearing a pic-
Mazzini all have a political rath-
literary significance. However,
wing events of direct importance
ure have been commemorated:
500—The Nibelumgenlied.
high lights" in the story are
on the Austrian charity issue

1—Death of Dante Alighieri
1921).
3—First book printed in Monte-
1893).
4—Birth of Ronsard, French poet
, 1924).
4—Birth of Camoens, author of
iad (Portugal, 1924).
5—Publication of Cervantes' *Don*
(Spain, 1905). Ten values il-
the adventure of the would-be

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Mr. C. I. Crowell's article on these stamps in **Mekeel's** dated May 14th last, should be read with attention.

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ONE MAN'S OPINION

(Los Angeles *Record*, JAS. D. CARR)

Brethren and sisters, this stamp thing is really getting interesting. Like Catherine, the cat, fishing, or religion, when I get on a hobby I ride the poor old wood horse to the boneyard; I yet remain an enthusiastic kid.

After 35 years I became stamp-minded again and for some weeks my reading, my conversation and my eagle eye—Diamond Dick, the Demon of the Prairies—have been severally devoted to stamps. Remarkable what a fellow can discover in this placid routine if he gets an idea and keeps on its tail.

I have been pursuing stamps, especially old United States stamps, for some weeks and I have had the privilege of prowling some aged attics and I emerge from the dust with some experiences.

It was in 1892 that the Willamette river froze; ships were frozen in solid in Portland harbor; the spring of that year was a tuff one; there was smallpox all through the northwest; loggers came to town and died like flies; that was the year when high winds roiled the lower Columbia and big barks were blown upon sand spits.

In half a dozen old letters in an attic I read that bit of history, and it happens to be history.

Uncle Sam came out of the Civil war—I don't know why they call it civil, it was one of the most impolite wars in history—but, anyhow, Uncle Sam came out of the Civil war flat busted. So for years after said war he hung revenue stamps on every activity of his citizens. In another batch of letters I found diplomas for penmanship with 2-cent internal revenue stamps on them; mortgages with $2 stamps on them, high school and teaching certificates with revenue stamps on them.

I guess I'll start in and collect "original envelopes." Stamps alone tell you nothing, but a 3-cent stamp of '18 with a "Food will win the war, don't waste it," might carry an idea to my grandchildren 50 years from now—just as my Queen Lil H. T., my Panama, my Philippine stamps carry a story to me.

Stamps are no more pieces of paper than are banknotes. With my spare dimes I am building up in son's stamp album a history of the World war; occupation stamps, surcharges, bolshevik, memorial, Red Cross, semi-postals.

They are easy to get today, most collectors curse them heartily; but 40 years from today one of the German surcharged "five milliard" stamps is going to be very precious. I remember the time when United States locals were despised; try and buy a few dozen today. And the World war was a bigger thing than Wells-Fargo or the Pony Express.

There is a universe in any given microcosm.

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A new 5-cent air mail stamp, printed in red and blue, will be issued in Washington on July 25th.

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1921, "Reunion of Venezia Giulia" (set 3 Val.) ..... .25
"Dante" (set 3 Val.) ..... .40
"Victory" (set 4 Val.) ..... .12
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1924, "Garibaldi" (set 5 Val.) ..... .50
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1926, Nos. 94 to 97 (set 4 Val.) ..... .65
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1850—Birth of Ivan Vasoff, Bulgarian novelist (Bulgaria, 1920).

1873—Death of Manzoni, Italian poet and novelist (Italy, 1924).

1876—Death of Christo Boteff, Bulgarian lyric poet (Bulgaria, 1926).

1920—Death of James David Bouchier, special correspondent of the London *Times* in Bulgaria and Rumania for nearly thirty years. He was a great admirer of Bulgaria and sympathised with that country even after it "backed the wrong horse" (Bulgaria, 1921).

It should be mentioned here that in 1912 Italy celebrated, by the issuing of commemorative stamps, the re-erection of the Campanile of St. Mark in Venice, a thousand year old structure which had collapsed in 1902.

(To be continued)

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Strip of three on cover with blue Philadelphia "Paid"
Strip of three used to Mexico—"Panama" in red straight line
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Several covers from Canada
Buffalo Steamboat
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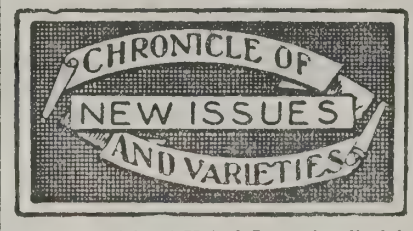

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

1847 Railroad Cancellations

As the well known collection of 1847 gotten together by Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman is being broken, it is well to record the railroad cancellations found on the issue of 1847, for it is doubtful if this lot is separated, as to whether such a fine lot will ever be gotten together again. Mr. Ackerman has been collecting the stamps of this issue for many years and acquired the pick from the Chase collection, which was one of the finer lots gotten together.

I do not recall seeing a list published of these cancellations in recent years, so that the following list is possibly nearer complete than any other. Should our readers have any additional items, I would be glad to learn of their existence, so that they might be recorded.

5c BROWN ON COVER

Albany & Buffalo R. R.	Circular in red
Albany & Buffalo R. R.	Circular in blue
Augusta & Atlanta R. R.	Circular in red
Baltimore R. R.	Straight line in red
Baltimore Rail Road	Circular in blue
Baltimore Rail Road	Circular in red
Balt. & Ohio Rail Rd.	Circular in blue
Boston & Albany R. R.	Circular in red
Boston & Fitchburg R. R.	Circular in blue
Boston & Maine R. R.	Circular in blue
Concord & Montreal R. R.	Circular in blue
Eastern R. R.	Circular in blue
Houstonic Railroad (Large figure "5" in Center)	Circular in red
Houstonic R. R.	Circular in red
Long Island R. R.	Circular in orange-red
Long Island R. R.	Circular in black
L. I. Rail Road N. Y.	Concentric circles in red (Large figure "5" in center)
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Naugatuck R. R.	Circular in red
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N. York & Phila. R. R.	Circular in red
Northern R. R.	Circular in blue
Norwich & Worcester R. R.	Circular in blue
Philada. Rail Road	Straight line in red
Philada. Railroad	Circular in red
Prov. & Wor. R. R.	Circular in blue
Richmond Rail Road	Circular in blue
Richmond & Petersburg	Circular in green
So. Ca. R. R.	Manuscript in black
Vermt. & Massts. R. R.	Circular in orange-red
Vermt. & Massts. R. R.	Circular in red
Washington Rail Rd.	Circular in red
Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad	Circular in blue
U. S. Express Mail—Boston	Circular in red (Name of town inverted)
U. S. Express Mail—Boston	Circular in red (Normal)
U. S. Express Mail—New York	Circular in red

10c BLACK ON COVER

Baltimore Rail R.	Circular in red
Baltimore Rail R.	Circular in blue
Baltimore Rail Road	Circular in blue
Eastern R. R.	Circular in blue
Mad Riv. & Lak. Erie R. R.	Circular in blue
Philada Railroad	Straight line in red
Wil. & Ral. R. R.	Circular in blue
Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad	Circular in blue
U. S. Express Mail—Boston	Circular in red

New 5c Air Mail Stamp

On June 19th, the Postmaster General officially announced that on July 25, 1928, the new 5-cent Air Mail stamp will be issued in Washington, and will be on sale at the Philatelic Agency for the benefit of collectors. The stamp will be available at all important post offices by August 1st, for use in connection with the new air mail rate which becomes effective on that day. The rate will be 5 cents for the first ounce and 10 cents for each additional ounce, regardless of distance. The present air mail rate is 10 cents per half ounce.

The new stamp is to be printed in two colors—red and blue, the center being in the latter color. It is a horizontal rectangle in shape, 1 15/32 inches long and 1 3/32 inches high. The central design represents the beacon light on Sherman Hill in the Rocky Mountains, with a mail plane in flight at the left. In a panel at the top of the stamp are the words, "U. S. Postage" in white Roman letters, and on ribbons directly beneath, supported by acanthus scrolls, are the words "Air" on the left and "Mail" on the right. Ornamental designs appear in both upper corners and in both lower corners and within circles with dark backgrounds, is the white numeral "5." A white bordered panel at the bottom of the stamp contains the word "Cents" in white Roman letters.

As thousands of these stamps must be printed, there is always the likelihood of the variety being found with the inverted center. In the case of such recent issues, as the Norse-American varieties, the stamps were inspected sever and the Post Office sent a repre to see that no errors occurred. stamp becomes a regular issue be constantly printed, no such will be probable, so that collec warned to watch available stocks offices, in the hopes that one m the good fortune of locating prized sheet.

1924, 1c Walloon

Rev. H. K. Roberson has kin mitted for inspection a lower pla of six from Plate 15759, of the Walloon, wherein certain const fects are noted, leading me to that the variety is caused by a d the transfer roll. Between the "E" of "CENTS," we find a slig spot which extends upward thro frame line. This is quite disti noticeable on three of the stam can be seen on close inspection of the others. No doubt, it oc many other stamps of the same

Second Issue 25c Blue and Blac

Mr. J. G. Hibbard has show horizontal strip of four of the Se sue 25c blue and black, wher left figure "5" on the fourth sta a straight tail. While this may to some foreign matter adhering plate, nevertheless, it is so disti it is worthy of mention. It is qu sible that some of our readers m a similar copy helping to prove oddity is a plate variety.

Alexandria.—Whitfield King report the appearance of the 4 mil age due stamp, in magenta shade.

Australia.—Mr. R. Roberts se chronicle a copy of the 2p red perf. 10½ x 12½ multiple small Crown watermark. The stamp is th

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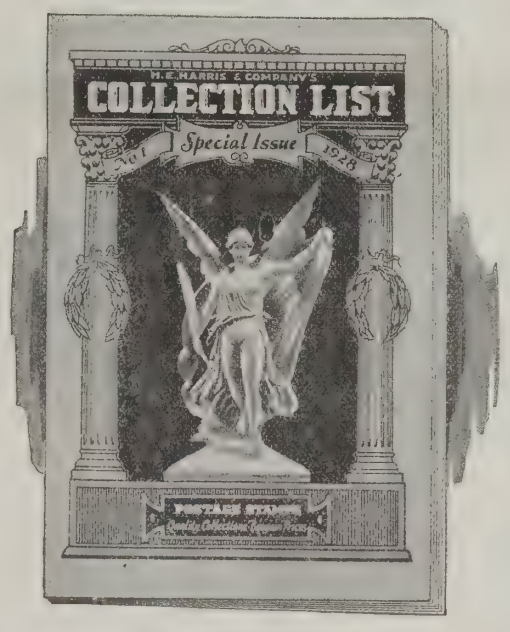

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Irish Free State.—A proposal to issue a special series of stamps for the Tailteann Games is receiving a good deal of support in the Irish press. So far, only slogan postmarks have been used to advertise these events. We should certainly like to see a series of Irish commemoratives.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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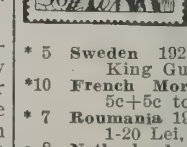

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Some Notes Concerning The More Important Perforated Blocks Of All Issues And A Guide To Their Values

BY HENRY L. DEAN, 239 Windsor Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

EARLIER articles in MEKEEL'S having dealt with the Multiple Imperforate and Invert groups it now appears desirable to publicly respond to those who have inquired relative to the better perforated blocks although cognizance will doubtless be taken of all in the next edition of the Specialized catalogue.

In rating a large collection in competition all blocks of the perforated stamps fall into a natural single grouping which as a whole lags far behind the Invert and multiple Imperforate sections for the reason that the bulk of the stamps are commonplace, and also because there are a score or so of items where there are no blocks of record thus making a reasonable degree of completion impossible. The large pieces also are naturally fragile on the lines of perforations and most collectors hesitate to strain a financial point for the procurement of a block so easily reduced to some of its components.

On the other hand there are some handsome pieces available, particularly those unused items in the bicolor series, and such are always welcomed by the specialist student striving for a balanced collection.

Comments are offered on some of the top line items.

2c Third Issue
Inverted Head

Attention was directed in the October 10, 1927 issue of MEKEEL'S to the unused O. G. block of 32 (4 x 8) of this stamp, consequently further comment is superfluous except to emphasize, in view of its obvious relation to the present article, that it is far and away the most valuable block known of any of the perforated revenues. However, I have always considered that the Invert group, which clearly is the most difficult, important and expensive branch of a collection, should always be considered as a distinct unit and this feeling is invariably borne out by the action of judges at competitions. For this reason I prefer to list the large block among the "Inverts" and not with the regular perforated or rouletted stamps.

5c Black Proprietary
Rouletted

Eliminating the Invert piece just mentioned, this plain stamp represents by all odds the best perforated revenue which is now known in block form, a fine single being really difficult to secure since the paper invites thinnings and the unscrupulous fake the rouletting. It is therefore particularly gratifying to have preserved a beautiful mint block of four fresh as the day it left the press or to be accurate was when it left the channels of commerce about fifteen years ago. Originally the piece contained six subjects, but an appreciative purchaser not materializing, two stamps were removed to please customers for fine singles, thus leaving what is to my mind the outstanding revenue block exclusive of certain Imperforates.

Any discussion of its worth can be classified as academic, but I have purchased and sold enough revenues over a period of years to know who would buy such an item and believe a figure around $700.00 to be close to the mark.

$20.00 Probate of Will

Always a good stamp though for some reason never participating in the price advances accorded much less worthy singles there are two blocks known to the writer, one of four and another of six. Both contain bright, fresh, centered stamps, and what is particularly remarkable is the fact that the cancellation on each is an attractive circular hand stamp. Try and secure a single specimen in similar condition.

Concerning prices I value the block of *six* at $500.00, which indicates at once to the informed that the present "Specialized" quotation of $300.00 on a block of *four* of the $200.00 stamp is much too high. As a matter of information when the residue of the Eagle collection was disposed of at a spirited sale in 1923 a beautiful block of *six* of the $200.00 realized $142.00, and certainly is not worth more than $250.00 today.

50c Second Issue
Sewing Machine Perforation

The unofficial perforation of certain imperforate sheets has naturally resulted in the stamp being listed under a sub reference and quite probably the general lack of interest and appreciation even today is traceable to this cause as much as rarity. It is likewise most difficult to arouse enthusiasm over items which few have ever seen, although the stamps were early recognized, and were listed by Sterling in 1888. The fact remains that there are strips of 5 and of 7, and two blocks of four, one of the latter being a particularly imposing unused piece with sheet margin at the side. This is easily the best block known among the bicolored revenues and is worth $500.00. A fine single is badly underpriced at $15.00,

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$20.00 Third Issue

The fine block of four of this stamp falls in the same category as the $25.00 just discussed, except that the single stamp is naturally commoner and pairs and strips more numerous, these factors obviously affecting the block. I have just sold a pair of the vermilion and black (error) for $45.00, the fine Eagle strip of three brought just under catalogue, so judgment on the value of the block would seem to focus at $225.00 although it is removed from the market.

10c Blue Proprietary (1881)

This has always been an attractive stamp to the writer, the pleasure being in the hunt for the clean, centered specimen *without* thinnings, hence I am particularly interested in the two well known blocks. The best is the unused O. G. piece of nine from the Eagle collection which brought $215.00 in 1923, while I purchased an attractive used block of six two years later for $150.00.

2c Proprietary (Ultramarine)

Here is a little stamp which in the true color was generally unappreciated, for many years being listed at $5.00, until recent times, but many become confused by the lighter or milky shades of blue, and erroneously believe they own the stamp, when a comparison with the real thing would enlighten them. The real color is delicate and fugitive, and to be fully appreciated should be noted from the mint example. The most striking block is one of ten O. G. subjects originally in the Adenaw collection, but Eagle likewise had an O. G. block of four which sold for $56.00, when the catalogue on the basis of singles was $20.00. The list is tripled today and while perhaps the net for a block of four is not the mint piece is surely worth $125.00.

The foregoing appears to cover the field of blocks of the scarce stamps as known to the writer, and while no individual comments will be made on the cheaper varieties it may possibly be interesting to record at random some only of the larger and striking pieces, many of which are of real value although composed of relatively low priced stamps. The omission of others is not intended to minimize their desirability, but they are more generally known.

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6c Violet Watermarked, Block of 8.

Possibly these few notes may strike a more responsive chord than earlier comments on the great rarities since the present chapter deals chiefly with reachable objects, and for this reason I shall be gratified to hear from any reader who can contribute his bit toward meaty news for publication. My own efforts in the past have been directed chiefly to rare pieces wherefore there are presumably numerous perforated blocks not called to my attention, hence I shall be pleased to have submitted for inspection and listing pieces of any size of the following:

2c Certificate (Orange).
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lists, of course, are not complete. include only selections here and from a collection of nearly one hundvolumes, and many items not men- are equally rare or equally desir- Many of these items have been sold ow grace some of the foremost colhis in America and the British Isles, housands of other beautiful stamps, and covers are still available and lists are solicited on all general isfter 1856. Five dollar orders receive me courteous attention given to five und dollar orders. The sales referred thout exception, have been bona fide ners to new owners. Items for which I find no buyer and which were re- (I don't say "sold back"), to the al owner are not reckoned as "sales". not found it necessary to exaggerate n importance as a dealer by inflatatements of purchases or sales, nor storting facts, nor by committing at and mayhem on the truth. Rather, quite satisfied to let facts speak for nelves, well knowing that he who himself to them makes of himself a liar or a fool—if not both.

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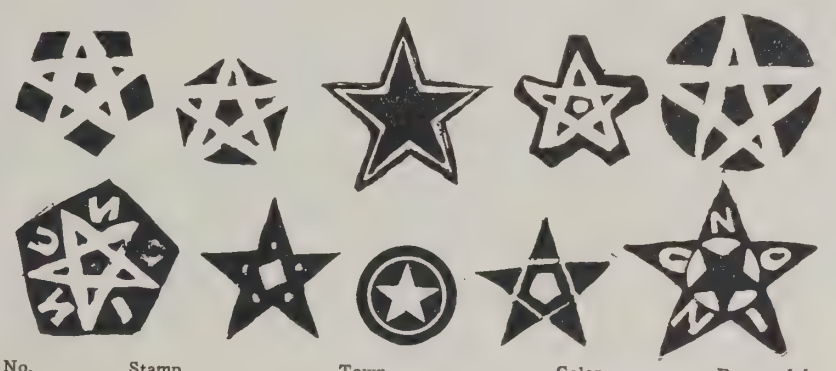

No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	3c 1861	Mittineague, Mass.	Black	E. Bodurtha
2.	3c 1861	Lee, Mass.	"	W. S. Eager
3.	3c 1861	?	"	D. H. Stafford
4.	3c 1861	Lee, Mass.	"	W. S. Eager
5.	3c 1861	"	"	W. S. Eager
6.	3c 1861	"	"	W. S. Eager
7.	3c 1861	West Point, Miss.	"	M. R. Sanborn
8.	1c 1887	Northampton, Mass.	Purple	H. P. A.
9.	10c Amer.	?	Black	H. P. A.
10.	3c 1861	?	"	S. C. Rogers

Stars. Many are of cut cork, and they are clean cut cancellations. Mr. Eager had a real happy day when he found the nice lot of cancellations from Lee, Mass., on an accumulation of old Civil War covers, and there were other nice cancellations of '61s, too.

The Star designs with the word UNION cut in around the five points is always very pretty on a cover. They are what should be called a "Patriotic" cancellation, and I'd like to see something like these on a Patriotic cover, to make it unanimous.

The No. 8 is not uncommon here, and can be found in blue as well as purple. It is a very clear impression as a rule. The No. 7 is cleanly struck, too, and is very unusual. The lot may show some types of Stars which you have not seen previously, and they are selected for their varying types, rather than the spectacular.

When Confederates are mentioned in the Forum there are as a rule many replies to the article, and if I have overlooked answering your communications, it is usually because I do not know the answer, and will reply when I am able to answer correctly.

While I have no check list of the actual number of towns in the Confederacy, my idea is that there were in the vicinity of 8,000 towns. It is really puzzling why so few town postmarks are found on Confederate covers. I have been saving these covers for the postmarks for maybe a year, these falling on the commoner stamps to save expenses, and I will enclose a check list herein. The great majority of covers come from the Cities, and the smaller towns are often penmarked.

Some states have very few towns represented in my list, and I presume that covers from these states are not common. Arkansas, Florida and Texas are not well represented.

Alabama.—Bladen Springs, Blakeslee, Carpenter's Station, Demopolis, Eu-

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It is really quite annoying to find a new bunch of Confederate covers, and when you have hopes of adding several to your little collection of about 100 towns out of 8,000, to find that about 75% of them are from Richmond and Charleston.

You will see from this list, which is made up by saving what towns have come in to me in the last couple of years, that the states of Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana and Texas did not do so very much letter writing in those days. Virginia with its 100 counties was by far the heaviest letter writing state, during the Civil War, in considering mail in the Confederacy. My 1916 P. O. Guide shows that James City County is listed with only six towns. This is the smallest number of towns in any Virginia County. In it the principal town is Jamestown. When I was in Virginia just prior to the Jamestown Exposition —see your U. S. Commemoratives of 1907 —visitors used to ask me the best way to get to Jamestown. They always meant the town, and it was almost impossible to direct anyone to that little hamlet, the answer being to take a motorboat. I have never seen an old cover postmarked Jamestown, Va.

STAMP MARKET GOSSIP

By "THE SEER OF THE STRAND."

Trinidad.—I am informed that the 4d of this Colony is now obsolete. I do not know if there is a likelihood of a fresh issue on script watermarked paper, but I take it that the late issue is likely to receive marked attention in catalogue revision. A few mint copies should prove remunerative at current rates.

Ascension Is.—Upon a previous occasion, I mentioned the fact that the 4d and 6d of this little island were no longer on issue. Whilst being fully cognisant that they were certain to jump, I did not at the time place any specific value upon them. It is not often that I take exception to these rises, but I say it now, emphatically, there is no justification in the 4d being priced at 8/6 and the 6d at 12/6! There has never been a shortage of these values. Every dealer of note can testify to this, and now I say to you, "Do not pay these prices." I consider the 4d to be worth 3/6 and the 6d to be worth 6/- approximately. In conclusion I may ask what is to prevent a further printing? In any event, there is little likelihood of a further rise for a considerable time.

Surinam.—Those readers who are interested in the stamps of Surinam should fill up as soon as possible while prices are reasonable—more particularly the 1926 issue, S.G. 152-9. Information has reached me that the prices now being asked in Holland are four to five Gibbons' catalogue figures, and the every possibility of further increase

Costa Rica.—I have noticed a shortage of the 10c on 12c carmine bergh Commemorative air-stamp o country (S.G. 174). My informati to the effect that 20,000 were overpr but I also know that 10,000 of these cornered by one firm. The other also appear to have entirely disapp Certain it is that I do not know dealer who has a stock of these. doubt we shall see some of them ently, but in the meantime I advi readers interested not to be coerce paying fancy prices. Only by this will the detestable practice of "c ing" be arrested.

Mauritius.—Once again I wis refer to this popular little Colony. is a stamp here which I consider the most rare of all modern issues. is the 10 rupees on blue-green with back. I do not even except the MCA 10/- of Malta. This latte been realising anything from £25 for some considerable time—but have always been on offer, and considerably more, so I am inf were printed than the Mauritius. why would one be quoted at £15 a other at £35? Is it because Malta much more popular than Mauriti doubt it. I give it as my opinio this stamp, S.G. 204a, is better i condition than Malta S.G. 96.

Whilst on the subject, I think t a little doubt as to the question of is the better of the pale yellow 5 with mult. CA wmk. S.G. 203b an are both very good stamps, but I opinion that the die II, number claims this honour, and have no tion in advising purchase if obta up to £2. I doubt, however, if o now get it at this price.

St. Helena. — As usual, my month's "Best Thing" has caused for the 7/6 denomination of this C and I am asked to give what I co to be a fair valuation. At the tim article was written, there was not ticular shortage, but to-day the hardly a copy to be obtained. I co that 40/- or thereabouts should me case at present, but one must b mind that although it is not exp there is always the possibility of print, and time alone will tell w this is likely to become a £5 or £10

St. Lucia.—How many of my re are in possession of the 1d red, scr this Colony? At to-day's quotatio is an extremely cheap stamp, and in ing it the "Best of the Month" I with the full knowledge that I am ing the right thing. Were I asked to S.G. 96, mint, I should say in the bourhood of 4/-, and I certainly this will go higher very shortly. stamp was only on issue for a very period, being almost immediately seded by the 1d brown, and it w found that many dealers are short asked for this particular item.

S.W. Africa Officials. — Here case where I cannot place a valu Although it is known that certa these stamps are occasionally to b in used condition, it is impossibl any of our catalogues to do more merely list them. I have not been

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AZORES, MADEIRA AND GUINEA
A very fine book of early Azores and Madeira, and a few first issue Guinea (small surcharge only).
I find both the Imperf. and Perf. 1st type of Azores and Madeira to be really good stamps in fine condition, and am always glad to have the opportunity to purchase any of these.
In Azores a set of the scarce "St. Anthony" is also included.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND
Three new books have just been made up from the balance of the collection I recently purchased in B. C. These are grouped as follows:—
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THE DOMINICAN AIR, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

(1) 10c Correo Aereo, May 30, 1928

Subsequent to the inauguration of the West Indian Aerial Express air mail service from Santo Domingo City, D.R., to San Juan, Porto Rico, on December 3, 1927, and to Port au Prince, Haiti, on December 5, 1927, the printing of the 10c blue, Entrega Especial, biplane in flight, of 1920, was resumed. (This stamp had been superseded in 1925, by the 10c Entrega Especial, Colonial residence type, and this in turn in 1927, by the 10c red-brown, with "Entrega Especial" erased, and "Expreso" substituted). It was the use of this obsolete stamp, 10c biplane in flight, a small quantity of which was found in some outlying Post Offices, on a portion of the first day air mail to San Juan, (605 letters) on December 3rd, that gave rise to the report that the Dominican Government had issued a special stamp for the occasion.

"For this mail a special marking was brought into use, a single line circle, 27mm, applied in blue, and lettered 'Santo Domingo, Rep. Dominicana,' with the date in 3 lines in the center 'MAY—31—1928.' At the right of the circle is a horizontal rectangle, 71 x 26mm, in the left portion of which is a plane, with 'CORREO' above it, and 'AEREO' below. This is separated by a vertical line from the right portion, which contains four lines, 'De Santo Domingo—Port-au-Prince-Haiti—San Juan-Pto. Rico—Santiago de Cuba.' The corners at the upper left and lower left are rounded, and there is no enclosing line at the left of the rectangle. The letter is backstamped (Duplex marking) 'San Juan, P.R., MAY 31—12.30 PM' with '1928' between the circle, and the ellipse on end (of graduated bars), with '1 inset,' at the right."

It had been suggested that instead of continuing to print from the 10c biplane in flight (1920) stone, the inscription be changed to "Correo Aereo," and the denomination to 12c (the combined postage and air carriage fee), but an entirely new design was decided upon, and a 10c blue, Correo Aereo stamp was issued on Wednesday, May 30, 1928, and first used on the mail flown to San Juan, Thursday morning, May 31, 1928.

The stamp is a horizontal rectangle, measuring 47 x 24mm, lithographed locally, in sheets of 25 (5 x 5), on unwatermarked paper, and perforated single line 11½.

The central feature of the design is a map of the island of Haiti-Santo Domingo, with the adjacent waters of "Atlantico" on the north, and "Mar Caribe" on the south; the eastern end of Cuba, and a portion of "Puerto Rico." The important coast towns of the Dominican Republic are indicated, Monte Cristi, Puerto Plata and Samana on the northern coast, and La Romana, San Pedro de Macoris and Santo Domingo on the southern; also the capital of Haiti on the Gulf of Gomaives, Port-au-Prince. A dotted line from San Juan via Santo Domingo City and Port-au-Prince, to Santiago de Cuba, indicates the route followed by the planes of the West Indian Aerial Express. At the top of the stamp is the monoplane, "Spirit of St. Louis," in which Col. Lindbergh visited the island republics in February, 1928; while on ribbons at the upper left and right, are "Correo" and "Aereo" (colored letters), respectively. Just above the central vignette is "Republica Dominicana" in colorless letters. On shields in the lower corners are the colored denominational numerals "10," and across the foot, "Diez Centavos" (colorless). Acanthus leaf ornamentation in the upper corners completes the design.

The map of the island (Haiti-Santo Domingo) is well drawn, and Porto Rico is correctly positioned, the two islands being separated by the Mona Passage, 70 miles wide. However, the distance between Mole San Nicolas, Haiti, and Cape Maisi at the eastern end of Cuba, is only 50 miles, but on the stamp, the separating Windward Passage is shown to be more than twice that width.

May 30, 1928. "Correo Aereo" stamp. Map of Haiti-Santo Domingo. Lithographed. Unwatermarked, perforated 11½.

10c centavos blue.

(2) Correspondencia Oficial, January, 1928

In January, 1928, a series of stamps, in five denominations, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c and 20c, was issued for use on foreign official correspondence. These are not sold to the public.

The stamps are vertical rectangular in shape, 21 x 26mm, and are lithographically printed on unwatermarked paper, and perforated 11½.

In a central circular medallion (with acanthus leaf ornamentation at the sides) is the upper part of a lighthouse, with a beam of light flashing to the right, and one to the left. At the top is "Republica Dominicana" (curved), and "Fara a Colon" (Columbus Light) in a straight line. Below the circle is "Correspondencia Oficial" and across the bottom "Centavo" (or "Centavos"), with large colored numerals of value on colorless circles in the corners. "Fara a Colon" and "Correspondencia Oficial" are in colored letters, and the others in colorless.

A movement has been on foot for some years to erect at Santo Domingo City (the Cradle of America, as it is called) a suitable memorial and resting place for the remains of Christopher Columbus. The proposal contemplates the "erection of an enduring tomb with an interior modeled after Napoleon's at Les Invalides, and an exterior of austere simplicity, upon which, superimposed, will rise a beacon tower, perhaps 300 ft. high, on top of which would be installed one of the greatest maritime beacons as an aid to the present day navigator."

The cost of the memorial planned is estimated at somewhat over a million dollars, and in addition, an endowment fund should be provided for perpetual upkeep, so that the Pan-American shrine would at no time be left exposed to possible neglect.

Santo Domingo cannot undertake this project alone, and Pan-American cooperation is necessary. Some 36 years ago the Dominican Republic did take measures in the matter, when at the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, a Junta Nacional was duly constituted by Governmental decree, to erect a monument in the Cathedral, and funds provided. That much was accomplished, although at the time it was understood

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EDITORIALETTES

By FRED J. MELVILLE
(Stamp Collectors Fortnightly)

The Congress.—The fifteenth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain is upon us, and under the auspices of the Royal Philatelic Society, should prove one of the most distinguished and successful of the series. In the present issue we give as much of the programme as has been vouchsafed to us in advance, and a full directory of the delegates appointed by the Philatelic Societies of Great Britain and the Empire.

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The Congress Book.—An interesting departure is being inaugurated at this Congress of issuing in place of the souvenir programme a Congress Year Book. That may or may not be its correct title, but is indicative of its purpose, which is to contain not only the full programme, but also advance texts of the papers to be read. It will be interesting to see if the possession of the papers a few hours or days in advance will help to raise the standard of debate in the "Stamp Collectors' Parliament."

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The Antiquity of Stamp Congresses.—Congresses in connection with philately are much older than most collectors of to-day realise. Our flourishing French contemporary, *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, discusses in connection with the French Congress of last month, the jubilee of the first philatelic congress, and although the occasion referred to was not the first, it was the most notable event of its kind in the early period of Philately. The *Echo* alludes to the memorable "Congrès International des Timbrophiles" held in Paris in 1878, the "memoires" of which make a substantial book of genuine importance and reference value. It is significant that our London Congress opens on the exact day, June 26, fifty years after the most famous of all philatelic congresses was opened under the presidency of M. Donatis, with Dr. Legrand as Vice-President, de Bosredon as general secretary, Schmidt de Wilde assistant secretary, and with *notabilia* like Philippe de Ferrari, Comte Durrieu, and Arthur Maury on the Committee.

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A Congress of 1872.—But for the beginnings of philatelic congress we must look still further back. The earliest we have any note of was held at Lubeck, a place of interesting philatelic associations on Sunday, July 14, 1872. It was a great success, and an unconscionably long day, the visitors being welcomed as early as 7 a. m., and they do not appear to have been allowed any rest prior to their departure by train at 7 a. m. on the Monday morning for Hamburg. The programme was a very full one, chiefly entertainment, but that is the pleasant way with most Congresses.

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A Crowded Day and Night.—At 7 a. m., there was general assembly, general entertainment, and "breakfast by the widow Lüdeman" until—

10.30 a. m. Discussion as to the spreading of philatelical knowledge.

12.30. End of the discussion and dinner, some in the Exchange Hall, and others in the private houses of Lubeck amateurs.

1.30 p. m. Meeting on board the steamboat "Martha"; during the trip, music by the 76th Fusiliers' band.

2.30 p. m. Landing of the visitors.

3 p. m. Concert.

5 p. m. Supper.

8.30 p. m. Commencement of the ball, to be kept up till morning. Among other music will be played the new "Hamburger Briefmarken-Borse Waltz," and the "Doppler'sche und Hamm'sche Briefmarken Polka."

7 a. m. July 15th. Departure of the visitors to catch the train reaching Hamburg at 9 o'clock.

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Stamps to Lydian or Mississipian Measures.—Thus even 56 years ago we find a Congress debating how to spread philatelic knowledge, pioneers of extension work. And to attract the fair sex to charm the live-long day they gave them the inducement of stamping the old fashioned polka to specially composed music. To whom among the variously talented members of the R.P.S.L. could we look to-day to provide special dancing music for the dance at the Great Central Hotel on June 28th? Perhaps the modern dances do not lend themselves so easily to philatelic labels. The "Blue Mauritius Sugar Step," might go down all right, and the "Escuditos Tango." But there would be questions asked in Congress the next morning, if such items as the "Shanghai Shimmy," "Tahiti-Jeebies," or the "Bloaters' Crawl" appeared on the dance programme.

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Publishing Under Difficulties.—The "Philatelic Bulletin" of the Chinese Philatelic Society will henceforth be issued at irregular intervals. Its publication in the past has been the result of amazing energy and perseverance on the part of Mr. M. D. Chow. He has had to write all the articles himself in Chinese, and the English section has had to be translated by his son and by friends. Once the whole MSS. for an issue was lost in transit to the printers, and there was delay while Mr. Chow set to and wrote it all over again. What with the strikes and the continuous civil war of the past year or so, anyone less determined than Mr. Chow would have allowed all the obstacles to overwhelm him. But while no longer proposing to issue it at stated intervals he means to produce it as often as he can in the difficult circumstances. His son who helped largely with the English section, is now in America finishing his education.

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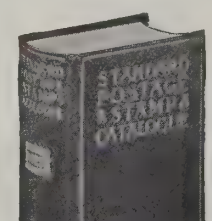

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WE are favored with a letter from the "Top of the World." It is from Fred C. Schiller, Pres. Arctic Philatelic Society. Mr. Schiller lives at Fairbanks, and mails the letter from Barrow, Alaska, "the most northern post-office in North America."

THE Trans-Atlantic steamship lines are manifesting an interest in stamp collecting. Sandy Mackintosh sends us a clipping from *L'Atlantique*, a paper published on the boats of the French Line, reprinted from *Tid Bits*, entitled "The Lure of the Stamp." The Chicago *Tribune Ocean Times* of June 5, contained a contribution from D. B. strong dealing with London a stamp collecting interests. This ping was sent by Allan P. Vesta states that it was from the S. S. jestic.

THE American Railway Expre has just issued a superb pa describing the service that the co has provided and covering as w nation's express service from its beginning. The copy before us from the Detroit Division with th pliments of Herman W. Boers booklet of 24 pages is very freely trated and is a creditable product

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IN the Chronicle of June 25 I re one-kran 1909 with surcharg which you quote *Gibbons Monthl* there has been found a new perf. o Since I specialize in Persian sta give the following information: original 1909 issue of Persian Nos. 448-463, bearing the Lion an is of 12½ x 12 perf. The paper i and the shades are dark. The ove "Regne de Pahlavi 1926" is on bo old issue with 12½ x 12 perf. ar new issue with 11½ perf. all a with thicker paper and with shades. These stamps exist in perf. and in all values from 1sh to The Air Mail stamps surcharged Aerienne," Nos. 1101-1116, 1 shahi krans, are, however, all with the 11½.—R. Y. MOTTAHEDAH.

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Covers from the special flight accomplished from the S. S. Conte Grand at Gibraltar have been received and carry the following cachets and cancellations. Postmarked at the Varick St. Sta., New York, May 26th, 1928—two line rubber stamp in red "First Italian Air Trans-Mediterranean Service" applied to face of cover. Backstamped Barcelona, Spain, June 6th, 1928, on cover addressed to Spain and Rome, Italy, June 7th, 1928. The Rome cover bears a machine cancellation advertising the Torino Exposition of 1928.

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On April 6th last, a U. S. Army Amphibian Plane made a special flight to the Island of Culion, carrying a small quantity of mail, returning April 7th to Manila. Covers received from this flight, through the courtesy of Mr. Walter Bruggmann, bear the usual Philippine miniature airplane cancellation on the stamps and a rubber stamp cachet reading "First Flight Manila to Culion Iland—U. S. Army Amphibian Plane—April 7th, 1928" in blue and the same cachet, with Culion and Manila transposed, in red, for the return trip. It is noted that the word ISLAND is misspelled ILAND in both cachets. Another cover from the same flight carries a different cachet reading "Via AIR PLANE of the United States Army in the Philippines", applied in a greenish blue ink.

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The American Press report the first fatality to a pilot on the Chicago-Dallas route since its opening, two years ago. Pilot Wayne C. Neville of Dallas was killed when his plane encountered a tornado near Lebo, Kan., and was forced down.

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The New York "Times," under date of June 23rd, carries an article relative to the Post Office Dept.'s announcement of the establishment of an Air Mail service between London and Egypt, Sudan, Latvia, Lithuania and Palestine. The service to Egypt is twice a week.

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A central publicity office covering the activities of the Air Mail contractors, operating out of Chicago, has been established in that city with Mr. Harold Crary as manager.

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Wausau, Wis., will entertain the American Legion State Convention August 13th to 15th and the entire U. S. Army Pursuit Group of Selfridge Field, Mich., on the same dates—Possibly a special cachet here?

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"Co-operators" the past week include Messrs. Bruggmann, Leve, Esselen and Jandrue.

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Pathetic Figures—Air Mail cover collectors with lots of mail, patiently waiting for the official special cancellation at Lowell, Mass. They are still waiting!

More than 30,600 pieces of mail were carried during the first month's business between Mexico City and Tampico, according to American Press reports.

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Pitcairn Aviation, Inc., have announced the completion of plans and are starting construction on a "Super-mail wing" plane, which will have double the capacity of previous models, although little addition in weight. Getting ready for the 5c rate?

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Akron, Ohio, is making an attempt to have Col. Lindbergh pilot the first mail plane from Cleveland to Louisville on the opening flight, which it is rumored will occur about the middle of July—"Co-operators" please keep their ears and eyes open and wire any definite news.

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The award of the New York-Montreal Air Mail contract to Colonial Air Transport, Inc., has been announced by the P. O. D. and eventually means the route from Boston to Albany via Springfield will "tie in" to the New York-Montreal service, probably coincident with the initial flights between these points.

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P. O. D. rules only cities with proper Fields will be included in future Air Mail plans.

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Mr. E. C. Cantrell sends clipping from a San Antonio paper dated June 21, in which the statement is made that the U. S.-Mexico route will go through Laredo. The endorsement of the Mexican Government has been secured for this route and it really begins to look as if something will occur.

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Mr. J. E. Whyte sends me a copy of letter received from Postmaster Putnam of Kalamazoo, Mich., in which it is stated that the Air Mail service over the State of Michigan will commence operations "on or about July 17th". Fourteen towns will be linked together by these new routes:

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Besa and Bloater

Besa.—Stamps of Albania with this surcharge were so overprinted that they might be regarded as genuine to distinguish them from previous spurious issues. Also a Benadir currency value equal to ½c U. S.

Blagoveschensk.—A town in Eastern Siberia where stamps were issued in 1921.

B. L. P. (Busta Lettera Postale).—These letters on stamps of Italy stand for "Postal Letter Envelope." The stamps are supplied at a discount from face value to charitable organizations that are aiding the war wounded, and are used exclusively on special envelopes furnished by these organizations and containing advertising matter.

Bloater.—A word of reproach for a stamp collector who covets and takes possession of every stamp that he can lay his hands on. Shades, papers and perforations are eagerly absorbed and padlocked for safe keeping.

B. N. F. Castellorizo.—This surcharge on French Levant stamps means "Base Navale Francaise" and "Castellorizo" the island where the stamps were used.

Junior Dictionary

Plimpton Envelopes.—In 1874 the contract for manufacturing the stamped envelopes for the United States was awarded to the Plimpton Manufacturing Company. The designs are but poor imitations of the Reay issue of 1870, though the Plimpton series are of great interest to the specialist on account of the diversity of paper used and the numerous dies.

P. L. Teheran.—An overprint applied to certain Persian stamps which were intended for use in the city of Teheran only. The initials stand for "Poste Locale."

Plonsk.—A Polish city where in 1918 upon the declaration of Polish independence German stamps of the "Gen.Gouv. Warschau" type were surcharged by the postal authorities with the words "Poczta Polska" or "Polish Post."

Poczta Polska. — An inscription shown on the stamps of Poland meaning "Polish Post."

Podolia.—A Ukraine district where in 1918 Russian stamps were surcharged with a trident.

Overprints

As the name indicates, an overprint would be something printed on a stamp after it has, to all intents and purposes, been finished. An overprint might change the value of the stamp. In such cases collectors usually refer to it as a surcharge. In the broad sense, overprints include surcharges and other kinds of printed notations applied after the stamps are finished.

With the regular adhesive postage issues of the United States, we have never had any surcharged stamps. Envelopes and postal cards, however, have had their facial complexion changed by either a lowering or a raising of the values. Some issues of the regular United States postage stamps have been overprinted with names of some of our possessions for use in those places at various times. These are Cuba, Porto Rico, Canal Zone, Guam and Shanghai, China.

In one case United States postage stamps were overprinted as in 1898, to be used as revenue stamps. The dollar values of the 1900-1902 revenue issues were surcharged with large figures of value corresponding to the value on the stamps. These aided in distinguishing the various values.

However, the most prolific use of overprints for this country has been in the revenues where values were changed or the stamps changed for other uses than originally planned. By this I refer to the playing card, stock transfer, cigarette tube and future delivery issues.—A. C. LeDuc.

Annapolis

The capital of the State of Maryland, situated on Chesapeake Bay, and having a present population of about 9,000. It is philatelically famous from the fact that about 1846 the then Postmaster is-

sued a special 5c envelope to facilitate the prepayment of postage. How many were issued or how long they were in use is not known but the rarity of the envelope may be gauged from the fact that only one specimen exists.

Carinthia

Certain stamps of Austria are found with the overprint "Karnten—Abstimmung" in German lettering. These words may be confusing to many collectors and cause them to wonder about their meaning or know where to place these stamps. Most albums now have spaces for these stamps and are listed as Carinthia.

Stamps for this province were in use only from Sept. 16 to Oct. 10, 1920, during a plebiscite held in this part of Austria. Besides the 19 surcharged as above mentioned, there were six other values of newspaper stamps of Jugo-Slavia surcharged with the initials K. G. C. and date 1920, and a large letter "A." All letters and figures are in fancy type, and a new value is expressed at the bottom. The initials stand for "Koruska Glasoona Cona A 1920." which in English means, "Carinthian Governmental Commission Zone A 1920."

For the collector who is looking for easy countries to get complete, this one can easily qualify as the total catalogue value for all its stamps is only $2.19 either used or unused.—A. C. LeDuc.

"My Son"

—What a Father thinks of the Stamp Collecting Pastime.

(This clipping is sent us by Robert Herrera, who found it in "Faultless Magazine." We think it worth while passing on to our juniors. Show it to dad.—W. O. W.)

My son, at the age of eleven, has gone in for stamp collecting, and it seems to be the best thing that ever happened to him.

He has suddenly found a specific and understandable use for all the things he has been learning at school.

He now has a selfish interest in knowing the name and location of every country in the world. He conducts a vast correspondence with stamp-selling agencies which forces him to write legible, well-composed letters. He receives great quantities of mail, containing valuable enclosures of stamps sent on approval. This enforces order and a complicated accounting system, for he must keep track of the stamps he keeps and send the proper payment and the "returns" to the right agency. Since he was formerly allowed to spend only a limited amount of money for candy and movies, he depended on his allowance, and had no particular incentive to earn extra money by doing chores.

Now he begs me for the privilege of building a fire in the living room, for which he receives a nickel. One day, when he was desperately in need of thirty cents I could think of no chores, so I told him I would give him a dime for each composition of two hundred or more words on any subject he cared to write about. He delivered three themes and collected the money within twenty-four hours, and they were very well done.

The Junior Exchange Club

Several juniors have written us in regard to the proposed exchange club. We regret to say that sufficient interest has not developed for us to give the matter serious consideration. If any of our juniors care to engage in exchange we shall be glad to publish their names, but we cannot be responsible for any unsatisfactory exchange relations that may result.

Study Your "S's"

Staceywise.—These letters are found as watermarks on certain Newfoundland stamps. The complete word is the name of the paper manufacturer.

Stanislau Issue.—The stamps of Western Ukrainia, Nos. 11 to 81, overprinted at Stanislau, a town in Galicia. The whole issue is dubious, as the presence of overprinted stamps of Bosnia indicates.

Steigiamasis Seimas.—This inscription is found (also in abbreviated form) on stamps issued by Lithuania to commemorate the opening of the "First Parliament," this being the translation of the two words given.

Sub Umbra Floreo.—This inscription found on British Honduras 2c Peace stamp beneath the arms is the Colony's motto. It signifies "I flourish beneath the shadow."

Blued Paper

This, from a philatelic point of view, is paper which has not been intentionally colored but which has turned more or less blue, owing to one of the ingredients of the printing ink running into the paper, which was originally white. Examples of this "blueing" may be found in many of the stamps for Great Britain and its Colonies printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., from line-engraved plates.

The Grill

By Geo. H. Snyder, Jr.

There is nothing that has caused confusion than this little thing what is it, where is it, why and Well, it is a series of small pyrami pressed on a stamp so as to bre paper. This was done so the ca ink would be absorbed into the and could not be removed. An il tion of a grill is to take a cheese and roll it over a piece of blotting This would give you a fine grill grill is generally seen on the back stamps more readily then it is front. The grill was put on the with a roller which was covere small pyramids. When this was over the stamps the grill was im on them. This grill was put on t side of the stamps and later put back of the stamps. The U. S. first country to use the grill. Per had a few stamps grilled.

Blue Safety Paper

A paper employed by Messrs. Rue & Co. in the manufacture of stamps of Great Britain of 1855 a tain fiscals. This paper had pruss potash in it, this salt added as ventative against illicit cleaning. paper is characterised by its blu varying in intensity, but it appea the blueness was quite unintentior it was attributed by the manufa of the stamps to the presence o particles of iron in the pulp which not to have existed therein.

Switzerland: A Legendary H

By B. S. H. Grant, F.R.P.S

Many people will be taking thei mer holidays abroad during the ne months, and doubtless a consi number will be visiting Europe's derful playground, Switzerland, a try full of beautiful scenery, a without a language of its own, b in history and romance.

A certain amount of curiosity ways been aroused by the unus signs to be found upon the stamps, quite a number of tourist unaware of the significance of the ed old man, and the boy with a bow, to be found upon many of sues. Unlike most Republics whi fond of perpetuating their Pre and notabilities, Switzerland ha content to have on its normal iss postage stamps either a picture o vetia or the "Tell" designs. The are full of interest, and to appreci full meaning of them carries one the founding of the Swiss Con tion in the thirteenth century.

It was not till 1908 that the f the Tell designs appeared, when th est values were issued showing dark background Tell's son w pierced apple in the left hand a right hand grasping the bowstrin vertical crossbow passing over th head. The design, which was painter of Munich named Albert was subsequently slightly modifie 1914, the first of the William Tell appeared, and both this and the bc designs are still in use and will stamp designs most frequently me during one's sojourn in Switzerla

There have been many variatio the legendary story of William who is to Switzerland even son more than St. George is to Englar many Swiss implicitly believe the to be true, having been handed from generation to generation. history of Switzerland, Mr. Ch Cameron gives a lengthy and inte description of the events leading the story, and also gives what i

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to be the definite form in which ory should be told.
ler, the ruler of Schwyz and Uri, with an iron hand, and was noted rant brooking no interference and ling implicit obedience. One day ced his cap on a pole at a place ed to be Altdorf, and demanded l who passed by should do homage Passing by, there happened to be ain man named Thall, or Tell, a nown native of Bürglen, one of irty-three men of the Rütli, who to salute the cap, whereupon he mmoned to the tyrant's presence. r, in anger, asked him why he to salute the cap on the pole, pon Tell explained that he was re that any importance was at- to the homage.
Tell was carrying his crossbow, id his little son by his side, and took an apple, placed it on the head and ordered Tell to stand distance away and shoot it off. Tell , as he knew that to fail meant and, although a marksman, was s, realising that a faulty aim probably kill his boy. He gave er, stiffened his nerves, and shot. m was sure and certain. The ap- fl to the ground, and the lad was .
h, however, was not the end, for noticed that Tell had kept a arrow concealed beneath his and asked him for what purpose. st Tell refused to answer, but Gessler promising him his life if uld speak, Tell made his well reply: "If my son had been then the second arrow would een aimed at you." Gessler, an- by this unexpected retort, ex- l: "I have promised you your life, u shall lie in a place where you ever see sun or moon again."
ed and carried down to the Lake cerne, Tell was thereupon placed boat which Gessler also boarded, storm subsequently arose, frighten- boatmen, who begged Gessler to ell's bonds, "who knew right well steer." Gessler, also fearing for n life, consented, and with great Tell guided the boat masterfully ls the shore, when he suddenly ashore, with his crossbow, and ed.
nastened to Kussnacht, the tyrant's tion, and, near the town, laid in or Gessler at a spot where he he would have to pass. As the entered a defile an arrow sped t to his breast. "That was Tell's gasped Gessler, as he sank and d.
his day this story survives and is in varying forms throughout the but in little Switzerland it has al meaning which, by custom, has almost an accepted fact, so much t the postage stamps are utilised eans of perpetuating the national Boys and girls will appreciate Tell's effigy upon the stamps now ey know what the design conveys, all will now understand why Wil- ell occupies such a prominent po- in the postal designs of the coun- hen they frank their letters with rious stamps which, at first sight, o be so strange and are a puzzle hy.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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"SHIP ISLAND, MISS."

By Dr. J. Harper Blaisdell.

Army and camp post-marks of the Union forces, with three or four exceptions are quite unusual. I have recently acquired a 3c 1861 cover, cancelled "SHIP ISLAND, MISS.," with a manuscript date added of April 26. The cancellation is a two line, straight line type of solid block letters about the size of the common "PAID" of this issue. After the second line which is "MISS." appears the above date. The stamp is nicely tied on and the letter is written by a Union soldier to a friend in Boston.

The original letter is in the envelope and a quotation from it is interesting. "N. E. Div., Ship Island, Co. A., 8th N. H., Apr. 17. 1862. We had a long and rough voyage from Boston. We were 40 days on board the boat—had two or three hard gales—one off Hatteras, very severe—another in the Gulf, not to be forgotten, but at length were all landed safely 2 weeks ago last Sunday, having lost but one soldier on the voyage and none since. The captain of the vessel died when about 21 days out, having laid drunk the entire voyage and probably came to his death from that cause. Probably you have seen a description of the island where we are. It is simply a sand-bar at the lower end and a swampy wood at the upper."

The following facts are taken from Lossing's "History of the Civil War." Ship Island was the place of rendezvous for the naval as well as the land forces destined for the capture of New Orleans. It is a low sand-bar, off the coast of Mississippi, between Mobile Bay and Lake Borgue, lying just above low water and averaging seven miles in length and three-quarters of a mile in width. When the war broke out there was an unfinished fort on Ship Island. The insurgents of the region took possession of it in considerable force in July, 1861, and during their occupation of it for about two months they made it strong and available for defense. They constructed eleven bomb-proof casements, a magazine and barracks, mounted twenty heavy Dahlgren guns and named it Fort Twiggs. When rumors of a heavy naval force approaching reached the garrison they abandoned the fort on September 16, 1861, burnt their barracks and with their cannon, fled to the main. On the following days a small force was landed from the National gun-boat, Massachusetts, and took possession of the place. They strengthened the fort and named it Fort Massachusetts. On Dec. 4, 1861, General Phelps and two New England regiments arrived. All winter Phelps and his troops remained on the dreary little island, unable on account of the great and small guns in the hands of the neighboring insurgents to gain a footing on the adjacent shore and waiting in painful anxiety for the arrival of General Butler and his troops, who at one time it was feared had gone down to the bottom of the sea. These forces arrived after great delay and many troubles on March 25, 1862, and in all about 13,700 men were mustered on the island. These troops took part in the capture and occupation of New Orleans, which fell before the Union naval forces under Farragut on April 25, 1862.

I am particularly interested in material of this type and would greatly appreciate it if anyone would send me on inspection a similar cover or any Union camp post-marks in connection with the capture of New Orleans. Dr. J. Harper Blaisdell, 45 Bay State Road, Boston, Mass.

U. S. RARITY

We own and offer a pane of 100 stamps of $1.00, 1894 from plate 76, having five vertical rows of type one and five vertical rows of type two. This becomes a particularly desirable piece because it is so well centered. Its catalogue value is derived as follows:—

10 blocks of type "1" .....$ 600.00
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We should be glad to quote a price to interested parties, on request.

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Collections No. 15, 16, 17, 18

First 3 didn't amount to much—except for some odd unused 19th foreign—all went in the New 50% approval line—10% extra discount over $10.00, 20% extra over $20.00 by initials, not countries.

XVIII was a find. An 1867 Lallier, stuck down and stuck together—but it turned out aces. British West Indies earlies, U. S. Grills mint, a fine lot of Old Br. Guiana including a dandy ₵10, Nova Scotia ₵1, 2, 3, 4, 6. And the finest copies of each, Barbados and Trinidad, I've seen in 12 years of accumulating.

XIX isn't bought yet—but it will be next week. $3000. cat. in good stuff over $1.00 cat.

Hadn't you better inquire about some of these? Prices are reasonable.

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81 Nassau St., New York
The Stamp Trust Store

THE DOMINICAN AIR, 1928

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that this monument would be but temporary. The memorial provided is undeniably ornate, but it is in no wise commensurate with the greatness of the man, nor does it constitute a fitting or adequate monument in the fullest sense of the word.

It will be recalled that to defray the expenses incident to the erection of the monument in the Cathedral, special stamps were prepared, and issued on February 27, 1899, the anniversary of Santo Domingo's declaration of independence from Haiti, in 1844. The series comprised eight values, 1c to 2 pesos, there being printed 250,000 of the 1c, 200,000 each of the 2c and 5c, 150,000 of the 10c, and 25,000 each of the 20c, 50c, 1 peso and 2 pesos. Until withdrawn November 1, 1900, they were sold to the exclusion of all other stamps.

On May 20, 1506, Columbus died at Vallodolid, Spain, and his body was interred in the church of Santa Maria de la Antigua in that city, and later, about 1513, was removed to the Carthusian Monastery in Seville. Columbus had oft expressed the desire that he should be buried in Santo Domingo, and in 1536, his remains, with those of his son Diego, were transferred to the island, and there deposited in the Cathedral at Santo Domingo City.

In 1795 France became possessor of the whole of the island, and on December 21st, of that year, remains supposed to be those of Christopher Columbus were removed from the Cathedral at Santo Domingo City, and conveyed by the Spanish brigantine "Descubridor," to Habana, Cuba, and placed there in the Cathedral.

In May, 1877, while making some repairs to the Cathedral at Santo Domingo City, a vault was opened, which was found to contain a metal box bearing on the inside, Columbus' initials; on the inside of the lid, his name, and a small silver plate found with the bones was inscribed with his name and titles. Some 20 years later (1898) these remains were placed on an urn, and reinterred under a mausoleum of marble and bronze, erected at the end of the nave, just inside the plaza entrance of the Cathedral. It is common belief that the remains transferred to Habana were those of Columbus' son, Diego.

January, 1928. "Correspondencia Oficial." "Columbus Light." Lithographed, Unwatermarked. Perf. 11½.
1c green.
2c red.
5c ultramarine.
10c light blue.
20c yellow.

(To be continued.)

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MANAGING EDITOR.

ATLAS STAMP CO. (P. C. Smith) **West Somerville, Mass.** announce that after **July 1**, they will move to **LEXINGTON, MASS.**, to which address all correspondence should be addressed.

A list of attractive offers will appear in next week's issue.

ATLAS STAMP CO. (P. C. Smith) **LEXINGTON, MASS.**

U. S. 1847 ISSUES

I recently had the pleasure of offering the interested collector the pick from one of the two finest collections of 1847 5-cent and 10-cent, ever gotten together. This collection, along with a second famous lot of the same stamps, contained the cream of our first issue. It was through these collections that the plating of the 10-cent was made possible.

One of my clients has recently acquired the larger and choicest portion of this second collection, and after picking out items which were wanted to add to a collection made on certain lines, he has turned over to me to sell for his account, the balance, which includes some of the finest 1847 pieces ever offered.

For instance, I note in the way of the—

5-Cent Brown

Magnificent horizontal strip of ten on entire cover (unique)
Strip of four on entire cover
Numerous covers with different town cancellations
Copies used on cover from Canada
Copy used to Belgium, showing foreign postmarks and Wilmington - Raleigh Railroad cancellation
Copy tied to cover with "20" in circle, in red—used with "Blood's Local"
Copies used with Carriers
5c used with Davis-Baltimore Local (unique)
Copies used with numerous Locals
One whole volume of Railroad covers — finest known
Several covers used abroad
Two mint blocks, four and five
Block of five—red grid postmark
Strip of six — black French postmark (unique)
Two strips of four
Several hundred singles and pairs with unusual postmarks
5c postmarked "Way 6" in blue (unique)
Reprint block of ten (unique)

10-Cent Black

Strip of five and single on cover (unique)
Strip of three on cover with blue Philadelphia "Paid"
Strip of three used to Mexico—"Panama" in red straight line
Numerous railroad cancellations
Troy & New York Steamboat
Several covers from Canada
Buffalo Steamboat
Strips of five, four and three
Several pairs and singles off and on cover
Reprint block of four and block of six

This lot is priced individually and is available to interested clients. Personal inspection is invited and arrangements may be made whereby those in the East may inspect the entire lot, or I will gladly submit on approval any portion desired.

I again bring to your attention the fact that the finest things coming upon the market in the way of U. S. Issues, are passing through my hands. If you care to either buy or have unusual pieces or collections for sale, correspondence is solicited.

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PROPOSED MOTORCYCLE SERVICE

Henry O. Meisel, the Indian motorcycle dealer, of Clintonville, Wisconsin, is now busy trying to establish two motorcycle Air Mail feeder lines from Green Bay to Milwaukee, the first to go via Oshkosh, and the second via Manitowoc. Mr. Meisel has been working on his plans for the past three and one-half months and now things are brightening up. He was immediately notified by telegram from the Indian motorcycle factory on the termination of the three months experiment on June 15th on the motorcycle route operated between Holyoke, Northampton, Westfield, Springfield and Hartford, connecting with the airplane stop at Hartford on C. A. M. No. 1, between Boston and New York. The telegram stating that this motorcycle Air Mail experiment was a huge success and that the Post Office Department was willing to permit these feeder routes throughout the country where necessary, and where returns are assured. This experiment just concluded in the East is the first Motorcycle Air Mail line in the world.

Mr. Meisel has his plans all worked out except the final details to operate two motorcycle Air Mail feeder lines between Green Bay and Milwaukee provided he is given authorization from Washington. The first line is as first proposed, Green Bay to Milwaukee via Oshkosh, while the second line would be from Green Bay to Milwaukee via Manitowoc, with intermediate stops at Denmark, Two Rivers, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, and Port Washington. As now proposed these lines would carry all Air Mail from Milwaukee to the cities named each forenoon upon arrival of the northwest bound plane on C. A. M. No. 9, the Chicago-Twin Cities route; the return trip from Green Bay would be made each afternoon carrying all Air Mail from cities on each route to Milwaukee to connect with the south bound airplane from the Twin Cities t cago on C. A. M. No. 9. There a saving in time over the presen service on the Oshkosh route of b three and four hours, while on the itowoc route a saving of time wi from about three hours at Sheboy about twelve hours at Denmark. motorcycle schedule would be carr every day except Sundays and holidays. The plans as now bef Post Office Department call f inauguration of this service abo gust 1st, or possibly sooner.

WSAM ON THE AIR AGAIN

A special Summer Sale at "Your Own" prices—breaking up several collections and big lots. In this sale you get first pick of a fine 1920-26 collection.

The lots by countries are an excellent building method; you can do very well in buying these collections of the countries of your interest. They are figured at real value not at any catalogue total listing the high priced seconds. TERMS: Any lots returnable INTACT for immediate r within three days of receipt.

		Cat.	Price
NAA	**Abyssinia,** 120-129 unused ..		$ 2.50
OAA	**Aguera** 14p 26 unused cpl.	8.54	3.75
OAB	**Albania** unused Airmail..	13.00	5.00
NAD	Lot **Angra, Antigua, Angola,** 82 stps.	29.41	7.00
NAC	**Anjouan to Azores,** 186 copies 19th	48.00	10.00
WAA	**Argentine** 20pes, $88	27.50	14.00
WAB	10pes, $135	2.00	1.00
TAA	$118-121	5.55	2.00
WAC	**Ascension** 1sh, 9 OG	5.00	2.25
OAC	**Australia** 5sh, $12	5.00	2.00
WAD	**Austria** 10K, 136 OG	15.00	7.00
QAD	1406-09 OG	10.45	3.75
NAD	**Baden** 30p, good	12.22	4.20
WAE	**Bahamas** 3p, 58 OG	2.00	.75
WAF	**Barbados** 1sh, 124	5.00	2.25
	3sh, 126 used	15.00	7.00
WAG	**Bermuda** 1-11 cop. un'd..	29.54	14.50
NAE	Lot **Bavaria,** 97 good copies, many unused	45.00	11.00
TAB	Job Lot **Bavaria Baden,** 180 stamps as is	90.00	7.00
NAF	Lot **Bech.** and other Africans, 31(mostly un'd)	13.00	4.00
WAH	**Belgium** 5frs, OG, $135 ...	10.00	4.50
OAE	**Bosnia** 46-64 unused	11.05	5.00
OAF	**Brazil** 174-85 OG	8.14	3.20
OAG	**Brunei** 16-23 OG	15.50	7.00
TAC	**Bulgaria,** 79 copies cheap. ..		4.00
WAI	**Canada** 6 penny, $5 fine used	35.00	18.50
NAG	95 OG, 50c Edw.	6.00	2.30
OAH	**Cape** 62-71 compl. OG	12.05	5.00
WAJ	1sh triangle, 26 fine	15.00	7.00
WAI	**Caymans** 10sh, 63 OG	17.50	8.00
NAH	**Canal Zone on U. S.,** 7 fine used	5.00	2.00
NAI	**Ceylon & Cyprus** 105 good copies	36.00	9.00
WAK	**Chile** 5 pes, $96 OG	10.00	6.00
OAI	**Congo** 5fr. **Cyprus** 5, well centered	17.50	8.00
TAD	**Costa Rica** 156, mostly 19th ..		6.00
OAJ	**Crete** 5dr, 71 OG	15.00	5.50
WAJ	**Cyprus** 10sh, 87 OG	45.00	22.50
WAK	45 piast., 92	45.00	20.00
OAK	38-44 OG	22.40	9.00
NAK	**Dan. West Ind.** 4c, $4 ...	11.00	4.60
NAJ	**Danzig,** 179-81 used or un'd	8.80	3.30
TAE	**Denmark,** good copies between 1-9	35.00	9.00
NAL	and other Ds., 48 good copies	8.15	2.25
OAL	**Dutch Ind.** 2½ gulden, $100 unused	4.00	1.60
OAP	**Ecuador** official, 850-855 ..	8.05	1.50
OAQ	**Egypt,** 433-441 unused ...	3.81	1.40
OAR	**Esthonia,** 212-222 un'd air	3.32	1.40
WAM	**Falkland** 2sh 6p, $20, OG.	15.00	7.50
WAN	5sh, $21 OG	12.00	6.00
WAO	5sh, $37 OG	10.00	6.00
OAT	**Fernando Po,** 100-103 OG.	16.00	6.00
OAS	**Fiume,** 184-195	5.45	2.00
TAF	**French China, Indies & Offices**		6.00
OAU	**Gambia** 4sh, 100	8.50	3.80
WAP	57-65 OG	12.65	6.00
NAM	**Germany,** 422-428 used ...	4.31	2.00
WAQ	**East Africa** 4 penny, $2	5.00	1.75
WAR	**German Morocco** 6p 25 on piece, $44	12.00	6.50
TAI	**States,** 125 var. cat. over	100.00	25.00
TAH	**Gibraltar,** 43 good, incl. 22-36	44.00	13.00
WAS	1sh, $7 OG	35.00	15.00
WAT	**Great Britain** £1, $110 used.	20.00	9.00
WAU	£1, $124	10.00	4.75
OAV	**Grenada,** 68-82 unused ...	4.70	1.80
	45-46 unused	4.00	1.60
NAO	**Greece,** 33 fine	2.00	1.00
NAP	10 OG fine	12.00	5.00
NAQ	**Gold Coast,** $34 used	4.00	1.85
OAX	10sh, $47 unused	7.00	3.00
TAK	**Greece,** 180 mostly, 19 interesting shades canc. ..		25.00
TAL	**Guatemala,** 168 incl. Litho. over	30.00	10.00
NAR	**Hamburg,** $9	5.00	1.80
NAS	$18 extra used	10.00	5.00
NAT	**Hawaii** 50c, $48	5.00	2.00
OAY	**Hejaz,** 301 to 303 OG	4.50	1.40
OAZ	**Hungary,** 1141 to 1147	6.00	2.20
OBA	**Iceland,** 397-8	5.50	2.00
TAN	47 var., many unused		6.00
TAM	**India** IEF & used Kuweit lot ..		8.00
OBB	**Ireland,** 3-14 mint		25.00
OBC	24-44 mint	15.18	7.00
WAV	**Jamaica** 5sh, 30OG	6.00	2.75
WAX	4 pence, 54, either way.	4.00	2.00
WAY	3sh, 85, either way	12.00	5.00
TAO	71, fine & CC good cond.	100.00	28.00
OBD	**Japan** China 10 yen used, $521	6.00	21.30
NAU	**Jugo** 715-716 used	5.00	2.00
WAZ	**Kiautschou** 1½, $32 used.	8.00	3.50
WAA	2½, $33	15.00	7.00
NAV	**Labuan,** 99a to 109 unused	6.85	2.40
TAP	6c, $2 used	20.00	6.00
TAQ	20n, $16 OG	15.00	6.00
NAW	**Latvia,** 251-4	3.25	1.40
OBE	**Lagos,** 45 unused, 6 penny single	10.00	4.00
WAB	**Leeward** 1 and 2sh, 26 & 27	4.00	2.00
NAV	47	7.00	3.00
NAX	**Liberian,** 163-175	5.80	2.00
OBF	**Lithuania,** 218 unused ...	5.00	2.00
TAR	**Luxemburg,** 78 var. incl. 13, 39, 59, etc.		15.00
NAX	$90 used, 2,50 francs ...	4.50	2.00
TAT	**Madag.,** 83 incl. $222, 78-94 ..		8.00
WAC	**Malta** 2sh 6p, $64 used ...	15.00	7.50
WAD	¼ to 10sh, $98-108 OG..	26.46	14.00
WAE	¼ to 1sh, $116-125 OG..	5.45	2.10
WAF	10sh, 129 OG	10.00	3.50

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OBJ	**Maurice,** 117, 1R	3.50	1.30
OBG	**Mesopotamia,** 2	25.00	10.00
OBH	6	75.00	27.50
NBA	10R, 38	9.00	4.00
OBK	**Mexico,** 494	18.00	6.50
TAV	71 var., incl. Maximilian and other good 19th.. ..		6.30
NBB	**Monaco,** 309	75.00	27.50
OBI	**Mongolia** first set complete ..		15.00
TAU	**Montenegro,** 93-1910 nearly complete		7.00
OBL	**Montserrat,** 42 White back	3.00	1.35
NBF	**Natal,** 92, 2sh 6p	4.00	1.80
WAG	**Netherlands** 5 gulden, 69.	10.00	5.00
TAV	28 copies first issue, good condition	58.00	17.50
WAH	627 to 639, inc. scarce set OG canc.	6.63	3.25
WAI	**Newfoundland** 1c to 36c, 115 to 126 OG	5.33	2.55
NBE	1a	9.00	4.00
NBD	**New South Wales,** 20, 88..	4.00	2.00
TAX	30 good copies, mostly on piece	20.00	4.50
WAG	Registry 6p, 30q	15.00	5.00
NBC	**New Hebrides,** 26	8.50	3.00
OBL	**New Zealand,** 1-5, 96-98 OG	6.50	2.20
	Coll. of 36 fine good, average well over	100.00	20.00

By arrangement, the big lots by countries are on view at

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OBM	**North Borneo,** 401-412 OG.	52.00	20.00
OBN	447, $5.00	35.00	13.00
WAK	**Niger Coast Prot.** ½-1sh, $8-13 used	11.25	5.00
WAL	**Northern Nigeria** ½-5sh, OG, 27-37	10.87	4.50
WAM	**Norway** 4 blue, $1	4.50	2.00
TAW	**Nossi Be,** 15 with 1884 cpl.	16.00	4.50
WAN	**Nyassaland Prot.** 1p-1sh, $1-6 OG	4.75	2.50
NBG	**Papua** 2/6	35.00	15.00
WAP	½p-1sh, $1-7 OG	18.15	8.50
TAZ	**Paraguay,** 70 var., mostly 19th		6.00
OBO	**Persia** Bushire, 1213 used.	35.00	13.00
NBI	1101, 13		6.00
NBH	697-70	6.75	2.40
OBP	**Philippines,** 253, 4P, OG..	6.00	2.60
OBS	Leg, cpl., both sets 1.6d ..		5.00
NBL	on U. S., 233a, 1/ unused.	30.00	12.50
NBM	239, 5.00 OG	37.50	15.00
OBR	**Poland,** 56-59	4.95	1.30
NBK	**Port. Cong.,** 29-31	4.50	1.30
WAQ	**Porto Rico** 6d, $16	5.00	2.50
	Portugal, 1000 cor., $138 ..	17.50	9.00
TBA	**Paraguay** Officials, 501-506	55.00	11.00
NBJ	**Prince Edward Isl.** 6, $7.	9.00	3.40
TBB	**Queensland** 35, 19th, really good	cat. over 30.00	8.00
TBC	180, another lot high cat.. many used		
NBN	3 pence, 36d, extra		15.00
TBD	**Reunion,** 39 fine copies, holds 13, 14, 16, 26, 201, 202, 204, 205		
NBO	**Rhodesia on Cape,** 43-45..		3.25
WAR	½p to 10sh, $26-39		18.00
OBX	77		3.50
OBV	**Russia,** 151-159		11.60
OBW	132, mint fair		7.00
OBL	342-344		1.50
OBT	**Russian China,** 213-226 OG.		12.40
	353-367		6.00
OBM	**Saar,** 35-39		37.50
WAW	**Samoa** ½p-1sh, 114-119 OG		3.75
OBR	157-158		2.50
NBQ	**San Marino,** 1-5		5.50
	Sarawak 2c-12c, $2-7 OG..		3.25
WBA	1c-25c, $7-17 OG blox ..		7.80
WAX	**Seychelles** 96c, $8 OG		7.50
WAV	**Siam** Air Mails,401-408 used		2.80
OBS	120-121 OG		10.00
NBR	**Sierra Leone,** 17		4.00
NBS	18		3.00
NBT	72		7.00
TBE	24b, fine OG, right shade		12.50
TBG	Queens, 54-45		22.80
OBU	46, $1		17.50
OBV	89		30.00
TBF	**Siam,** 125 var. native manufacture, good cat. ...		
OBT	306-310 used		28.00
TBL	**Perak** Sheet (60) of $5c.		160.00
NBU	**Somaliland,** 61-63		11.25
TBH	Multiple complete less 41 in OG blox		2.00
TBI	Some on piece 1 to 9, 13 to 16, 21 to 60, a fine, clean collection		
OBW	**South Nigeria** 5sh, $18 ..		7.00
TBJ	400 **Spain,** 87 Imperfs., 40 Quechote, etc., in av. condition		
WAS	**St. Helena** 7sh 6p, OG, 87 scarce, obsolete		3.75
OBN	93, either way		5.00
WAT	**St. Kitts Nevis** 5sh, 61 OG		17.50
OBO	**St. Kitts** 50-59		19.60
NBP	149		5.00
OBP	**St. Lucia,** 43-48		6.00
OBQ	201		3.00
TBK	**Straits,** Edwards nearly complete, cat. over ...		25.00
TBL	**Surinam,** 16 used		4.00
NBV	**Switzerland** Charity,408-410		3.10
TBM	**Surinam,** $8, 2 Gulden 50 on piece		7.00
WBF	**Tasmania** ½p-5sh,OG,74-81		9.50
TBP	74 Var., include a nice pair of 2d, cat. about.		90.00
OBY	**Thrace,** 233		20.00
TBM	**Transvaal,** 27 used		4.00
TBN	Pieterburg Edward 2-2/6 & several used blox ..		
OBX	**Transjordania,** 71-72		5.00
OCB	**Trinidad** 5sh, $90		5.00
OCC	**& Tobago,** 11		12.00
TBO	**Turkey,** 214 stamps 19th. incl. a lot surcharges that used to be listed, per & shades—lot		
NBX	624 fine used		5.00
NBY	201-203		12.00
OBZ	625-632		7.60
OCA	**in Asia,** 1		10.00
WBE	**Turks Caicos** 2sh,$8,scarce.		12.50
NCD	**Ukrainia,** $2		4.00
NCC	**Union of S. Afr.,** 13 fine used		10.00
WBG	½p-10sh, $2-12 OG		12.75
NCB	**Uruguay,** 32 o f		5.00
TBQ	**Venezuela,** nearly 200 var. 19th, cond. average ...		
WBJ	**Victoria** 1sh, $18, on entire cover		5.00
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

chronicle of United States is edited by IP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, German-, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to oddities and varieties of all U. S. from 1900 to date. The foreign chron- edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Correspondents will please be careful their matter to the right address.

United States

-Cent Air Mail

have to thank the Second Assist- stmaster General, Mr. Warren Ir- lover, for the fact that the new il stamp will be printed in two He has always had an eye for aractive and there is no doubt but bicolored stamp is prettier than nted in a single color. The fact, er, that the cost is several times as eads one to conclude that it would surprising if later on the stamp ed in a single color, especially if dnand is as great as is expected.

new variety which will be issued y 25th, at Washington, is printed hand press in sheets of one hun- ubjects, the plate being divided o post office panes of fifty sub- ly. Mr. H. M. Southgate writes has been informed by the Bu- at only a vertical guide line will id on the plate, but that he would surprised if at the time the stamp ully completed, it is found to have e vertical as well as the horizon- ie line.

revolving beacon shown on the s, as previously explained, the one on the top of Sherman Hill, which ween Cheyenne and Laramie, Wy- It is the beacon light located on hest point in the world, as Sher- ill is eight hundred feet above el.

Percy E. Morse sends a clipping he Omaha-Nebraska *World Her-* June 23rd, wherein it is stated picture from which the illustra- taken is from a "trick" picture several years back.

In Mr. Carl Egge was in charge of il headquarters in Omaha, he de- picture of this light, the most sible one along the transcontinen- mail route. The photographing of it was not considered of sufficient o send an experienced photogra- o that a small kodak was loaned mail service. Four photographs aken at four different times and were blended into one composite , which would deceive anyone experienced photographer.

photograph, we have been told, n widely used and on one occa- as found as a cover design on a magazine.

rgh Air Mail Stamps

erous inquiries have been received he arrangement of guide lines on w Lindbergh air mail booklet Mr. H. M. Southgate kindly in- ed in our behalf and writes:

guide lines are just the same as old type flat bed booklets, that is rrows, right and left side, bottom, ght and left bottom corners and nd left top corners. The side and arrows always trim off.

numbers are not located as in the l work at the top, but are placed he rotary press sheets at the top ttom corners in the side margin. mbers on the right side will al- e trimmed off, but those on the le will probably show up in the cut books. We find these in the books opposite the upper left and left stamp of the booklet panes, dom more than the bottom edges h figures. However, it is remark- w easily the number can be iden- when we know the number to be e for from hardly more than the f the line of the number. Occa- sionally a book is found with sufficient side margins to show the entire figure, but they are scarce. The Bureau does too good work for this to occur often."

Rotary Press Stamps

Mr. Henry C. DeWitt, Jr., as well as others, have called attention to the fact that the gum on the sheets of rotary press stamps is being broken in a different manner than heretofore. The former breaking showed the lines running about nine to the inch, whereas in the present case, they are spaced seven-eighths of an inch apart. The Bureau uses this method of breaking the gum in order to have the sheets lie flat when they reach the post office, for if they were supplied just as they come from the press without the gum being broken, they would more readily curl, then they do at present. Even today's work is not thoroughly satisfactory and the Bureau is experimenting from time to time, endeavoring to produce a rotary sheet that will be just as satisfactory, insofar as handling is concerned, as the flat bed sheet.

Canal Zone

Mr. R. S. Carter writes a most interesting letter relative to philatelic events in the Canal Zone from which I quote:

"I want to call your especial attention to the fact that the Canal Zone Postal Administration has ordered 50,000 of the new 5c air mail stamp, which is to be placed on sale in the United States on August first. It will appear here on August first and be placed on sale at all post offices on that date, or as soon thereafter as available.

"I am enclosing a copy of a circular to Postmasters re the Special Air Mail Stamped Envelopes, of which I sent you a first day cover on the 21st ultimo. There were 10,000 of the No. 6 and 5,000 of the No. 9 printed by the Post-office Department here.

"It might interest you to know that 1,000,000 of the 1c Gorgas and 3,000,000 of the 2c Goethals have been, or are intended to be, ordered from the United States and these will become our permanent stamps. Other denominations will be added as fast as they become exhausted (the present stock, I mean) and will bear the likenesses of members of the I.C.C. who served on the Canal Zone. As these cannot be used until the demise of some members whose portraits are to be used, it is likely to be 'quite some while' before the set is complete. Booklets, stamped envelopes, etc., are also a probability before long. The Bureau of Engraving & Printing is, of course, printing these stamps for us, and the design is left largely to them, we are merely specifying that the stamps should be of the general color and size of the current 1c and 2c, substituting 'Canal Zone' for United States. They are to read 'CANAL ZONE POSTAGE,' with names GORGAS and GOETHALS appearing below the plates in the case of the 1c and 2c."

As to the air mail envelopes mentioned, these are the regular 2c stamped envelope of the Canal Zone with red and blue horizontal lines printed across the center.

CHARLES O. MEISEL, SR.

Charles O. Meisel, Sr., an ardent philatelist, passed away on June 10th at the age of sixty years and seven months, having been born on November 11, 1864, in Klingenthal, Saxony, Germany. When in his early 'teens he came to the United States and shortly after went to Milwaukee, which remained his home until death took him from this earth. Mr. Meisel began to collect stamps as a small boy just going to school and never lost interest in the hobby until death. He collected for the joy of it, but being of limited means he had to sell off part of his collection at times. He was also greatly interested in collecting coins and besides a nice collection of stamps also had a nice coin collection when he died. It is now proposed by his sons to contribute this stamp and coin collection to the public museum at Clintonville, Wisconsin, as his family now reside on a farm near there. Mr. Meisel is greatly missed by his many friends in the philatelic and numismatic world.

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It was with regret that the Ridgewood Stamp Club accepted the resignation of Pres. H. E. King, as he was unable to devote the time to same, owing to business reasons. Mr. King, however, still retains his membership in the Club. Vice Pres., Fred F. Reed was elected President, and R. J. Linder, Vice President. Two vacancies on the Board of Governors were filled.

The officers are as follows:—Pres., Fred F. Reed; Vice Pres., R. J. Linder; Sec., Theodore Schmitz, 1659 Cooper Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Treas., O. F. Muller; Fin. Sec., Roy A. Edling, 2430 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Board of Governors, William Feldheim, R. M. Osborne, Otto Wolf, and H. W. Bolde; Sales Manager, G. H. Fabian.

The Club moved to its new headquarters, entirely renovated, 657 Fairview Ave. (near Gates Ave.) Brooklyn. Visitors are always welcome. Meetings held every Wednesday evening, business meeting first meeting in the month, take Myrtle Ave. L to Forest Ave. station, and walk four blocks to the left.—AUGUST C. WEBER.

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CINCINNATI COLLECTORS CLUB

Thursday evening, June 21, the Cincinnati Collectors Club, Branch No. 2, Society of Philatelic Americans, held their annual banquet at Chester Park with fifty members and friends present. The affair was a great success and everyone had a good time, after the banquet the time was given over to a trip thru the "Park" and amusement houses. The house of "Mystery" where an "Air Mail Cover" from Japan was posted caused the most excitement as no one was able to pick the cover from the wall. The program for the coming year, which will start in September, has already been worked out and contains many new features which should prove a big surprise. —A. E. HUSSEY, M. D.

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These officers were duly elected: Pres., Reuel W. Smith, Auburn; Vice Pres., Sewall C. Brown, Bangor; Sec., Abbott B. Cragin, Waterville; Treas., Mrs. Roger North, Augusta.

J. Waldo Sampson, New York and Manchester, Me., followed with remarks on stamp collecting. Mr. Sampson is well known in philatelic circles as an authority on the 7c Stanton. Following the banquet a social hour was enjoyed and it was voted to meet Oct. 27 at the Worcester House, Hallowell. At this time a contest will be held and will be awarded.

LATEST ISS and CHAR STAMPS

* 5 Sweden 1928, 70th Anniversa King Gustav V, mint .....
*10 French Morocco Air Mail 19 5c+5c to 5fr+5fr, mint ...
* 8 Roumania 1928, King Michael 2 10 Lei, mint .....
* 7 Roumania 1928, Occup. Bessarab 1-20 Lei, mint .....
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31a	2.50	..	..
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32a	.50	3.00	..
33	.03	.20	.75
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42a	.20	1.00	5.00
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45 or a b	.50	3.00	..
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51	.01	.25	2.00
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53	.02	.10	.75
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90	.01	.03	.05
*90a	.06	.50	..
91	.02	.10	.35
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A RESUME OF THE PREMIER COLLECTION OF THE WORLD AS FORMED BY MR. WILLIAM S. WHITE OF NEW YORK WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THOSE OF THE CIVIL WAR PERIOD.

By HENRY L. DEAN, 239 Windsor Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NOTWITHSTANDING the multiplicity of issues and stamps now available for the collector of U. S. postal emissions the more recent years have witnessed a decidedly broader degree of specialization upon some individual stamp, plate, series, covers, cancellations, foreign usages, air mails, postal rates, etc.

The academic question of the basic soundness of permanency of all of these movements is irrelevant to the present discussion, but none will deny the historical significance embraced in and the great philatelic interest attached to the covers of the Civil War period, when for four years many of the bitter feelings as well as patriotic sentiments were depicted on our envelopes.

Naturally those interested in the collection of these historical souvenirs are privileged to formulate their own plans, but personally the writer is sorry to observe a tendency to be governed by the design on the cover, rather than consideration of the stamps employed for franking or of CONDITION. Now the best thought appears to be that the fundamental of the stamp collector irrespective of the frequently devious channels of specialization is the STAMP itself, and the following technical recitals of the William S. White collection of used Patriotics will reveal that here is truly a cover *Collection Of Stamps,* all upon FULL patriotic envelopes (not faces) showing rates, combinations of values, foreign usages, cancellations and transit markings as well as a careful and interesting selection of pertinent designs. The latter, however, have wisely been made secondary to high denomination stamps and CONDITION the former embracing practically all those types and values used during the War, but with only a representative showing of the 3c 1861, and not a bloated accumulation of these in ordinary shape to illustrate thousands of different pictures.

Presumably it will be surprising to cover enthusiasts that such a collection of excessively rare items is possible, but Mr. White, some years ago, was fortunately able to secure, almost intact, the celebrated correspondence addressed to Dr. Henry C. Angell, who for a long period of time during the days of the Rebellion was located in the countries of Central and Western Europe. With this nucleous and aided by diligent search while others remained passive or were content with the 3c stamp, the collection grew until at the International Exhibition at New York in 1926 it was awarded first honors and a Gold Medal in a field of five entries. Second place easily went to Sen. E. R. Ackerman of New Jersey, whose fine collection was subsequently purchased by the writer and resold in its entirety to Mr. White. Later on the Lyons collection and important single items were added until today the property occupies the niche in its class, which is shared in their respective fields by the Sydney Views of Mr. Pack, the Lapham plates of 5c New York, the West Indies of Major Henry, or the Mauritius of Mr. Hind.

Space limitations prevent a listing of many of the gems of the collection, but a résumé will indicate the scope and deal with some of the major items.

1857-60 Issue

1c—Several copies each of Types 1, 2, 3a (from Plates 4 and 11) and 5, showing New York City Delivery and Carrier use in combination with 3c from various points. A particularly interesting piece is a cover from Honolulu to Dubuque, Iowa, paid to San Francisco by a 5c blue Hawaiian and thence to destination by a pair of 1c (type 5) and a 10c (type 2), all stamps bearing the San Francisco cancellation.

3c—Attractive covers with Green and Red postmarks and various combinations.

5c—The very rare (used) Orange-Brown of type 2 in combination with a 10c Type 5 from Milwaukee to Schwerin, Germany. The best information appears to show that no other patriotic is known bearing this 5c stamp which was in use for a very brief period only in the first months of the War.

10c—Several covers showing Transcontinental use (both directions) also combination 15c rate to Germany and a strip of three making the double rate from Durham, N. H., to France.

12c—Singles from Buffalo to Ireland. Two covers each bearing a pair of 12c and a pair of 3c, Boston to Bavaria. Five others showing combinations to Austria.

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1861 Issue

10c August—A striking Transcontinental cover bearing the double rate of postage, including the "August" and a 10c 1857 Type 1. Another combination of "August" and a 5c Buff to Germany.

1c—A dozen domestic covers with strips of three showing different cancellations. Also the Philadelphia (U. S. Penny Mail) and Carriers likewise used in combination with high values to Europe.

3c—Several PINKS, including the Taunton and Woonsocket "GREEN." Also used with Blood Penny Post and Boyds City Dispatch, these latter being extremely rare.

5c Buff—One used in combination with a 10c to Prussia. Also the finest cover in the collection, being a horizontal pair of "Buffs" from Virginia City, Nevada Territory to Portland, Maine, postmarked May 27, 1862, and canceled by a very unusual double line open cross. The entire cover is in the finest possible condition, the stamps bright, centered and without a blemish, and it speaks volumes for the strength of Mr. White's exhibition collection when it took precedence over that of Mr. Ackerman for the latter showed this pair and also the pair of 30c 1857.

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1862 Issue

2c Jackson—A strip of three for the double domestic rate and also in numerous combinations.

5c Red-Brown—Two fine copies used with a 1c to Munich.

5c—Half a dozen covers bearing the 5c and 10c in combination. One in particular is a wonderful item being addressed to Paris and refranked there by a 40c France to Madrid.

24c—Several used in combination with other values.

Apart from the main collection there are reference covers showing various grilled stamps, but the War ceasing before the issuance of any grills they obviously cannot be considered as legitimate Patriotics.

One section, however, is devoted to covers of the Spanish War period, but such are beyond the scope of the present review, and the suggestion is made that interested parties communicate direct with Mr. White at 116 Nassau St., N. Y. C.

Still another specialized collection of Mr. White is his assemblage of Presidential campaign covers, and as these seem to lie in a field not yet favored by journalists the writer at a later date will attempt to chronicle them.

NATAL — AND THE LAST WORD

By Rev. C. S. Morton.

Natal became a British Colony in 1843 and made tentative postal arrangements until 1851, when a law was passed to regulate the conveyance and postage of letters, and Mr. Francis Spring was elected as Postmaster in April of that year. The postage per ½ oz. letter was 3d if prepaid and 4d if not prepaid. Post offices were opened at fourteen of the larger places, the mails going thrice a week between the larger towns and twice between the lesser. As, however, many writers lived miles and miles from any post offices, they were permitted to stop the mail carrier and pop their letters into his mail bag.

Early in 1853 Mr. Spring considered a little voyage to Australia would benefit his health and slipped on board a vessel going thither. Unfortunately he neglected the formality of gaining leave Mr. Collins reigned in his stead.

The First Stamps

On June 1, 1857, postage stamp peared, or rather the embossed stamps were allowed to do posta vice. This was only a provisional as the Lt.-Governor of Natal state they were clumsy substitutes fo usual postage stamps and prepared difficulty. He wrote for 3d stam 1858. Natal preferred to have he spring one by one, and not by twi triplets. The 3d was the eldest, the 1d followed by the 6d and the junior 1s.

The 1d value came into its own the inland postal rate was reduced 3d to 1d on and from August 19, 1

The 6d stamp was chiefly of serv prepaying letters to the Cape *en* for the United Kingdom. To arran this journey to the Cape of 820 mi eight days was the greatest mail lem Natal had to face. The proble long since solved itself, and we ma miss it with the thought that, whe mail packet "Waldensian" was wr in 1862, the Natal mail service h revert to sailing vessels.

Developments

The period of 1860-64 was one of great postal advancement. Not onl the postage reduced (which is n done in G. B.), but many addi post offices were opened and much er use was made of the postal se In fact, they went rather too far like the boy who delightedly ble balloon bigger and bigger, the m came when it suddenly exploded. inflated salaries of 1864 could n maintained, the storm burst, and a tremendous outcry everything wa down.

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always the tendency of make- s the case, as Alice once said, be- scuriouser and curiouser" for those lve into such matters.

ere in a curious position in Natal, West Indies, years and years of between the British and the na- ad resulted in an intermingling aces and a mutual understanding, Natal we were a little band of men surrounded by native races such diverse temperaments as Boers, the Zulus under their chieftain Cetewayo, Basutos, etc. ent history tells how this event- until the Union of South Africa, was the only practical solution of blem.

a mercy we have no Zulu over- Basuto surcharge on the Natal stamp, and I always view the is- 1874 with a sigh of relief, for a chieftain rejoicing in the high- g name of Langalibalete crept out raal in 1873, complete with men egais, to take possession of Natal. talogue assures me that Queen had the last word.—*Stamp Col-*

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THE DOMINICAN AIR, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

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(3) Lindbergh Air Mail, February 6, 1928

The inauguration of the air mail service to Santiago de Cuba (275 miles northwest of Port au Prince, Haiti), was planned for the first week of February, 1928, but the visit of Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh, in the "Spirit of St. Louis," at that time, caused this to be deferred until later in the month. Col. Lindbergh did, however, carry an air mail of 9 kilos 500 grs. (2729 letters) from Santo Domingo City to Port au Prince, on Monday, February 6th, and a mail to Habana, Cuba, on February 8th from both Santo Domingo City (10 k. 95 gr.) and Port au Prince (9 k., 2527 letters and 4 post cards). That between Santo Domingo City and Port au Prince was the very first air mail ever carried by Col. Lindbergh in the "Spirit of St. Louis."

The stamps used to prepay the regular 12c air postage on this mail, to Port au Prince and Habana, were the 2c red, Arms type (flat topped shield) of 1924, and the 10c blue, Entrega Especial, of 1920 (plane in flight) both lithographed locally, and perforated 11½. These were postmarked in blue-green, with a single line circle, 24mm, lettered "Correo Aereo—Sto. Domingo" with "FEB—6—1928" in three lines in the center; at the right are five horizontal lines, 45mm long, and spaced vertically 4mm.

The Santo Domingo City Post Office also prepared and applied, in blue-green, to the mail intended for Port au Prince, a special marking, in the form of a horizontal rectangle, 55 x 26mm, with four lines of lettering, "Correo Aereo Especial—por—LINDBERGH—"Espiritu de San Luis." On receipt at Port au Prince, this mail was backstamped "Port au Prince, Haiti" within a single lined circle, 27mm, with "6—FEV—28" in the center in three lines, while to the face were applied in red, the Avion marking (2 concentric circles, enclosing a plane and "Avion") introduced on Sept. 13, 1927, for inland air mails; and the special "Lindbergh" plane marking prepared for the occasion.

The mail prepared by the Santo Domingo City Post Office, for dispatch to Habana, by Col. Lindbergh, was similarly postmarked, but the special marking applied, in blue-green, also horizontal rectangular, 74½ x 26mm, reads "Primer Correo Aereo—Santo Domingo—Havana—Vuelo especial "LINDBERGH" con el—"Spirit of St. Louis."

Col. Lindbergh arrived at Port au Prince, on Monday afternoon, February 6th and departed for Habana on Wednesday morning, February 8th, landing at the Columbia flying field, just outside of Habana, at 4 o'clock that afternoon.

The three bags of mail which Col. Lindbergh carried (one from Santo Domingo City, and two from Port au Prince), were turned over to the Habana General Post Office, on Thursday morning, February 9th, and electric machine cancelled on the back "Habana, Cuba, 1928" within a single lined circle, 21mm, with "FEB 9—11-AM" in the center in two lines, and at the right, the flag slogan (58 x 18mm), with the representation of a biplane in the left portion, and in the right, in three lines, "Utilizando el—Servicio Aereo—Economiza Tiempo" (i.e., Using the air service saves time).

On receipt of a large quantity of this mail, a Habana addressee immediately suggested to the postal authorities that the mail be marked with the hour of Col. Lindbergh's arrival, 4 p. m., February 8th. This was done, and his letters together with all the transit mail in the Post Office was run through the machine again, with the date and hour expressed as "FEB 8—4-PM." I have seen letters addressed to Habana with only the "FEB 9 11-AM" backstamping, and others to a town in the eastern province of Oriente, with no backstamping at all.

(4) W.I.A.E. Service Inaugurated to Stgo. de Cuba, Feb. 20, 1928

On Monday, February 20, 1928, at 2.15 p. m., the "Santa Maria" left the flying field at Santo Domingo City, with the regular weekly air mail for Port au Prince, and also the first air mail (weighing 5 k.

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50 grs.) for Santiago de Cuba. The night was spent at Port au Prince; the flight resumed at 11.50 the next morning, and landing effected on the Malecon at Santiago de Cuba, at 2.40 p. m.

On Friday afternoon, at 1 p. m., February 24, 1928, the plane took off from the Malecon, with the first air mail for Port au Prince, Santo Domingo City, and San Juan, P. R., and arrived at Port au Prince, at 4.40 p. m. The next morning, Saturday, February 25th, at 11 a. m., the "Santa Maria" left for Santo Domingo City, where it arrived at 1.15 p. m. The flight was resumed to San Juan at 3.10 p. m., landing there at 6.50 p. m. Although the mail was delivered to the Post Office at San Juan that evening it was not backstamped until Sunday morning, February 26th.

The weight of the first air mail dispatched eastward from Santiago de Cuba was as follows:—

To Port au Prince, Haiti, 12 lbs. 14 oz.
To Santo Domingo City, D. R., 9 lbs. 8 oz.
To San Juan, P. R., 9 lbs. 12 oz.

On February 21, 1928, a quantity of mail was presented at the Port au Prince Post Office for dispatch to Santiago de Cuba, that day, by the "Santa Maria," and before the matter came to the attention of the Haitian Postmaster General, a portion of it had been postmarked, and the AVION and Inauguration markings applied.

As no public announcement had been made of the commencement of the air mail service to Santiago de Cuba, that day, the Haitian postal authorities would not permit any mail to be dispatched by the plane leaving February 21st. The mail already postmarked was held over in the Post Office until the next week, when it was additionally postmarked Feb. 28th, and sent along with that presented subsequent to the announcement on February 23rd, that the service would be inaugurated February 28th.

February 20, 1928
Santo Domingo City to Santiago de Cuba, 5 kilo 50 gr.
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February 28, 1928
Port au Prince to Santiago de Cuba, 2328 letters, 3 regd. letters, and 61 post cards

(5) Haitian Service Suspended, April, 1928

The air service of the West Indian Aerial Express to Port au Prince, Haiti, was suspended temporarily about the middle of April. Cuba and the Dominican Depublic have quarantined against Haiti because of some cerebro spinal meningitis in the north of the Republic, but as under international agreement, this is not a quarantinable disease, the service was resumed late in May. The plane stops for mail only, and en route to Santiago de Cuba the stop is limited to one hour only.

(6) "Record Flights," by Clarence Chamberlin, 1928

On page 26 of Chamberlin's "Record Flights" (Dorrance & Co., Inc., 1928), he writes, "If I myself had been given a free hand in the beginning (that is, in preparing for the trans-Atlantic flight to Germany, in June, 1927), I should have picked my own companion for the flight, probably Basil Rowe, with whom I long was associated, or Hughie Wells, or Harry L. Chandler."

And further along (page 247), "During 1923 I was alone in whatever airplane business I had . . . random flying jobs, aerial photography, and the sale of occasional ships which I had reconditioned. In 1924, however, I combined forces with Basil Rowe, Sydney, N. Y., aviator, to form the Chamberlin-Rowe Aircraft Corp. This affiliation lasted . . . until we came to the end of the string in the conversion of surplus war planes obtained from various sources . . . " (page 253). "As the winter of 1924 approached and our stock of airplanes dwindled to almost nothing, Rowe and I decided the time had come to wind up our partnership. He wanted to go to Florida, where he had been offered an opportunity to get into the operating end of the airplane business instead of the selling end. So he went south for the winter . . . "

Basil L. Rowe, to whom reference is made, is the chief pilot and in charge of operations of the West Indian Aerial Express, at Santo Domingo City, D. R., and Hughie Wells is now one of the pilots on the Key West to Habana run of the Pan-American Airways, Inc.

ONE MAN'S OPINION

(This feature is a "regular" in the *Los Angeles Record* and is the product of the brain of H. B. R. Briggs, a founder member of the Los Angeles Philatelic Club. This is the second we have reprinted. —W. O. W.)

THE heart of a boy; father and son banquet; scout master; "Now my little fellow, we will build a little fire with the nice dry sticks."

BLAH.

All you old stiffs are wandering in circles trying to get a boy to go in the way you think he should go.

Ninety per cent of you aged fellows who lead "boy" movements, and who pat yourselves on your creaking backs because you parade as boy saviours, are a jest to the boys; who look solemn before you, and wait, like wise little apes, for the ice cream. Your pious admonitions and your elephantine gambolings are alike funny to the wise little Indians who analyze you from paunch to thin thatch.

It seems like, today, men are crying around—especially successful men—for the comradeship of boys; I haven't heard any news of boys wailing for men.

I am back in the hill shack after three days in town; I analyze my experiences.

Going into town I stopped at the stamp house and bought a few "sets" for son's album. Son met me with two other kids, each of whom son had started on stamp collecting, and we four got out the old folding table, the reading glass, the albums, the watermark detector, the catalogue, the case of duplicates and the pincers. The lads hopped their bicycles and went home and came back with their little albums; and, while son was sticking up the cheap sets I brought in his album, I was going over the albums of the other two lads and giving them stamps from the duplicate file.

Two hours passed like ten minutes; those three boys—12 to 14—didn't spend a second figuring out how old I was; we four just worked together on stamps, and I was as young as any of them, without even thinking about my age; and they were as old as I was, because each of them placed several stamps that I hadn't figured out—young eyes are bright, young minds are smart, young memories are uncluttered and efficient.

That two hours cost me about $1.75—thanks to several of you folks who have sent in a lot of duplicates. I regard it as one of the best investments in 40 years; investment in my own personal, selfish pleasure; none of this la la, help-little-boy-out bunkum.

Heart of a boy!

Sevard's Twinkle

Permit No. 1, Tonawanda, New ... pulled a boner when they printed ... permit on government postal cards. ... the post card has every appearance ... precancel and was used as such, y... overprint is a third class box p... There are nine different reasons fo... but the first is that it is all wrong.

Anyway the new electros are ... and make cute little precancels. ... note quite a few cities coming out ... the new type, notably that littl... Broadway town where Al ... tripped the light bombastic.

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After listening to the conve... speeches and platform argument ... still maintain that meters are co... ble. Every now and then, som... heralded Hamptom gets up and ... to collect meters and gets up a... set of types and varieties, all t... fuddle the chap who's making ... of it all. The fact that permit ... ber so and so is seen does not ... that a city has all type E mete... Standards, nor does machine ... number in the 7,000's mean that ... are over 7,000 machines in ... There were about 14 machines i... first group, when we skip to 1,00... climb steadily to 3,000. In the ... there are about 40 machines. ... are no 4,000's. We next beg... 5,001 and go steadily up to ... 6,300 when we skip to 7,000. ... are but a dozen 7,000 machines. ... type E2 machines which have ... under the O of No. range be... 1,000 to 1,600. The Standards ha... machine numbers and are colle... according to towns only. This ... to win over the native son can... on the first ballot, even if ever ... does have to change their vote.

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hard a rustle of the wind in the ps, and a seered brown leaf e in staggering flights with a appy dance to the lilt of the Had he too gone? Mr. B. L. passed and many changed a ci in their wills.

BITS:—

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STUDY OF ENTIRE STAMP SHEETS

By W. GARDNER.

The study of complete sheets of stamps at the present time is an important aspect of specialising. A thorough knowledge of plate numbers, controls, Jubilee lines, marginal perforations and imprints, and in the case of surcharged stamps, the method of applying the surcharge can be obtained. For instance, in the 1893 provisionals of Seychelles, the stamps were surcharged thirty at a time, so that each sheet of 120 had to go through the press four times. This can at once be seen by examining a pane of sixty stamps, for the shifted and broken letter varieties occupy identical positions on the top and bottom blocks of thirty.

The following notes by a noted Continental collector many years ago, contain much that is useful on this important aspect.

"The benefits accruing from the study of whole sheets as compared with that of single stamps, are especially noticeable in reference to modes of printing, paper, watermarks, perforation, and several other items. On a single stamp, it is difficult even for the expert to differentiate between lithographic etching and copper printing, with a whole sheet it is easy to do so, even for the less technically educated layman.

"From the entire sheet can be seen, if several mother dies have been used (for instance, two dies Oldenburg, 1852, 1-30 Thaler), or if the complete printing plate has been formed of smaller plates or parts all identically alike (a sheet of Germany "Deutsches Reich" contains 100 stamps, and is formed of four groups, therefore the error "Dfutsches Reich" is four times the twentieth stamp). Of Cashmere stamps, the whole sheet is cut in wood. Faridkot, 1877, has every stamp done separately by hand-stamp, they are therefore irregularly placed, and often overlap each other. Brazil, 1860, perhaps the oldest copper-printing, shows dividing spaces between the stamps to be of different widths.

"Narrow and wide distances are frequently caused by the method of separation, for instance, Thurn and Taxis, plain roulette and rouletted in coloured lines; in the latter case the metal strips necessary for the printed rouletting must find room between the dies, causing the divisions to be wider. From whole sheets can be ascertained if specially coloured paper has really been used (France, 1876, 5c. green), or if the toned paper is only a result of bad cleaning, the sheet is then coloured the size of the plate only, leaving the margin entirely white. For the position of types and their separation from mere printing errors or defective plates, entire sheets are of utmost value. As a case in point, take Bolivia, 1867, 5 centavos lilac, where every one of the seventy-two stamps is separately engraved on copper, or Tasmania, first issue, showing for the same reason twenty-four types in steel engraving. Indispensable are whole sheets for the study of surcharges, which, bacillus like, multiply and threaten to endanger philately.

"Errors of colour owe their existence to careless soldering into a plate a die of a different value, like Roumania, 1878, 5 bani in the sheet of the 10 bani. Sometimes it originates through using a differently coloured paper, like the Saxony error ½ Neugroschen black, which instead of the proper grey paper, was printed on the blue paper of the 2 Neugroschen, and the single sheet printed thus was issued together with the latter. In the whole sheet one can also see if inverted centres are created by the tête-bêche position of a certain die, or if the wrong feeding into the machine at the second printing was the cause resulting in one or several sheets all with upside-down centres. Shades and light as well as indistinct printing may also be combined on one sheet.

"To have in type printing the outer rows of stamps, which get a heavier pressure, clearly and equally printed, there is often a special border put round the plate which in the complete sheet is found to encircle the whole stamps. The Printing Office at Berlin, and Messrs. De La Rue, London, use this device (Jubilee Lines). Mottled paper (so-called Granite paper) for instance, Switzerland, 1881, is better seen in whole sheets than on a single stamp. Indispensable are entire sheets for the study of watermarks, because frequently a single one covers the whole sheet. Whole sheets also explain comprehensively the mode of separating stamps; the advantages of the so-called comb perforation is apparent at once.

"German stamps are always printed two sheets of 100 each at one and the same time; Italian stamps are turned out even at the rate of four sheets of 100 at a time. States whose currency is outside the decimal system have many different sheet combinations, Great Britain, for instance, with 240 penny or 480 small half-penny stamps. Austria, 1858, possesses the well-known and often wondered at white St. Andrew's crosses as supplementary stamps or "dummies" to complete the sheet, which otherwise the currency would leave unfinished. Bergedorf, 1½ schilling, contains in each half sheet four stamps, tête-bêche, in addition to the eight rows of twelve normally printed stamps. One of the smallest whole sheets is found in Heligoland, 1876, 3 pfennig; only ten stamps complete the same."—*Postage Stamp.*

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EDITORIALETTES

Notes of the Month

By JOHN N. LUFF.

(Our editorial matter this week is taken from "Scott's Monthly Journal," well and favorably known to a considerable number of our readers. Mr. Luff has been the editor of this publication for many years. The announcement is now made that after thirty-five years of philatelic work he will in the future restrict his labors to the "Journal" and the Standard Catalog. He will spend much of his time in the country and will travel part of each year.)

Belgium.—In recent months the philatelic press has had many paragraphs about the proposed issue of stamps to provide a fund for the restoration of the ruins of the celebrated Orval Abbey. The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* brings some welcome news on this subject. After receipt of an official announcement of the proposed issue Mr. Fred J. Melville writes:

"Nothing was said of the 'stamps' having postal validity, so we wrote M. Cammaerts, whose reply confirms the non-postal character of the labels:

11th April, 1928.

"Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 7th, I believe that the prices mentioned do not concern the postal validity and are simply purchased as 'vignettes postales,' the whole proceeds going to the Orval fund.

Yours faithfully,
EM. CAMMAERTS."

We hope this will not prove too good to be true and that for once stamp collectors are not to be asked to help a beneficent enterprise by buying stamps of a postal-charity purpose.

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Brazil.—In the April number of this journal we chronicled the five official stamps of the 1919 issue, surcharged with new values and issued for use as ordinary postage. The official stamps are listed in our catalogue as watermarked "Casa da Moeda" though several European catalogues list them as without watermark. The first lot that we saw of the surcharged official stamps was watermarked and we so chronicled them. Recently a firm in Brazil sent to our publishers a small lot of surcharged stamps, or rather two small lots, each containing twenty copies (two vertical rows of ten) of each denomination. One lot was on watermarked paper and the other on unwatermarked. The two lots were invoiced as separate items. As we do not catalogue the 1919 official stamps on unwatermarked paper we were prompted to examine our stock. To our surprise we found some blocks having two vertical rows without watermark and the balance of the block watermarked.

Among the regular postage stamps we have frequently seen sheets and blocks with one marginal row unwatermarked. We call attention to this in the catalogue in notes after the 1918-19 and 1922-25 issues. The official stamps had at least two rows without watermark. Collectors may be interested to know that the two varieties come from the same sheet.

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Chile.—A cablegram from Santiago, Chile, to the *New York Herald Tribune* states that government inspectors have discovered millions of pesos' worth of fraudulent stamps and it is believed the counterfeiters have been operating for several years. It is not stated if the fraudulent stamps are postal or fiscal. As a rule, counterfeits of postage stamps are soon detected by the sharp eyes of stamp collectors. Chile is credited with having some careful and studious collectors.

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China.—On several occasions we have published notes about the dollar values of the current series being overprinted with Chinese characters to render them useless should they be stolen by bandits. In reply to our inquiry, our correspondent Mr. A. S. Yaroshevitch, writes that these overprints have been made for sixty-four cities.

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Ecuador.—Can anyone give us information about a Semi-Postal stamp of the 1920-24 issue, the 20c bistre brown (No. 511) surcharged "DOS-CENTAVOS" in two lines in black? The surcharge seems to be in the same type as that of the first two lines of the green surcharge of 1924 (No. 514).

About three years ago our friend Mr. A. Roterberg wrote us about this stamp, but had mislaid his supply of it. Recently it was found in rearranging stock and he has sent a copy to our editor who would welcome information about it.

France.—According to despatches to the daily press the French Government is thinking of selling a large quantity of stamps of all the national and colonial issues. We are told that there are stored at the Mint the official set of platinum weights and measures, the dies for striking coins and plates for printing stamps. It is not made clear whether or not plates of all issues have been retained but reference is made to "old copper plates."

Along with the plates there is stored a great quantity of stamps of all issues beginning with the first. In some issues there are several sheets of each value and there are impressions in trial colors, essays, stamps of other countries which have been obtained by exchanging and through distributions by the Agency of the Universal Postal Union. It is proposed to select a very fine collection from this accumulation, which shall be deposited in the National Library, and to then sell the remainder.

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Nicaragua.—While examining some sheets of a recent purchase of Nicaragua stamps surcharged "Resello-1928" our publishers have noticed two interesting varieties. Stamp No. 10 in the sheet has a capital "I" for the "1" of "1928" and stamp No. 30 has "928".

We have seen these varieties on the 1c, 2c and 1c R de C and understand these sheets came from the second printing of the surcharge.

A MIXTURE—

THERE is a letter at this office for A. C. Weber. Will Mr. Weber kindly send us his address?

F. A. SPIELMAN, Fairfield, Iowa, sends us a cover from Houston, Tex., dated June 26, the first day of the Democratic Convention. In the absence of an official cachet by the P. O. Department, Mr. Spielman invented one of his own consisting of a rubber stamp showing the G. O. P. elephant and the Democratic old gray mare squaring off at each other.

IN the Anyac Hospital, Brisbane, Queensland, is a veteran of the World War, wounded at the battle of Lone Pine, Gallipoli, August 8, 1915. He writes that he has "been in dry dock" ever since, and there are sixteen other lads in the hospital. The name of this veteran is James R. Monroe. He is a Scotsman and would like to correspond with anyone who would care to write him. He passes the days in collecting stamps, but is not in a position to acquire many. Our readers can no doubt send a ray of philatelic sunshine into the life of this wounded soldier.

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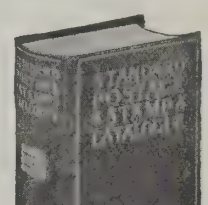

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(It is with great pleasure that we p following clipping from the St. Pet "Times" of June 18. It is sent us by A Newman, vice-president of the St. Pet Stamp Club. We feel like quoting or graph from Mr. Newman's letter, inasr he appears to be an enthusiastic boo this city. Moreover, we want to encou local club all we possibly can in promot exhibition. Mr. Newman writes:—

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With some of the finest collect the United States already arrange exhibited by their owners, and several other famous collectors tively planning to enter their colle it is expected by the local club tha than $250,000 worth of stamps v entered in the show. Prizes will b for the best displays.

Belief that St. Petersburg wou nation-wide notice and publicity fo a movement was expressed by Anderson of the local club, origin the idea of holding the exhibition Petersburg. A recent survey of th ber of stamp collectors in the States by a prominent stamp per revealed that more than a million of this country are vitally interes stamp collecting. At an exhibit Cleveland, O., of the Garfield Stamp club, it is said that the upper floors of one of the largest ings in the city were filled to c with stamp enthusiasts who had neyed to attend the exhibition.

Arrangements are being made to suitable location to house the e It is possible that the Art club cha will be used for the meeting, as Pr Walter Fuller has offered the stan use of the rooms for the exhibit.

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Special commemorative postage stamps have been issued to help advertise numerous international and national conventions, congresses, exhibitions, and expositions. Following is a list of cities which have held such advertised exhibitions and meetings, exclusive of those held in the United States, all of which were previously mentioned: Antwerp and Brussels (Belgium, 1894 and 1896), Guatemala City (1897), Bucharet (Rumania, 1906), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil, 1908), Batavia (Dutch East Indies, 1922), Singapore (stamps of Straits Settlement and Brunei, 1922), Munich (Germany, 1922 and 1925), Moscow (Russia, 1923 and 1926), Santiago (Chile, 1923), London (Great Britain, 1924 and 1925), Smyrna (Turkey, 1924), Cairo (Egypt, 1925 and 1926), Paris (France, 1925), and Prague (Czechoslovakia, 1926).

Stamps issued to commemorate and advertise the Olympic games call for special mention. Greece issued an Olympic set when the games were revived at Athens in 1896, and again when they were held there ten years later. Belgium issued such a set in 1920 when the games were held in Antwerp, and France followed suit when they were held in Paris four years later. Uruguay commemorated her Olympic soccer championship the same year. Costa Rica was host for a carnival of athletic games for the Central American states in 1924, and a special series was issued in commemoration thereof. Greece's first Olympic set is exceptionally artistic and beautiful. The various values show the Acropolis of Athens, the Athenian Stadium where the Olympic games took place, Victory driving a Quadriga, or four wheeled chariot, Wrestling Gladiators, a Greek vase, the renowned Discobolos or discus thrower by Myron, the statue of Winged Victory, and Praxitiles' statue of Hermes.

The development of national postal systems and of the Universal Postal Union have been subjects of numerous commemorative issues. The following countries have celebrated the inauguration of a national postal service: Sweden (1620-1920), Denmark (1624-1924), Argentina (1826-1926), Japan (1871-1921), and China (1896-1921). The introduction of postage stamps has been commemorated by Belgium (1849-1924), Denmark (1851-1926), and Turkey (1866-1926). The formation of the Universal Postal Union in 1874-75 was celebrated fifty years later by special issues of stamps in Germany, Salvador, and Switzerland. The latter country also issued a special set on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the U. P. U. Spain celebrated the seventh Congress of the Universal Postal Union (Madrid, 1920) by a special issue. Sweden did likewise on the occasion of the eighth Congress (Stockholm, 1924). The meeting of the South America Postal Congress held in Montevideo in 1911 was commemorated by a special issue by Uruguay. Ten years later Argentina commemorated the meeting in Buenos Aires of the Pan-American Postal Congress. Other events connected with the postal service which have called forth special issues are as follows: Establishment of Russian post offices in the Turkish Empire (Russia, 1857-1907), establishment of inland penny post in the South African Republic (1895), and in New Zealand (1901), the establishment of imperial penny postage in the British Empire (Canada, 1898), completion of the new post office in Stockholm (Sweden, 1903), the union of the Japanese and Korean postal services (Japan, 1905), and the inauguration of the airpost in Lithuania (1921).

Pictures of General Post Office buildings of the following cities are found on the stamps of the countries in which they are located: Adelaide (South Australia), Berlin, Copenhagen, Lima (Peru), Mexico City, and Stockholm.

Of special interest to stamp collectors are the stamps commemorating national and international philatelic Congresses and exhibitions. The following countries have issued such stamps: Italy and Luxemburg (1922), Russia (1923), and Netherlands (1924). In 1869 and 1881 Spain put forth two stamps, the whole issue of which was given to the authors of two books on the stamps of Spain for franking through the mails their works, which were officially described as being of "public utility"! Although the United States has issued no stamps to commemorate any of the American philatelic exhibitions, last year stamps were specially printed in New York City in sheets of twenty-five with a border reading "International Philatelic Exhibition, Oct. 16th to 23rd, 1926, New York, N. Y., U. S. A."!

Ordinary or non-commemorative stamps may be called to the history teacher's aid in another way. Every new sovereign and every change in the form of government naturally causes a change in postage stamps. France furnishes a concrete illustration. Every change in its government since 1849 (when stamps were first issued) has led to a corresponding change in postage stamps. The formation of the German Empire from the two dozen odd small states and the intermediate North and South German Federations, may be traced on postage stamps. Incidentally Bavaria and Wurtemberg continued as stamp issuing countries after 1871 (the latter until 1902 only), as one of the conditions of their entrance into the Empire. The unification of Italy and the kaleidoscopic changes occurring in the Balkans in the last half century may also be traced on postage stamps. The formation of the British Empire, or of parts thereof such as Canada, Australia, and the Union of South Africa, may be studied with the aid of stamps from the many colonies. Finally, the amazing territorial changes wrought by the Great War and its subsequent repercussions in Russia, Turkey, and Ireland are all recorded on postage stamps. Especially interesting are the stamps issued for use in the plebiscite areas.

Many of the war and post-war stamps are merely older issues overprinted. Following are some examples:

Austrian stamps overprinted "Poczta—Polska" (Poland), "Serbien," "Montenegro," and "Deutschoesterreich."

Bavarian stamps overprinted "Volkstaat Bayern," "Saare," and "Freistaat Bayern."

Bosnian stamps overprinted "Serbien."

Belgian stamps overprinted "Malmedy," "Eupen," and "Allemagne—Duitschland."

French stamps overprinted "Postes Serbes," and "Memel."

German stamps overprinted "Belgien," "Russisch Polen," "Gen. Gouv.—Warschau," "Rumanien," "Saare," "Commission—Interalliee Marienwerder" (East Prussia), "Memelgebiet," "Libau," and "Dantzig."

Hungarian stamps overprinted "Banat Bacska," "Occupation—Francaise," "Fiume," and "Baranya."

Indian stamps overprinted "Kuwait."

Italian stamps overprinted "Eritrea," "Libia," "Tripoli—Di Barberia," and "Oltre Giuba" (Upper Jubaland).

Malta stamps overprinted "Self-Government."

Persian stamp overprinted "Bushire—Under British—Occupation."

Portuguese stamps overprinted "Kionga."

Serbian stamps overprinted "Baranya."

Spanish stamps overprinted "Marruecos" (Morocco), "Tetuan" and "Cabo Juby."

Swiss stamps overprinted "Societé des Nations" and "S. de N.—Bureau—international du Travail."

Turkish stamps overprinted "Bagh-

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A Few "P's" Defined

P. L.—The initials of M. P. Lemaire, of Ghent, who designed the postage due stamps of Belgium issued in 1895. These letters are shown in microscopic capitals at the left hand end of the upper tablet.

Plate Number.—The number officially assigned to any particular plate from which stamps are printed. All the earlier plates from which British stamps were printed were numbered on the margin in the numerical sequence in which they were made, and a record was kept of the time a plate was in use. At first these numbers were only shown on the margins, but about 1858 they were also engraved as part of the design of the stamps as well. The practice was discontinued about 1880. The plates used for printing United States stamps are all numbered in the margins in a similar consecutive manner.

Plate Proof.—A proof impression taken from the whole or part of a finished plate as distinguished from a die-proof, which is an impression from the die used in making the plate.

Pleasant Shade.—A small Virginian town. In 1861 its then postmaster issued special 5c stamps.

Plebiscito Meridionale.—("Southern Plebiscite").—An inscription shown upon special 5c and 15c stamps issued in Italy in November, 1910, to commemorate the national plebiscite of the Southern states in 1860.

Plebiscit Slesvig.—This inscription is found on the pfennig values of a set of stamps issued during the taking of the plebiscit in Schleswig-Holstein in 1919 under the decree of the Allies war adjustment council. The plebiscite in the northern part Schleswig was favorable to Denmark, while the southern portion voted to remain under German authority.

Junior Dictionary

Poccir.—This word is made from the Russian alphabet (or "Cyrillic") and to be properly spelled the last letter is our R written backwards, but is "ya" in its sound. The word is "Russia" in Russian. The word as it appears upon the stamps is the equivalent of Ros-si-ya.

Poczta Pol. Korp—(Post Polish Corps).—Russian stamps bearing this surcharge were issued in 1918 for the Polish Expeditionary Force.

The Care of Stamps

GRINNELL JONES, JR.

Many young collectors ruin their stamps by not observing the following rules:—

Never soak mint stamps in water because the gum on the back is washed off and the value of the stamp is decreased in the eyes of other collectors. If the stamp has been canceled soaking in warm water will not harm it. Most of the modern stamps are printed in fast colors, but some of the 19th century stamps were printed with inks which will run when soaked. To get rid of any extra paper clinging to these stamps soak a blotter in water and then place the stamp face up on the botter. In a few minutes the offending piece of paper can be pulled off quite easily.

Do not stick the stamps to the album with the gum which the home government provided so generously, because if for any reason you want to move the stamp, you, as well as the stamp, are stuck. It is safer to use hinges which are made expressly for mounting stamps.

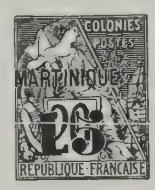
Another serious mistake which Juniors often make is to improvise hinges from labeling tags or from cheap Austrian or German stamps which are quite common. These tags are made to stick, while the regular stamp stickers are strong enough to hold the stamp in position, but are not strong enough to withstand a little gentle urging.

Mother's lectures about clean hands would apply here, because there is nothing more repulsive to a collector's eyes than a dirty and badly worn specimen. The only remedy that I know of is to handle stamps with tweezers and clean hands.

Even turning the pages of your album is an added pitfall to collectors. Seniors as well as Juniors frequently push the outside edge of the page toward the center instead of lifting the pages. The rough edges of the stamps interlock with one another and tear. Lifting the pages lessens the danger of tearing.

Martinique

An island of the Caribbean chain in the West Indies belonging to France.



Postage stamps for this colony were first issued in 1886.

Hejaz

A new kingdom in Arabia formed early in 1917. The Hejaz kingdom is situated in Southern Arabia and is famous as the birthplace of Islam. In it are found the two most sacred cities of the Moslem world—Medina and Mecca—towards which millions of people direct their faces in their daily prayers. Its population has not been exactly ascertained but it is estimated at about a million and a half of whom 250,000 are city-dwellers while the rest lead a nomadic life. It was for many years a vassal of Turkey, but when Turkish troops were indiscreet enough to bombard this "symbol of the unity of God," as Mecca is known to the faithful, things began to happen and the Grand Sherif of Mecca, El Hussain ibn Ali, lineal descendant of prophet himself, threw off allegiance to the Sultan of Turkey and proclaimed the independence of Arabia. One of the first acts of the new Kingdom was to issue postage stamps the first three values of which appeared about March, 1917.

More About Overprints

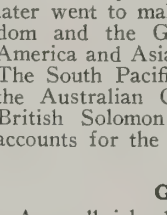
If a collector were to collect only stamps from countries that have never issued any overprinted adhesive postage stamps he would have to confine his activities to exactly 47 countries, including the United States.

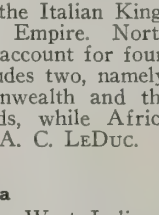
Taking the hundreds of countries all the way from Abyssinia to Zululand, only 47 have seen fit to issue stamps without changing their facial appearance for some such purposes as changes of rate, changes in government, celebrations, charitable purposes, air mails, etc., etc.

Of these 47 countries, none are located in South America, Central America, nor the West Indies. Europe takes the lead with 27, or more than half, and includes nearly all the small states which later went to make up the Italian Kingdom and the German Empire. North America and Asia each account for four. The South Pacific includes two, namely, the Australian Commonwealth and the British Solomon Islands, while Africa accounts for the rest.—A. C. LeDuc.

Grenada

A small island in the West Indies—the southermost of the Caribbees—belonging to Britain. It is situated about





96 miles north of Trinidad, and about 100 miles southwest of the Barbados. The first postage stamps for Grenada were issued in 1861.

A-A-A

Aniversario De La Independencia.—A surcharge applied to the 2c Honduras stamps of 1911 on the 19th of September of that year to mark the ninetieth anniversary of the Independence of the republic.

Anjouan, Sultanat D'.—One of the islands of the Comoro group belonging to France, and situated halfway between Madagascar and the east coast of Africa. It is known to English geography as Johanna Island. It has had its own stamps since November, 1892.

Anna.—The value in which many of the stamp of India, the native States of India, Zanzibar, British East Africa, Uganda, Somaliland, etc., are expressed. An anna is, usually, the sixteenth part of a rupee and is equal to 2c in United States currency.

Valley Forge Variety

Mr. Frank McLain has shown me some of the Valley Forge stamps that show a decided constant plate variety. It appears only on one stamp of the lower left pane of plate number 19496 and shows as parts of two colored lines running down from the lower left corner of the left figure 2. One cuts the white circle surrounding the figure 2 and the other the white frame line of the stamp. This stamp is located on the lower left pane of plate 19496 as follows:— count in three stamps from the left side of the pane and count down four from the top. —A. C. LeDuc.

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All money to Beverly.
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Change of address—Portland.
Missing copies—Portland.
Plain isn't it?

MANAGING EDITOR.

POSTAGE STAMPS AND THEIR

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dad—In British—Occupation" and "
cie."

Wurtemberg stamps overpr
"Volkstaat—Wurtemberg."

Many of the British colonies
printed some of their regular st
"War Tax" or "War Stamp" the u
which stamps was required on lette
addition to the regular postage st
Also, there were various war over
in the Asiatic and Slavic language
the stamps of China, Russia, and Tu
Nearly all the European countries i
Red Cross and Charity stamps (st
sold at an advance over their p
value, the extra money realized bein
voted to the welfare of the soldie
their families) during the course o
Great War and some of these cons
of regular stamps overprinted. A
war charity issue of interest is the
set of Austria overprinted "Hochwa
for the benefit of flood sufferers.

Several European countries (Fr
Great Britain, Italy, and Germany)
had their stamps appropriately
printed, for more than forty yea
some cases, for use in China, Mor
Egypt, Tripoli, Zanzibar, the Aegea
lands, and the Levant where they r
tained post offices by virtue of the ca
lations. United States stamps
overprinted "Cuba," "Porto Rico,"
am," and "Philippines" in 1899 and
the regular stamps of Panama are
printed "Canal Zone" by the Ame
administration.

Other pre-war overprints signal
important historical changes include

Cape Colony stamps overprinted
feking—Besieged" (1899).

Portuguese and Portuguese Co
stamps overprinted "Republica" (19

Peruvian stamps overprinted by
following the War of the Pacific (
83). Recently Peruvian stamps
been overprinted "Plebiscito" for u
the disputed territory of Tacna-Ari

Papal States stamp overprinted w
black cross signifying that they
been blessed by the Pope (Pius IX
had been represented to His Hol
that letters leaving the eternal city r
spread the cholera, then endemic t
so the Pope took this method of ir
nizing them!

Other stamps with interesting his
cal associations are those of the
lived Empire of Mexico and Republ
Spain, those issued by the adheren
Don Carlos, the pretender to the Sp
throne in the seventies, the black Fi
stamp of 1899 "mourning" the los
autonomy, the Venizelist stamps issu
Salonika in 1917, and the Anglo-E
tian Sudan stamps of 1898. These
stamps bear a picture of a camel ar
microscopic letters on the bales of g
on the camel's back is engraved "K
toum." They were issued nearly a
before the battle of Omdurman, but
certainly prophesied truly.

Stamps of Uruguay inscribed "
gencia" (stage coach) tell the metho
transporting the mails a half cen
ago while those of Venezuela inscri
"Escuelas" (schools) tell where som
the stamp money was expended.

The used stamps of Naples—Sicily
usually cancelled with a frame bec
King Francis II would not permit
likeness to be hit with the cance
stamp!

Stamps which contain bi-lingual
scriptions tell a mute story often of g
historical significance. The stamps
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium and
zian Congo, China, Egypt and the Ar
Egyptian Sudan, Hongkong, Irel

pi, Korea, Morocco, North Borneo, altine, Persia, Tunis, Syria, Turkey, dhe Union of South Africa, contain cl inscriptions. One set of Palestine ans has a tri-lingual overprint—Eng-h Arabic and Hebrew!

Sne of the stamps of the Belgian rio, instead of being inscribed bilin-ual, are printed in sheets with alter-te stamps in Flemish and French. The n of South Africa has recently o ed the same scheme, the languages ir Dutch and English.

Bgium's stamps are unique in one spt. Before 1893 this country was ited over the question of whether or t e mails should be delivered on Sun-y. The question was settled in an em-ny practical manner by allowing each i dual to decide the matter for him-f This was accomplished by adding a pe to the bottom of each stamp, read-n French and Flemish, "Not to be li red on Sunday." If the user of the n does want his letter delivered on n y he simply tears the label off along e erforations provided for that pur-se

P tage stamps are of course not the ly kind of adhesive stamps and labels ected with the postal service. Some th other kinds have already been men-n incidentally. Closely allied to the ar postage and commemorative ns are stamped envelopes, postals, te cards, reply cards, and wrappers; cl, department, and "service" stamps, ve pes, wrappers, franks, permits, and ds franchise stamps (given by some re ean governments to certain chari-le and benevolent societies for frank-their correspondence); specimen rs (for distribution to members of e niversal Postal Union); special de-r special handling, "express" pneu-ti post, and air mail stamps; regis-ti and insurance stamps; "too late" rs (issued by certain South Ameri-ountries for including a letter in a il lready closed); letter tax stamps; nwledgment of receipt stamps; war s liers and sailors' stamps; newspa-nd parcel post stamps; Red Cross narity stamps; postage due stamps, ve and local stamps, postal and war ns stamps; and telegraph stamps. wer, none of these are of as much tc cal and philatelic interest as the ur and commemorative postal emis-s Oftentimes the designs of the w mentioned special kinds of stamps ue only the name of the special serv-al the value in a large central figure. is s not true of the special delivery n, which usually show something olnatic of speed, once usually Mer-y r a boy running or riding a bicycle, w often an aeroplane!

Revenue or fiscal stamps constitute a of class in themselves. Some are of sderable interest, such as those issued th United States to help finance the il War, the Spanish-American War, e Great War. Also, the stamped e issued in 1765 in connection with amp Act is of great interest and rely rare. Many American proprie-ymedicine companies and match fac-e were in the past permitted to de-nd print their own revenue stamps ese constitute an interesting class.

Conclusion

t ppears from the foregoing survey th postage and revenue stamps are e raordinary historical interest and i ance. The great majority of those nt value to the history teacher are il secured and cost not more than a nts each. Doubtlessly, few teach-th no previous interest in philately, ll be willing to go to even a modest e e in purchasing stamps for illus-i material. However, in almost r high school and local community, more persons are found who have n collections, and such persons are a only too glad to show them. In l ge cities stamp dealers have collec-s pen to inspection and doubtlessly n f them would be willing to arrange s cial displays before history classes. Al, in some cities there are public e ions such as the United States gov-nt collection in the National Mu-n Washington, the collection in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, and the Tapling Collection in the British Museum.

When a teacher has the knowledge, inclination, and the means (or the stamps), the ideal way to use stamps is to mount them on display sheets about the size of this page. Sheets can be made up to illustrate some political evolution such as the disintegration of the Austro-Hungarian and Russian Empires, the unification of Germany, the expansion of the British Empire, etc., or the stamps may be mounted according to designs such as individuals, battles, maps, natural features, public buildings and monuments, etc. Commemorative stamps lend themselves to special kinds of treatment.

Where a Balopticon is available, stamps may be used with excellent results. Besides increasing the size of the illustration, its use has the advantage of focusing the attention of the entire class on one thing at a time, thus giving the teacher ample opportunity to make explanatory remarks.

Another effective way to use stamps is to give, or lend, or show one or more selected stamps to each pupil and ask them to find out all they can about the designs and to report, either orally or in writing, the results of their investigations. The Columbian issue of the United States could be used in tracing the life of the discoverer. The Egyptian stamps showing the Sphinx, the Great Pyramid, and the Assuan Dam, and many other stamps picturing battles, assemblies, and buildings, lend themselves particularly well to this kind of treatment. In some schools there are stamp clubs, the meetings often being devoted to explaining the historical significance of certain stamps.

Oftentimes a high school or a history department can acquire an interesting collection through donations and it is within the realm of possibility that the budget of a history department, or a high school, or a school board might sometimes provide for the purchase of stamps as worthy illustrative material!

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We are also glad to acknowledge the application of Mr. McCoy, who has been a longtime subscriber of the WEEKLY.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

BUREAU PRINT PRECANCELS

DR. W. I. MITCHELL, Paonia, Colo.

In taking charge of this column from now on I shall endeavor not only to give a list of new issues actually seen, but shall advise as to Bureau orders received and filled, through the kindness of our Washington members who have been furnishing this information regularly to me for some time. While the information is usually correct, owing to the fact that the Bureau employees are mostly non-philatelists, mistakes may creep in at times, so these lists of new orders should be taken "tentatively" only.

I shall start off by giving a complete list of all perf. 11x10½ in my collection or items seen by me, and shall appreciate any additions to this list if the owners will kindly submit them for my inspection, as *no stamps will be listed until I have actually seen them;* so please do not send lists of additions without submitting the stamps, as no attention will be paid to them.

This month's surprise is a letter from one of our well-known Bureau specialists who advises me he has at last secured the 1c Trenton coil which was supposed to have been ordered from the Bureau over two years ago, but a stamp I have never seen and the existence of which I have always doubted. This man knows what he is talking about, and while I shall not list it until I have seen it, I have no doubts about it.

The January Bureau orders are as follows:

Worcester, Mass., 3c ordinary.
Framington, Mass., 1½c coil.
Albany, N. Y., 2, 3, 4 and 5c coils.
Richmond, Va., 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10c coils.

The bureau has standardized on the new small type overprint for *all bureau* precancels. As soon as a precancelling cylinder is worn out they will replace with this new type. It will be a slow process as not many places outside the largest cities wear out a cylinder very soon. So far the new type cylinders have been prepared for Brockton, Columbia, Dallas, Huntington, Camden, Omaha, Port Washington, Richmond, Cleveland, Oakland and Muncie.

The 3000 subject coils for Shermack mailing machines have been precancelled recently by the Bureau, but I have no definite information as to the cities and there will be no way to tell from individual stamps whether from small or large sized coils as the perforation is identical.

Check List of Perf. 11x10½ Bureaus Issued to Date (Feb. 20, 1928)

Birmingham, Ala. 1½c.
Los Angeles, Cal. 1½c, 3c.
San Francisco, Cal. 1½, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10c.
Denver, Colo. 1½, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10c.
Bridgeport, Conn. 1½, 3, 5, 10c.
Washington, D. C. 1, 1½c.
Atlanta, Ga. 1½, 3, 8, 10c.
Batavia, Ill. 1½c.
Chicago, Ill. 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10c.
Indianapolis, Ind. 1½, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10c.
Kokomo, Ind. 1½c.
Muncie, Ind. 1½c.
South Bend, Ind. 1, 1½c.
Des Moines, Ia. 10c.
Sioux City, Ia. 1½c.
Waterloo, Ia. 1½c.
Girard, Kan. 1½c.
Wichita, Kan. 1½c.
Louisville, Ky. 1, 1½, 4, 10c.
New Orleans, La. 1½, 3, 5, 6, 10c.
Baltimore, Md. 1½, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10c.
Boston, Mass. 1½, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10c.
Springfield, Mass. 1½c.
Worcester, Mass. 1, 1½, 7, 8, 10c.
Battle Creek, Mich. 1½c.
Detroit, Mich. 1, 1½, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c.
Grand Rapids, Mich. 1½c.
Kalamazoo, Mich. 1½c.
Saginaw, Mich. 1½c.
Duluth, Minn. 1, 1½c.
Minneapolis, Minn. 1½, 3, 5, 6, 10c.
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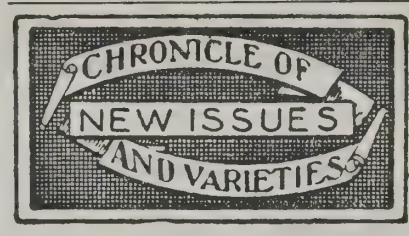

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United States

Special Handling Stamps

On June 25th, in accordance with previous announcement, the Post Office Department placed on sale in Washington, the new 10, 15 and 20 cent green special handling stamps, similar in design and size to the previously issued 25 cent, which we have been using for some time.

In the Postal Bulletin for June 28, 1928, the Department explains under what condition these, as well as the special delivery stamps, should be used, in accordance with the Postal Bill enacted May 29th, which became effective July first.

The law makes no change with reference to special delivery of first-class mail except to increase the rate in addition to the regular postage, as follows:

10 cents—special delivery charge on mail weighing up to two pounds.
20 cents—from two pounds to ten pounds.
25 cents—on first-class mail weighing in excess of ten pounds.

To pay the latter fee, a 10-cent and 15-cent special delivery stamp should be used, although special delivery charges may be paid with regular stamps.

With reference to all classes of mail, except first-class mail, the law merges what has heretofore been known as special-handling service and special-delivery service into one service and calls the combined service special-delivery service. The law fixes the following rates in addition to the regular postage namely: 15 cents on matter weighing not more than 2 pounds; 25 cents on matter weighing not more than 10 pounds; 35 cents on matter weighing in excess of 10 pounds.

The new statute, however, continues special-handling on matter of the fourth class only, without the necessity of the special-delivery service, and for this class the new stamp previously described, has been issued, the charges being 10, 15 and 20 cents on packages up to two, ten and in excess of ten pounds.

It will be noted that the new law makes no provision for special-delivery service without the special-handling service. In other words, the special-delivery service necessarily carries with it the special-handling service.

The Department officially defines these two services as follows:

"Special-Delivery—By affixing to all mail matter other than first class the required special-delivery rates, such matter is not held for shipment with ordinary bulk mail, but is distributed, dispatched and transported on the same trains as is matter of the first class, and is given immediate delivery at the office of destination.

Special-Handling—By affixing to matter of the fourth class the required special-handling rates it is distributed, dispatched, transported, and delivered the same as matter of the first class, but is not given immediate delivery at the office of destination."

Under date of June 22nd, the Third Assistant Postmaster General announced that the new special-handling stamps could not possibly be distributed throughout the country by July first, and postmasters were instructed that ordinary postage stamp should be used temporarily to pay special-handling charges, as provided in paragraph four of Order No. 7790 of the Postmaster General, appearing in the Postal Bulletin of June 13th.

Democratic Convention

While the Postmaster General refused to issue a special postmark for use at the Democratic Convention at Houston, they locally arranged an unofficial marking, consisting of a "Kicking Mule," somewhat similar to the famous cancellation used at Port Townsend, some years back. Underneath the mule, we find in one line, "He's in Houston." The copies that I have seen have been applied in magenta. I wish to thank Mr. Charles E. Jandrue, Jr., and the Houston Philatelic Society for such covers, which came forward via air mail.

Air Mail Abroad

As previously mentioned in this column, the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, in charge of air mail matter, has been giving considerable thought to the subject of transporting air mail from United States ports to abroad. We now have the service which was inaugurated some time back between Key West and Havana, and the Department has recently opened bids from three concerns, covering a service from the same point to both Porto Rico and the Canal Zone. When these are established, it is expected that the one service will cover several of the islands of the West Indies, such as Cuba, Haiti and Dominican Republic, whereas the Canal Zone service will include Cuba, Mexico, British Honduras, Honduras and Nicaragua, with the understanding that later on stops will possibly be made at Guatemala, Salvador, Colombia, Venezuela, Curacao, Trinidad, British Guiana and Dutch Indies.

As the bids are within the limit of the amount specified by Congress for foreign air mail service, there is small doubt, but what this service will be established in the near future. This is simply a forerunner of what will, no doubt, be continued down on through South America, so that the time is not far distant when air mail services will be available from northern Canada, down through to the extreme southern portion of South America. A few years hence, will no doubt, find the entire civilized world in communication, via air mail.

Philippine Islands

Mr. C. F. Brown, Disbursing Agent of Philippine Revenues in care of the Bureau of Insular Affairs at Washington, D. C., writes that on July tenth he will have available the new Philippine Postage Due Stamps consisting of the 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20 centavos. These may be purchased at face value, in sets only, at 38 cents per set, together with postage to cover return mail.

In addition, Mr. Brown writes that the 2c coil stamps of the Philippines of the current series are sold in strips of two or more at 1 cent each. The Philippine Commemorative stamps, bearing the design of the "Palace of Legislature," with the exception of the 1 peso, that is, the 2, 4, 16, 18, 20 and 24 centavos, are available at 42 cents per set. All current Perf. 11 stamps from 2c peso inclusive, are to be had and is a small supply of the 16c with p of Admiral Sampson, although I believe these are well centered.

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Afghanistan. — The Russian Soviet Government has entered into an agreement with Afghanistan which results in the operation of a service twice monthly between Kabul and Tashkent, machines leaving the former town on the 1st and 15th of each month, and from Tashkent on the 18th and 28th. Information is not yet to hand regarding air mail rates, but now that Afghanistan has joined the Postal Union, it is probable that established rates will soon be made.

Albania.—A new overprint has been applied to the air stamp series of 1925 for use in connection with the first flight from Valona to Brindisi, the inscription being: "Rep. Shquiptare fluturium: 1-ar. Vlone-Brindisi, 21.IV.28." Champion *Bulletin* reports the following quantities, the first column giving the numbers of each value remaining from the 1925 stock, and the second column the proportion of these which were overprinted:—

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5q,	17,372	16,375
10q,	15,786	14,600
25q,	23,769	23,075
50q,	14,246	13,040
1fr,	5,987	5,500
2fr,	5,812	5,350
3fr,	5,659	5,350

Belgium. — Official air stamps are promised from this country which will illustrate well-known architectural features of Belgian cities.

Bulgaria.—The current 2 and 10 lepta stamps have appeared with aeroplane overprints, in red and green respectively, but we are advised that no regular service within the interior has yet opened.

Chile. — On March 5th connection was made for the transportation of mails on the South Atlantic service from Buenos Aires. Mails are flown weekly from Valparaiso to Santiago, and then carried by rail over the Andes. For this service a temporary air mail stamp series has been issued which will be current for about two months and then replaced by a definitive issue. The following stamps have been overprinted, 150,000 of each:—20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 1dol, 2dols, and 3dols on 5dols; 100,000 of each, 5dols, and 6dols on 10dols; and 75,000 copies of the 10dols, the inscription reading "Correo Aereo."

Dominica.—An official air post stamp of the denomination of 12c is due to appear as we go to press. This will be used on the very successfully operated lines of the West Indian Express Co., who are anticipating further extensions of their flights before long.

Dutch East Indies.—Further to our note of last month, Mr. Benders tells us that on September 1st regular air mail routes will be inaugurated between the four principal cities of Java, for which the extra air fee will be 10c for cards and letters. A special stamp of this denomination will appear in due course, but in the meantime it is suggested that ordinary stamps will be overprinted in readiness for the opening date. The printing will be done in India to save time. Other news relating to this colony will be found under "Holland."

Esthonia.—There have been many rumours of a new series of air stamps.

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French Morocco.—A handsome series of charity aero stamps is announced to appear as we go to press, and will be on sale until the end of June. The ten values, as here described, will be sold at double face value: 5c (Moroccan Horsemen), sea-blue; 25c (Ploughman), red-orange; 50c (View of Saffi), carmine; 75c (Marrakesh), brick-red; 80c (Shepherd), bronze-green; 1fr (View of Fez), ochre; 1fr 50 (View of Tangiers), blue; 2fr (Casablanca), lake-brown; 3fr (Rabat), violet; 5fr ("Le Hedia"), black.

Grand Liban.—Two new series of air stamps have appeared, a black overprint being succeeded by a red one within a few days. The new printing, with red aeroplane and the name of the country, is similar to that of last year, but includes the name "Republique Libanaise" in Arabic characters below the French, both in black. The succeeding printing shows all four values, 2, 3, 5 and 10pi, with the whole overprint in red, the French inscription being below, instead of being superimposed upon, the aeroplane, and thus closer to the Arabic.

Great Britain.—Imperial Airways advise us that from Monday, May 7th, an agreement took effect by which the charge on C. O. D. consignments carried by operating companies represented at the Berlin Conference will be at the rate of 1 per cent. on sendings of a value up to 1,000 francs, and ½ per cent. when over that amount, with minima of 50c and 10frs respectively.

According to a local newspaper account seen by Mr. Cossar, the Aerial Transport Co. of Glasgow proposes to open a line between Glasgow, Stranraer, and Belfast. As, however, there is difficulty in acquiring a suitable ground at the second place, it is probable that there will be no immediate developments.

In mid-May the Postmaster-General issued a new attractive guide to the air mails. This may be consulted at any post office or may be obtained at many of them, including all head and branch offices. It is now produced in foolscap size, the type is larger, and the arrangement simplified so that users may see at a glance, aided by a double-page map in the centre of the leaflet, how to apply the advantages of speedy air mails to their own purposes. Parcels may now be flown to the Scandinavian countries and Luxemburg, in addition to the services of last summer; while letter-mail rates to the United States, Russia and the Russian Border States, Italy, and Egypt have been reduced. Airmail enthusiasts are obviously familiar with the saving of time effected through aerial delivery, but the ideas of the majority of British business men on this point are still very vague, and we suggest that a more aggressive propaganda policy be adopted to improve the position. Leaflets and posters giving pointed facts as to the saving of time and money over certain routes and periods could, for instance, be distributed through Chambers of Commerce and with telephone trades directories. The postal authorities are so modest that they hide some of the most striking facts of the modern postal system in columns of figures and place names. Examples should be extracted and displayed forcefully, until they have penetrated into the subconscious minds of the public.

Holland.—This month will take place the first of three direct air mail flights to the East Indies, writes Mr. Benders. The services will be undertaken by four machines, special postmarks will be used, and two air stamps, of 40c and 75c values, will be issued.

In 1929 and 1930 monthly flights will be made to India, for passengers and mails; then, if results are satisfactory, weekly or bi-weekly services will follow.

India.—The official blue labels, formerly applied only to air mail sacks, came into public use for application to individual correspondence on March 17th, at Karachi Post Office. As few people were aware of this fact at the time, letters of this date bearing the adhesive are very scarce. Mr. S. H. Smith has shown us a very rare variety from the first printing, consisting of a pair with horizontal perforation missing between the two. From March 24th, Indian mails were accepted for despatch by the air line from Marseilles to London, reports the *Monthly Bulletin*, thus effecting delivery at least one day earlier.

Italy.—The new 50c (red) air stamp first appeared on March 29th, and we also learn that a complete new series is under consideration. Each stamp will bear an attractive symbolical design, an example of which we illustrate this month.

Japan.—*The Yuraku* announces that the arrangement for transport of Japanese mails over the Moscow-Berlin line ceased on October 28th last, owing to lack of support. Fifty pieces of mail were the largest number carried on any one day.

Jugo-Slavia. — Until the new air stamps appear, special postmarks will be applied to air mail, states the *Kurrir*.

Kenya.—A local journal forwarded to us by Mr. Tunstall publishes the following official statement in view of the rumours that mails would be carried by aviators passing through the Colony:—"With reference to the paragraph . . . to the effect that Lady Heath and Captain Bentley will convey letters from Kenya to England against payment of a fee, I have the honour to inform you that any such action would be definitely illegal. The fact that neither Lady Heath nor Captain Bentley would receive pecuniary benefit from the arrangement does not alter the case."

Peru.—Our details in the last number of *The Aero Field* were incomplete. The first actual mail flight from Lima to Iquitos was made in December, as all first-flight covers we have examined are postmarked in that city on December 29th, and bear 10c in ordinary franking stamps, a 2c Tacna-Arica adhesive, and a pair of the scarce provisional air stamps. Envelopes flown on the first day from Iquitos to the capital are similarly franked, but were postmarked on January 9th, and bear an unframed cachet in red. All obliterations are very illegible, unfortunately. The first experimental flight, when mail was carried, has been made from this country to Bolivia. About 800 letters were postmarked at Lima on February 25th, and backstamped with the violet oval postmark of La Paz the following day.

A handsome definitive stamp replaces the provisional air stamp mentioned above. Of the same value, 50c, it is printed in deep green, and the design includes a portrait of the President, with, in the background, a map of the country, over which an aeroplane is flying.

Portugal.—A Portuguese company is considering the operation of a service which will include a connecting line between the three principal islands of the Azores.

Sweden.—Besides the special "Malmo Luftpost" aerial postmark, another variety of Swedish obliteration is now being used. This is applied at Stockholm airport, and is inscribed, between two concentric circles, "Stockholm Flyghamnen."

Switzerland.—On May 14th, the summer services reopened between Basle and La Chaux, etc., and the special postmark we illustrate was used on the first day. The through line between Geneva and Madrid was inaugurated on April 23rd. The majority of mail was backstamped at Barcelona and Madrid. Dr. Vogler advises us that as from May 2nd Swiss mail was accepted for flight over the line from Brinidis to Athens and Constantinople, despatches being made from Lausanne twice weekly.—*The Aero Field.*

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(This editorial from the New York "Sun" is so interesting that we reprint it for the benefit of our readers. We are indebted to Warner Bates for this courtesy.—W. O. W.)

The department of history of the University of North Carolina through the efforts of Professor Joseph G. de D. Hamilton some time ago began the collection and preservation of love letters as an aid to present and future historians. The letters proved peculiarly enlightening on economic and social conditions from early in Colonial times to late in the nineteenth century, and, made so easily available to research workers, their assembling became a successful literary venture. The university now is to furnish a new safe repository for this correspondence, and Professor Hamilton has redoubled his efforts to rescue from garrets, closets, old trunks and antique receptacles in the Carolinas and other States documents and letters which may help to throw light upon the basic conditions and history of the early settlements.

In giving to love letters so much importance Professor Hamilton is no doubt influenced by the study of the correspondence which he has collected. There was in these letters an intimacy of detail and description which was not to be found in business letters or formal documents. He cites the case of the correspondence of a young Carolinian with a girl who was probably to become his wife and help him in establishing a home in a new land. He described his experience as a pioneer in Tennessee and Mississippi and the social and living conditions there with a minute-

ness and charm such as no other had done. Sentiment saved let this character from the destructio was the fate of most old correspo Professor Hamilton is not likely sider himself the originator of le an aid to the study of history a torical characters. He has befo the value of the correspondence o ard and Heloise in revealing many mysteries of the medieval age, a letters of Napoleon to Madame harnais, later to be the Empress ine, telling of his struggles in hi campaigns.

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There seems good reason for t thusiasm with which Professor Ha which leads him to advise an im has entered upon his task, an enth assembling of this old correspondenc fore it has disappeared. But back this may there not be a desire to pu love letters from becoming e Who today pens twenty or thirty written pages when a telephone is easy reach and an answer, "Y "No," comes back in an instan love letter may yet be a curios itself.

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(1) 5c Rotary, Dec. 13, 1927

In my article in the December 19, 1927, issue of M. W. S. N., details were given of the workings of the Bureau of Posts of the Canal Zone, and the stamps and post cards, overprinted CANAL ZONE, dispatched from Washington, during the year ended June 30, 1927.

Subsequent to June 30, 1927, the following quantities of stamps and cards have been supplied by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., respectively, on orders from The Panama Canal.

Dispatched Sept. 26, 1927

Postage stamps:

Series of 1922-23	*Stamps.*	*Value*
2c Washington (rotary)	1,000,000	$20,000.00
2c in books:		
30,000 25c (12 2c rotary)	360,000	7,200.00
5,000 49c (24 2c rotary)	120,000	2,400.00
5c Roosevelt (rotary)	500,000	25,000.00
14c American Indian (flat)	50,000	7,000.00
15c Statue of Liberty (flat)	50,000	7,500.00
Postage due stamps:		
10c Numeral type (flat)	50,000	5,000.00
	2,130,000	$74,100.00

Dispatched Dec. 1, 1927

Postage stamps:

Series of 1922-23		
1c Franklin	14,300	$ 143.00
2c Washington	50,700	1,014.00
2c in books		
3240 25c (12 2c)	38,880	777.60
1080 49c (24 2c)	25,920	518.40
3c Lincoln	39,600	1,188.00
5c Roosevelt	12,900	645.00
10c Monroe	28,500	2,850.00
14c American Indian (flat)	5,900	826.00
15c Statue of Liberty (flat)	6,800	1,020.00
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17c Wilson (flat)	13,600	2,312.00
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2c Numeral type (flat)	46,600	932.00
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1c Jefferson	100,000	$1,000.00

In the consignment of Sept. 26, 1927, curved plate printed stamps were used for the 2c and 5c (perf. 11 x 10½), and 2c booklets (perf. 10 x 10), while the others (14c, 15c postage and 10c due) were flat plate printed and perforated 11. The 2c from curved plates, perf. 11 x 10½, was first issued (with the 1c) on June 28, 1927; and in booklet form (perf. 10) in May, 1927.

The 5c curved plate printed, perf. 11 x 10½, however, was a new variety, and was placed on sale at Balboa Heights, on December 13, 1927. (In unoverprinted state, the 5c from curved plates, perf. 10, was first issued April 4, 1925, and with the combination perforation, 11 x 10½, on March 24, 1927.) The flat plate printed 14c doubtless received the sharp "A" overprint, a new variety, but up to the end of May, 1928, the flat "A" stamp was still being sold by the Philatelic Agency, at Balboa Heights. With the flat "A" overprint, the 14c was issued June 27, 1925. The 15c flat plate, flat "A," was first issued July 1, 1924; and with the sharp "A," in January, 1926.

On Nov. 8, 1927, an order was placed by the Panama Canal covering stamps overprinted "Canal Zone" which were left over after filling several previous orders. These stamps were dispatched to the Zone on December 1, 1927.

The ½c, 1½c, 14c and 50c have not yet been reported with the sharp "A" overprint.

In all, three faces of type have been used by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in overprinting stamps for the Panama Canal. The flat "A" type used originally (in 1924) gave way in 1925, to what is called the sharp "A" type. The third variety was first seen on the 1c rotary (11 x 10½) dispatched May 27, 1927, and issued June 28, 1927. This has also been seen on the 2c and 5c rotary, combination perforation, and doubtless was used on other denominations included in that and subsequent consignments to the Zone. This third variety, also sharp "A," differs very little from the second type (or sharp "A"), and to differentiate between the two, it is really necessary to see the two types together.

(2) Rotary Errors, 1927

Only two errors have been reported in recent overprintings dispatched to the Zone, i.e., 2c curved plate, perf. 10 x 10, horizontal pairs (10), one stamp without overprint; and 1c curved plate, 11 x 10½, vertical pairs (10), one stamp without overprint. In the case of the 2c 10 x 10, one Post Office sheet of 100 was found with the right hand vertical row not overprinted, while a sheet of the 1c, 11 x 10½, found at about the same time, has the overprint missing on the lower horizontal row. Inasmuch as these stamps are overprinted in imperforate sheets of 400 stamps (four P. O. panes of 100), it

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1c ea.: 1, 19, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 73, 80, 82, 83, 92, 99, 100, 101, 102, 105, 106, 119, 129, 131, 132, 133, 144, 150, 168, 169, 170, 171, 418, 419, 602, 611, 618, 627, 629, 631, 632, 634, 637, 640, 641, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 809, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 822, 823, 824, 826.
1½c ea.: 2, 3, 4, 34, 49, 88, 91, 97, 103, 107, 113, 114, 121, 134, 140, 141, 145, 146, 147, 152, 186, 404, 405, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 420, 421, 423, 424, 425, 427, 603, 604, 608, 621, 626, 628, 635, 636, 646, 808, 810, 811, 812, 814, 821.
2c ea.: 84, 96, 104, 115, 117, 118, 120, 123, 127, 135, 148, 149, 151, 153, 154, 155, 172, 184, 406, 415, 551, 554, 609, 619, 620, 639, 645, 813, 827, 828, 829.
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1926, 10/- Postage (129)	10.00	4.00
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Panama 1928, Lindbergh 2 and 5c	..	.50
1928, Lindbergh 2c only	..	.10
Sarawak 1928, 1c-$1 compl., face 1.70	..	2.00
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seems likely that two such panes of each variety must exist.

(3) Panama Lindbergh Stamps, 1928

In connection with the visit of Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh to Panama in January, 1928, special postage stamps, of 2c and 5c denominations, were authorised, and issued on January 9, 1928, the day of arrival from San Jose, Costa Rica. The plates were zinc etched in the plant of the *Star and Herald*, Panama City, and the actual printing done at the Panama Canal Press, Mt. Hope, Canal Zone, 300,000 of the 2c and 150,000 of the 5c.

The stamps were also placed on sale in the Canal Zone, but restricted to the Post Offices at Balboa Heights and Cristobal. Letters mailed at these two offices were forwarded to Panama City, and Colon, respectively, for cancellation and dispatch. All sales were made between January 9th and January 31st, 1928, in the following quantities:

	Balboa Heights.	*Cristobal*
2c,	54,986	25,000
5c,	27,498	15,000

(4) Permanent Issue of Postage Stamps, 1928

In his report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926, the Director of Posts of the Canal Zone, C. H. Calhoun, wrote—

"As soon as funds are available for obtaining the required dies, for the printing of a distinctive series of Canal Zone postage stamps and other stamped paper, it is proposed to discontinue the use of the surcharged U. S. stamps."

In his 1927 report, he repeats his earlier remarks, with this further comment—"As the additional revenue derived from the sale of an entirely new issue of stamps would in all probability nearly defray the expenses involved, it is hoped that funds for this purpose may be made available at an early date."

At the end of April, 1928, General M. L. Walker of the Canal Zone, gave approval to the issue of the first two denominations of this permanent series, 1c and 2c, which will be placed on sale about September 1, 1928, or as soon as the large stock of 1c and 2c overprinted U. S. stamps is exhausted. On April 27th official photographs were forwarded to Washington, from which to make the engravings.

The stamps will be designed, engraved and printed by the recess process, by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, D. C., and presumably perforated 11.

A common frame design will doubtless be used for all denominations of the series, but the vignettes will be different, the head of Gen. W. C. Gorgas has been assigned to the 1c, and that of Gen. G. W. Goethals to the 2c. One million 1c and three million 2c stamps have been ordered. The subjects are most appropriate, as both men played very important roles in the construction of the Panama Canal.

Gen. William Crawford Gorgas was appointed Chief Sanitary Officer, effective June 2, 1904, and member of the Isthmian Canal Commission November 17, 1906. He served through the Canal construction period and was relieved from duty with the Canal on April 6, 1913. He died on July 4, 1920.

General George Washington Goethals was appointed member of the Isthmian Canal Commission by Executive Order dated March 4, 1907, his service beginning March 5, and was appointed Chairman of the Commission April 1, 1907. He continued as Chairman and Chief Engineer until the Isthmian Canal Commission was succeeded by The Panama Canal, April 1, 1914, when he became the first Governor of The Panama Canal. He resigned as Governor on January 10, 1917, and died on January 21, 1928.

It was rumored at one time that a common design would be used for all denominations of the proposed series, i.e., the seal of The Panama Canal, the finished product having somewhat the appearance of the peso values of the Philippine Islands series, displaying the arms of the City of Manila. The seal of The Panama Canal already appears on the locally produced 1c and 2c stamped envelopes, and 1c post cards.

(5) Summary, Dates of Issue, Etc., 1924-27

A summary of the normal varieties (excluding the errors, such as inverts, ZONE ZONE, etc.) which have appeared since July 1, 1924, when the Canal Zone resumed the use of United States overprinted stamps, and the dates on which they were issued, is given in the tabulation below.

Flat plate		
perf. 11	*Flat "A"*	*Sharp "A"*
½c,	Apr. 15, 1925	
1c,	July 1, 1924	
1½c,	Apr. 15, 1925	
2c,	July 1, 1924	Sept., 1926
3c,		June 27, 1925
5c,	July 1, 1924	May, 1926
10c,	July 1, 1924	August, 1925
12c,	July 1, 1924	Feb., 1926
14c,	June 27, 1925	
15c,	July 1, 1924	Jan., 1926
17c,		April 5, 1926
20c,		April 5, 1926
30c,	July 1, 1924	Dec., 1926
50c,	July 1, 1924	
$1,	July 1, 1924	April, 1926
2c Liberty Bell,		July 4, 1926

Curved plate	*Sharp "A" 10 x 10*	*Sharp "A" 11 x 10½*
2c,	Jan., 1927	
3c,	May 9, 1927	
10c,	May 9, 1927	
1c,		June 28, 1927
2c,		June 28, 1927
5c,		Dec. 13, 1927

Stamp booklets	*Flat plate printed perf. 11*		*Curved plate perf. 10*	
	Flat "A"	*Sharp "A"*	*Sharp "A"*	
1c (25c)	Oct., '24			
2c (25c)	Oct., '24		May, '25	May, '27
2c (49c)	Oct., '24		May, '25	May, '27

Postage due stamps		
1c,	July 1, '24	June, '25
2c,	July 1, '24	June, '25
10c,	July 1, '24	June, '25

"Postage Due" on postage	
1c,	Mar. 2, '25
2c,	Mar. 2, '25
10c,	Mar. 2, '25

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N. JOSEPH, dealer and prin Walden St., Boston 30, Ma sending out a specially designed cover. He advertises it this week sample will no doubt be sent to on request.

W. H. DODGE of Melrose High Mass., is putting out a l approvals with prize offers for purchases. We note that a year's su tion to the WEEKLY is given in c tion with total sales of $3.00. This like a good offer and should be vestigating.

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WE have received from several subscribers Houston covers were made locally but not officially have not taken the space to chroni of these eccentricities. One thing i tain, the Democratic mule has co for a good bit of publicity.

WE are indebted to W. T. W Birmingham, Eng., for a from London bearing a cancellatic vertising the 15th British Philatelic gress held in London, June 26.

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Photographs of covers carried from Sharon, Pa., to San Francisco, Calif., by Costes and Le Brix, autographed by the fliers and addressed to John Thomas of Sharon, Pa., have been shown me by Mr. Paul P. Wentz. A splendid picture of the plane "Nungesser-Coli" taken at Sharon, Pa., on the day the fliers were forced down, accompanied Mr. Wentz's letter.

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Clippings are acknowledged from H. G. Burwick and R. E. Richard.

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Through the courtesy of Mr. Buell A. French, I am able to add a First—"Last Trip" cover to my collection! The cachet reads,—"Last Courier Trip, Hartford, Conn.—Holyoke" in red and was carried on the now definite motorcycle route. The cachet is not official.

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"Co-operators" the past week include Percival K. Stone, A. A. Leve, Ed. Pelgen, Austin L. Jones, R. Y. Mottahedeh and Harry Leonard. Advance information has been supplied by Mr. Pelgen to the effect that a new route is projected between Chicago, Elgin, Rockford, Dubuque, Iowa, Mason City, Sioux City and Sioux Falls, S. Dakota. The date set for the inaugural flight as given in the "Rockford Republic" is August 7. As yet no official confirmation is at hand.

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Information pertaining to Persian Air Mail Stamps has been supplied by Mr. R. Y. Mottahedeh to the effect that they have been issuing a new set. The Persian government has surcharged a small quantity of its revenue stamps for Air Mail use. The surcharge is in four lines, the first reading "Air Mail" in Persian, below which is an airplane. The third reads Poste Aerien and the fourth line is the value in English. Five values have been surcharged as above which is quite different from that on the first Air Mail set.

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Mr. Harry Leonard supplies a clipping from one of the Canal Zone papers covering the extension of Air Mail service from the United States to Panama, one route going through the West Indies and second route through Central America. The clipping states that no announcement was made regarding possible bidders but it is known that several companies are eager to obtain the contract as a basis of inaugurating a passenger and freight service. In connection with the above, see item relative to Cuban Air Mail which appeared last week.

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Special Item—Through the courtesy of Mr. J. P. Penning, we are informed that the contractor of C. A. M. 11, Mr. Clifford Ball, is going to apply an unofficial cachet to mail out of Pittsburgh and McKeesport, July 31 and August 1. The cachet for July 31 will read, "Last Air Mail flight under old rate July 31, 1928, McKeesport, Pa." This will be an oblong cachet, approximately one by one and a half inches in size. The cachet for use on August 1 will be of circular design and appropriately worded. Covers may be sent to Mr. Clifford Ball, care of Bettis Field, McKeesport, Pa., with despatching instructions. All covers, of course, must be stamped.

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On Monday, July 9, Miss Amelia Earhart, Wilmer Stultz and Lou Gordon were the official guests of the city of Boston and through the courtesy of the National Aeronautic Association, a special card was available, carrying a suitable inscription. Approximately 500 of the cards were flown out of Boston over C. A. M. 1, on the same date. Each card bears a serial number. 100 envelopes were prepared and given a serial number, these envelopes to be used by the various committees. Fifteen of the envelopes bear the autograph of the three fliers. Numbers 1 to 5 are to be auctioned off at the Crosscup—Pischon Post luncheon, Thursday, July 12. The proceeds received are to be added to the fund being raised for a memorial building to be erected at the Boston Airport. These cards and covers are of a semi-official nature and undoubtedly will be in demand by admirers of the "Friendship" fliers.

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C. A. M. 26, Great Falls, Mont., to Salt Lake City, Utah, becomes effective August 1. The north bound plane leaves Salt Lake City at 10:20 A. M., landing at Ogden, Utah, Pocatello, Idaho, Butte, Mont., Helena, Mont., and Great Falls, Mont. Arrives at the latter point at 4:30 P. M. The return trip leaves Great Falls at 8:00 A. M., arriving in Salt Lake City at 2:10 P. M.

NEW AIRMAIL SERVICE

Lincoln, Nebr., and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, are now tied up to C. A. M. 18, Chicago to San Francisco. The connecting up of these two cities took place July 10 and we are indebted to the Hawkeye Stamp Co. and Alfred E. Gorham for first day covers. Red and purple cachets showing a beacon are used from Cedar Rapids, and a violet from Lincoln.

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By C. A. CARROLL.

...eorgia, it may be said in general ...e number of precancel issuing ...is on the increase, with an ever ...ng number of new series, while ...ive activity is being rather se... checked. Commemorative opera... ...e at a standstill and recent issues ...ome from Washington without ...g a wild stir in East Point, Colum... similar cities. For which, Allah ...ked.

...ent news may be briefly summed ...ollows: In Atlanta, all values of ...sent issue are now in circulation ...50 cents. The new Bureau Print ...tions are found on the 1½, 3, 8 ... All postage dues are coming ...with an occasional invert except ..., which seems to be out of stock. ...sta is using all three types at the ...me, although the two hand stamps ...fined to the rarer values or to ...ommon varieties usually printed ...ure temporarily out of stock. Sa... now wholly given over to the ..., ontinues to put out doubles with ...requency. Columbus is using the ...andstamp almost exclusively now, ...th the U-53 formerly was the ...rt.

...epermit holder at Union City has ...ed his attention to dog racing, and ...ials in this neck of the woods sim...ave gone to the dogs. Rome, one ...new comers, is very rarely seen. ...ville's handstamp is now beyond ...be and quite illegible. A fake ...nville has been seen recently with ...ne spelled as in a late precancel ...g list, "Donaldsonville." It will ...ectors to watch their "d's" in this ...

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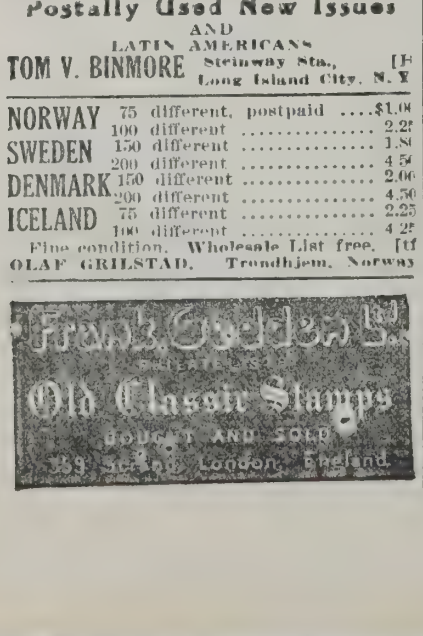

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TRINIDAD

By C. A. Howes.

Next to Jamaica, the island of Trinidad is the largest of the British West Indies. It lies at the extreme southern end of the chain of islands called the Antilles, close to South America, from which it is separated by a narrow strait. It was discovered by Columbus on his third voyage, being the first land sighted on July 31, 1498, and receiving its name from the three mountain peaks which it exhibited. It has a population of some 300,000.

Because of the commercial importance of the island it was natural that the question of the use of postage stamps should have been considered at an earlier date than in many of the smaller neighboring colonies. It was thus the first of the West Indian possessions to issue them, but a curious fact in this connection is that the stamps were ordered, printed and shipped from England in 1848, but not issued for use until the spring of 1851; in fact, a second order was placed and executed in 1850, before the first shipment had been touched, and no explanation has ever been unearthed for this queer proceeding.

On April 4, 1851, an Ordinance in Council was passed, establishing a general post-office at Port of Spain, the capital, and making provisions for an inland postal service. Letters under a half ounce weight were to be charged one penny, thence up to one ounce two pence, and an extra two pence for every additional ounce or fraction. Foreign mails were to be received and despatched only at Port of Spain, and every foreign letter so received or despatched was to be taxed one penny by the post-office, irrespective of weight. This was to be collected in cash on delivery, but was to be denoted by a stamp when posting the missive. This Ordinance was promulgated on April 11, 1851, and the stamps ready for so long were issued on that day, but only for use between the towns of Port of Spain and San Fernando, the two chief ports of the island, between which there was water communication. The inland service, properly speaking, was not begun until August 14th following.

The stamps were the product of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. of London, being the well known "seated Britannia" type, used as well for Mauritius and Barbados. The name at the bottom is the only inscription, and in the case of the two last mentioned colonies the denomination was indicated by the color of the stamp. It was very likely the intention to do the same in Trinidad, for the first shipment, received in December, 1848, was of 25,000 stamps in blue and a like quantity in "lilac." The latter name is used by the contractors, but this ink was particularly susceptible to change and is now catalogued as "gray." The second and unaccountable order received at the end of 1850 was for only 5,500 each of stamps in blue and purple-brown, which would look as though they were considering a third and higher value stamp represented by the new color, and thought best at the same time to augment the supply of the lowest value in anticipation of extensive use. But w the intentions, when the stamps finally put in use in 1851 they w employed as 1 penny stamps. proved by a letter from the Post General of Trinidad to M. Moens in 1864, in which he states that value of the grey, blue and red which you mention in your first questions, was 1 penny." An ex tion of original covers by Mr. Bacon also bears out this fact. stamps included in the above sta were shipped from England in 18 made their appearance toward the that year. But the curious fact half as many blue stamps (16,720 ordered with the red ones at this yet two succeeding shipments of each were all in red, and then i 1854, we find 50,000 in deep purpl only explanation seems to be th authorities were fond of variety!

The stamps are line-engraved in of 110, eleven horizontal rows each, on hard white wove paper w blued more or less by the chemical of the ink except in the case of th ple stamps. The red stamps w brick-red and brownish-red shad in 1857 the color was changed t red, the ink of which did not aff gum, so these are on white paper. stamps in "dark grey" are listed white paper, but these may wel come from changes in the deep ink.

During the period of issue stamps above described there wer eral shortages due to the non-arr orders from England. The first o occurred about September, 1852, a services of a French engraver and ...epher, M. Charles Petit, then liv Port of Spain, were employed to a substitute for use until new s should arrive. Very little is known the issue of this provisional save a orandum of the then postmaster that M. Pétit would print 5,000 for £1. The provisional stamps lithographed in sheets of 54, six h tal rows of nine. The design is of the Perkins-Bacon design, b reticulated border is replaced b parallel lines and the engine-turnec ground by diagonal crossed lines color is nominally blue, but of a ra tints and shades from pale blue to ish-gray. The first impressions we and clear on a yellowish paper, bu ones show more and more wear the last printings from the stone in in gray and in red, are hardly mor rectangular blotches of color. The supposed to have been about half a periods of use of these provis

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EARLY BRITISH POSTMARKS

By Dr. A. E. Whitehead.

The purpose of this short article is to record certain abnormal British postmarks which are constant, and which have been found at various times during the period 1840-1855. The term "abnormal" does not refer in this instance to the many types of obliterations as the rarer or less known varieties of the Maltese Cross, *e.g.*, those known as the Edinburgh, Scotch, Plymouth, Manchester, Norwich and other crosses. Attention has been called to these; to some of them I have quite frequently. I desire in this article to write of abnormal usages of the obliterating types, which abnormalities I think must have been occasioned by one or more of the following causes:

1) The improper observance of official instructions.

2) The non-supply or the mislaying of official stampers, making it necessary to impress a mark designed for another office.

3) The temporary lack of black obliterating ink.

Specimens of the first issue are to be met with cancelled with the familiar "Penny Post" mark, which, of course, never intended to be used as an obliterator. Nearly always this will prove to be a "Dumfriesshire Penny Post," or "Poulton Penny Post." These are generally in black, impressed in red they are very rare. Their rarity in black suggests that the Maltese Cross obliterator had been supplied to these small offices in May, 1840, but was mislaid before February, 1841, when the change to black obliterating ink took place. I have seen these postmarks on many blacks, and—in black only—on many reds and Mulreadys. A careful examination of most specimens so impressed will disclose the fact that there is a Maltese Cross obliteration; I have often seen one specimen with the "Penny Post" mark and the Maltese cancellation also, suggesting that the office was without the standard mark for some years. The second postmark in each case—Maltese Cross or 1844 cancellations—was, in all likelihood, impressed by a zealous postal clerk at the office of destination.

These same issues may also be found occasionally with various types of Charing Cross postmarks, either "Charing Cross" or "C.X." (varieties).

The town postmarks are extremely rare, of these stamps, the exception most frequently met with being "Dorchester," with various dates in 1842. I have seen dates from March to October, 1842. This office was certainly supplied with a Maltese Cross obliterator in 1841, as I have a cover—carrying the rare plate eleven of the Penny black, by the way—dated March 15, 1841, and cancelled in the usual way. What happened after 1842 I am at a loss to say; in all probability the old stamper was found, or a new one supplied.

Occasionally one comes across the 1841 One Penny obliterated with "No. 1" (or other number) in a small rectangular frame. This was a "receiving station" postmark, and, like those already referred to, was not intended to be used for obliteration purposes. I have seen a small correspondence dating from 1845 to 1847, originating from a little village near Littlehampton, all the stamps of which were so cancelled.

As every collector of British issues is aware, after February, 1841, the prescribed color of obliterating ink was black. However, exceptions are not uncommon, although certain of these are very rare. One of the most desirable is the *red* Maltese Cross on the Penny of 1841. Those known date from Ireland or Scotland. Here, for a very short period, two or three weeks only in all likelihood, the requisitioned black ink not being supplied, the old red composition was used perforce. I have a notice to postmasters, dated Edinburgh, 1841, announcing new issues of stamps and envelopes, and also instructing that red composition should be used until the supplies of new black ink should arrive. There must have been a similar lack of black ink in Ireland at this time, due in both cases, I have read somewhere, to a lack of *bottles* in which to transport the precious fluid, for I have two Irish covers, dated February and March, 1841, and both have been red obliterations and postmarks.

It is possible that this change from red to black ink might account for certain other colored cancellations on the 1840 Penny. This stamp is listed by Gibbons obliterated in all the colors of the rainbow—violet, blue, yellow, purple, etc. These are rare, and may have come into being through lack of knowledge regarding the proper mixing of the new ink. I am quite aware that deoxidization has been claimed as the cause of these varieties. However, I have the white Maltese Cross on a large piece of cover dated Cirencester, February 13, 1841—the period of change—and I have seen one or two other similar pieces. In each case the stamp was from plate eight, suggesting that any specimens from plate eight with a white Maltese Cross had the same place of origin.

Not all abnormal colored obliterations originated at the period of change from red to black. I have a brilliant magenta cancellation on the Penny black dated May 27, 1840, the first month of issue. No theory of deoxidization would account for the unfaded purity of this unusual colored cancellation.

Colored obliterations are known on the Penny of 1841: Yellow (rare), green (rare), blue (not uncommon), etc. An interesting cover in my collection is one franked with this stamp, and cancelled "Hull, 1845" in *green*. The day and the month are both lacking. Considerable laxity can be traced to this same office of Hull. I have seen a Mulready, dated May 30, 1840; the familiar Maltese Cross, which the regulations required to be impressed on the figure of Britannia, is missing, and only the date-stamp is seen (on the right hand of the envelope). This, after all, is not a serious matter; but the laxity continued, for, several years later (in 1867, to exact) the postmaster at Hull issued certain new values, the 10d, 2s, and 5s, two weeks or more before the announced date—*vide* Wright and Creeke.

Later colored obliterations are known, such as the rare red "466," used at the Liverpool "Floating Receiving House"—a small branch office at the river side used as a last minute depository for Atlantic mail; and for a lengthy period in 1855 (I have dates from April to July), a blue-green ink was employed at the chief office at Nottingham.

It is quite fitting that letters from the Emerald Isle should disport in green! That color seems to have been quite considerably used in Ireland in 1855, and I am certain that, for some time, black obliterating ink was unprocurable in even such large cities as Dublin and Belfast. During the same period of shortage blue ink seems to have been used in the more westerly parts of the island. I have covers dated July, August, and September with blue obliterations from Moate, Westport and Galway. I have also a letter originating from Belfast in August, 1855, with a rich black cancellation, indicating that a return to normalcy was on the way.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

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EDITORIALETTES

Timely Topics

By ALBERT H. HARRIS.
(Philatelic Magazine)

"Pasch" Forgeries. A man named Pasch is offering forgeries for sale, and nobody seems to have pluck enough to say so. The British Philatelic Association has circulated one of its usual milk and water bulletins (carefully avoiding any name) and stating that it is asking the views of other societies as to what action should be taken. Could anything be more palpably weak? We do not want a society that has to ask others. Let it lead the way. This man is offering fakes from Switzerland, circulating samples with his letters and quoting prices. His notepaper says he is registered at the Swiss Board of Trade. Surely it does not need a genius to approach the Post Office (who have been enquiring for some time into the sale of faked stamps coming from abroad), and either through them, or direct, to approach the Foreign Office? Does the Swiss Government permit stamp forging without let or hindrance? If it does, as has often been suggested, this man's mail can be stopped in Switzerland through the same means as the Post Office adopted when they refused to accept for English delivery Swiss auction catalogues containing coloured illustrations. Let us have some action, not a lot of silly little resolutions.

The French Congress. The report on another page of the doings at the French Congress of Philatelic Societies, held last month at Toulouse, is timely, for its numerous resolutions and discussions may be compared with the British Congress now about to take place. We have no doubt at all that the social side of the London Congress will be every bit as enjoyable as that at Toulouse, but on the score of subjects for debate we think it must be admitted that our French friends show more initiative and activity.

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When Stamps are "a Hundred." We have already pointed out—and many journals in various parts of the world have copied our remarks—that stamps are verging upon the antique, inasmuch as the world at large does not recognise anything as coming within that category until it is at least one hundred years old. When twelve more years have passed, and as that period draws near, this wider market will make marked appreciation in the value of early issues in general absolutely inevitable. While this appreciation may be expected in the main to effect classic issues it will not be without its effect on later ones, by reason of the fact that added attention will be drawn to stamps in general, and we do not agree with one or two pessimistic writers that the popularity of modern stamps is waning, or about to wane.

Stamp Pedigrees. But with the inclusion of stamps in the world of antiques will come a demand for better credentials, and the rare stamp with a proved pedigree will command a more ready market than one without. This is a matter that has been largely neglected in the world of stamps, and it is doubtful whether the record of ownership of many stamps could be traced owing to the reticence observed when they change hands. But it is a matter that will receive greater attention in the future, because it will have considerable influence on the commercial aspect.

"Who's Who in Philately," 1928. No book is being so eagerly awaited by collectors and dealers alike as the new edition of "Who's Who in Philately," the popular international biographical philatelic directory. In the two years which have elapsed since the last edition appeared, numerous changes have been made in the stamp world, and all these will be found reflected in the new edition. The whole work has, in fact, not only been very fully and thoroughly revised, but *nearly a thousand new names and addresses have been added,* increasing the size of the work to nearly 250 pages, although at 3/9 post free the price of the book remains unaltered. Altogether, apart from these improvements, the value of the book has been quite doubled by the addition of a "Location Finder," or index to countries, counties, states and towns, by which the reader can locate immediately all the addresses in the book relating to them. The book is now in the binder's hands, so those who have not sent a remittance in advance should immediately do so, or else order through their news agents or booksellers.

Index to Volume XXI. In the early days of the *Philatelic Magazine,* the title pages and indexes to volumes were given away to every reader, but finding that this involved a good deal of waste, as many readers do not bind their volumes, we gave up the practice in favour of printing a limited number only, making these available to those who required them. With this issue we are making another experiment by publishing the index on the last pages of the present number, which also forms the last part of the half-yearly volume. This will prevent any complete volume of the *Philatelic Magazine* for the first half of 1928 being without an index. The title page will, however, still be printed separately, and will be presented free to everyone who buys a binding case. Those who wish to have their journal bound in private binding may obtain the title page in return for 3d in stamps.

Private Binding. While on this question, we may deplore the practice of private bindings in general, and we would strongly urge all who bind, not only the *Philatelic Magazine,* but any other periodical, to use the covers supplied by the publishers in preference to any other. Not only does this make for uniformity, but from an investment point of view all journals are much more marketable in publishers' covers. Only those who deal in philatelic literature appreciate the difficu making up uniform sets of bou umes when every binding is of a ent character and quality, and a more collectors now regard thei telic literature as an investment, they do their stamps, it is a po this which considerably affects i ketability should the time come is desired to realise.

Mr. A. J. Warren's Old Dutch. It will come a thing of a sl British philate learn that Mr Warren, the collector of Epsom, has just s famous collection of Holland an nies to Mr. J. Van Nifperik, of H who already possesses an extrem collection of this country which hibited in a special salon at the bourg Exhibition last year.

Mr. Warren has always been forefront of the British delega exhibitors, and has secured "grea and gold medals, wherever his collection has been shown of recen While one is sorry that such a f cent lot should leave these shor with some satisfaction that we will form part of another famous tion, which is certainly a better f breaking it up. What Mr. Ni collection will now be like can b imagined than described, for he ready purchased the unique colle essays formed by Monsieur Matt sides the important specialised c of Monsieur Rudolf Lehman, th rian Consul in Paris.

Taking Stamps from Letters. A postman of T in Palestine, h sentenced to days' imprisonm the *Daily Express* (June 8), much love of Lindbergh, it havi proved that he removed postage from letters from the United Sta brating the unending triumphs first Transatlantic flier. It was cause the addressees agreed not

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NS BITS:—

E. GORHAM sends us a First Flight, Tulsa, Okla., cover on the ago-Dallas route, dated July 5. The ing of this service is marked by a g square cachet in blue, which shows con and in a white space represent- g ght is an airplane. It is an inter- ti cover.

THANK you for your kind writeup on our new List, but—the list is r lealers and as you failed to note s ve have had a number of requests o collectors. May we beg another e r two to that effect in a forthcom- g issue as we do not want our trade t o reach collectors."—WEISSMAN & A ON.

T the first day's Sale of the 'Honegger' Collection held in r Strand Auction Rooms this week ar record prices were obtained. An rgentine error the 20c with inverted nt of which only 50 copies exist sold r 30. An unused block of four real- ed £300. The rare Hawaii Missionary ap sold for £305, to a Continental le r. An unused copy of this rarity as also bought for another Foreign de r at £220, the Moldavia 81 Parale 0 The room was largely attended by or nental dealers who were in Lon- on for the first International Dealers' ou se, which opened at the Holborn es urant."—HARMER ROOKE & Co.

At the meeting of the Bronx Phila- elic Club held at their Club Rooms, 90 Cauldwell Ave., Bronx, June 26, hr tian Burk exhibited his cover col- ct n, which was very interesting. His en an States are nearly complete, and ag n was the feature. Meetings are el on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of ac month.—MORRIS JUDAS.

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Among the very greatest collectors of France after Ferrary, we should have to include Dr. Legrand, A. B. l'Argentiere, and Paul Mirabaud. The latter of these gentlemen was known to me personally for nearly twenty years. I often visited at his beautiful home in Paris and he was always one of my best friends in that capitol.

M. Mirabaud was born in the year 1848. He was a member of a very distinguished family occupying a high place in Society and in commercial circles. He and his brother owned one of the largest and richest banks in Paris ranking, I believe, next to the Rothschilds. He was a very prominent man in the world of finance, a Regent of the Bank of France, Director of the Suez Canal Co. and a Director of the Paris Orleans Railway.

M. Mirabaud first started to collect stamps for his son who had a disease of the spine and who lay on his back in bed for many years. After the death of this son he got interested in the collection and eventually built up one of the finest collections ever formed in France. On one of my visits to his home he took me into a side room which, as far as my memory serves me, was entirely filled with cases of a collection of pocket knives of the whole world that had also been formed by his son.

M. Mirabaud was reported to be one of the richest men in Europe and like many of the great French collectors, he kept very much aloof from his brother collectors and from Paris Society, and I believe that it is very few collectors or dealers who had the privilege of inspecting his collections. One of his most intimate friends was my good friend Baron Alex. de Reuterskiold who collaborated with M. Mirabaud in writing a very magnificent work upon the issues of Switzerland 1843 to 1862.

This work was published in 1899 in three editions in three different languages. There were 200 copies printed in French, 150 in German and 150 in English. I purchased for my firm the whole of the English edition and the work was put on sale at £6. The whole edition was sold and recent prices I have seen for this beautiful work, is from $55.00 to $60.00 per copy in either language. In my opinion, this is the finest philatelic work that has yet been published. All the early Swiss stamps are illustrated in the exact color of the stamp. All the plates are most beautifully illustrated and have been drawn to show all the plate varieties. There is very little difficulty in plating any Swiss stamps with the aid of this magnificent work. Special attention was also paid by the authors, to cancellations of which there are illustrations of many hundreds with details as to where and when they were used. M. Mirabaud told me that he had spent at least $10,000.00 in trials before the book went to press. He had hundreds of experiments made by the best artists in Paris to get the best results and to take all necessary steps to prevent the illustrations being used fraudulently.

His collection of France was a remarkable one consisting of many sheets and portions of sheets of the early issues showing the position of the tête-bêche varieties. Among other special favorites of his were Mauritius, Hawaiian Isle, New South Wales, Canada, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Trinidad, Tasmania and Western Australia. M. Mirabaud was born in France but lived for some considerable time in Switzerland and it is from this association that, I suppose, he got his great love for Swiss stamps.

I spent very many pleasant evenings with M. Mirabaud inspecting his collection and showing him various collections I took with me to Paris. One of these visits I remember very distinctly, was upon the occasion when F. W. Ayer came over to England and placed his great collection in the hands of my firm for sale on a commission basis. Mr. Ayer had never been to Paris and asked me if I would go across with him. We first of all priced up the bulk of the collection, then went across and saw M. Ferrary and afterwards I called on M. Mirabaud, who invited us to dine with him and spend an evening at his home. On this occasion some very large sales were made amounting to a good many thousand Pounds and one incident I have never forgotten.

Mr. Ayer had a remarkable lot of the first issue of the Hawaiian Islands, the so called "Missionary" stamps. M. Mirabaud wanted the best set he could get of this issue and we eventually picked out the finest 2c, 5c, and the two types of the 13c. The 2c had several pieces of paper on the back and he said he would like our permission to float that stamp before he finally decided if he would buy it. As the owner, Mr. Ayer, was present, he agreed to this. Some warm water was brought and this great rarity had a good soaking and to our great surprise came in three pieces. Mr. Ayer was horrified and M. Mirabaud was terribly disappointed, and eventually purchased the next best copy.

M. Mirabaud always sought for the very finest copies regardless of price. He seemed to have the vision which is coming so true nowadays that in the long run it is the fine stuff that always pays, whatever price may be paid. This was noteworthy throughout his famous collection. One of the most important purchases that he ever made was in the very early days when he related the following incident to me himself:

In the years about 1858 to 1865 or thereabouts, there was a French gentleman named Rondot, who was in the habit of sending sums equal to about $5.00 to $15.00 to post offices all over the world, for stamps then current. He secured some of the most beautiful items in British Colonies that I have ever seen, many of which afterwards passed into the possession of H. M. King George V. and the late Mr. Henry Duveen. Many years after the above mentioned dates M. Rondot decided to sell his stamps and went to M. Mirabaud who eventually purchased the whole lot. It is from this source that he obtained a very large number of the finest pieces of British Colonial stamps in his great collection.

In the later years of his life, M. Mirabaud suffered from heart disease. I think my last visit to him would be in the autumn of 1907. He then told me that he considered his race was well run and that he could not expect to live long. Unfortunately, this turned out to be true as his death took place on the 12th of May, 1908.

After the will had been proved the Executors disposed of this great collection in various ways. First of all, the magnificent collection of Switzerland was sold to Messrs. Zumstein & Co. of Berne, for a sum equal to about $62,500.00. Today the collection would probably bring at least four times this price, if not more. A number of other collections, such as France, Mauritius, Japan, etc., etc., were sold separately to friends and noted collectors. The balance was eventually placed in the hands of the well known Paris auctioneer, M. Gilbert, and sold at public sale in three great auctions. I have only been able to find the auction catalogues of the first and second sale but looking at these we can form some idea of the strength of this noted collection. For instance, the rare Reunion stamps of the first issue are represented by no less than 12 copies, most of them with large margins, and many on parts of cover.

The British North America were a superb lot including many of the finest items from the famous F. W. Ayer collection. In the Canada there are four 12d. In Newfoundland a number of the very finest copies known of the scarlet-vermilion and the orange stamps, matchless copies that cannot be found in the trade today. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1/- about 15 copies several on cover, one of the best combinations being the New Bruswick 1/- and a 6d. used on the same cover.

His Italian States were very fine. In Tuscany I note 4 of the 3 lire, 4 of the 60 crazie, and so on. In Sicily the famous blue "Arms" type was represented by 2 unused and 5 used copies, and the "Cross" by 2 unused and 10 used, and so on throughout this fine collection.—*Philatelic Classics.*

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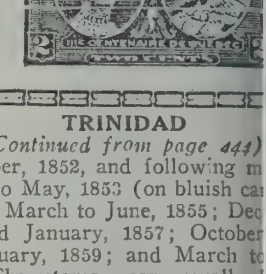

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Carcassonne

By PROF. M. J. BOYER.

In looking thru my New York *Times* Magazine section this morning, my eye caught in a headline a familiar name which would not have been familiar were it not for my interest in postmarks on old covers. This particular article entitled: "Carcassonne Boasts of 2,000 Years," I would never have thought worth reading had it not been for a very interesting cover I acquired a few years ago among some others.

The writer recalls how upon examination of this cover, he with a great deal of interest traced the course taken by it thru the mails in France to find the addressee. It is postmarked Monte Carlo, March 28th, 1899, and addressed to Monsieur Paul Bernard, Soldat 11 eme Compagnie 42 ligne, Belfort, H. Rhin. It bears a perfect copy of Monaco, Scott No. 15, tied to cover with Monte Carlo cancellation. The receiving postmaster at Belfort, in northern France, backstamped the letter and crossed out the original destination inserting in red ink "En permission a' Carcasonne, Aude." The letter then travelled to southern France and the Carcassonne backstamp shows that it arrived in Aude (a department) on April 1, 1899. On the back of the cover rather interestingly we are informed evidently by the writer of the letter that he was an ardent philatelist. In pencil and dated March 29, 1899, we read "Chr. Bernard—Si vous pouvez, conservez moi l' timbre de Monte Carlo; amusez vous bien." Unfortunately, I am unable to decipher the signature of the one adding this, and too, there is apparently an error in date, for this pencil-inserted date as above indicated is a day later than the Monte Carlo cancellation on the stamp.

This cover served as a stimulant toward the reading of Miss Adams' article in the New York *Times* and the description of the towers and parapets of the ancient fortress of Carcassonne lent an unusual charm to the cover above described, which cover in turn vitalized the reading of an article otherwise possibly overlooked.

Canal Zone

—Two New Postage Stamps Soon to be Issued, 1c and 2c Values

(Courtesy of Harry Leonard.)

Orders have been given for the printing of 3,000,000 two-cent Canal Zone postage stamps to bear the likeness of Gen. George Washington Goethals, and 1,000,000 one-cent stamps to bear the likeness of Gen. William Crawford Gorgas, men of outstanding distinction in the construction of the Panama Canal.

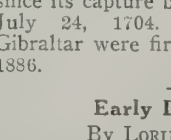
General Goethals was appointed member of the Isthmian Canal Commission by Executive Order dated March 4, 1907, his service beginning March 5, and was appointed Chairman of the Commission April 1, 1907. He continued as Chairman and Chief Engineer until the Isthmian Canal Commission was succeeded by The Panama Canal, April 1, 1914, when he became the first Governor of The Panama Canal. He resigned as Governor on January 10, 1917, and died on January 21, 1928.

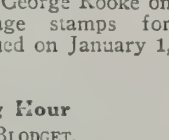
General Gorgas was appointed Chief Sanitary Officer, effective June 2, 1904, and member of the Isthmian Canal Commission November 17, 1906. He served through the Canal construction period and was relieved from duty with the Canal on April 6, 1914. He died on July 4, 1920.

These will be the first stamps designed especially for the Canal Zone; but stamped envelopes, one and two cents, with Canal Zone design, have been printed locally since 1924. It has been the practice to use stamps of the United States or the Republic of Panama surcharged "Canal Zone." United States postage stamps of the denominations of one-cent, two-cent, five-cent, eight-cent, and ten-cent were used as an emergency measure from July 18, 1904, to December 11, 1904, during the organization of the Canal Zone postal service. Beginning December 12, 1904, and lasting until June 30, 1924, stamps of the Republic of Panama were used, surcharged "Canal Zone." From July 1, 1924, to date, United States postage stamps have been used, surcharged for Canal Zone use, and these will continue to be used at least for the immediate future for denominations higher than one-cent and two-cent. It is expected that the new Canal Zone one-cent and two cents will be placed on sale about September 1, 1928.

Gibraltar

A bold rocky promontory situated at the extreme southerly extremity of Spain, with which it is connected by a low isthmus, which has been a British possession





since its capture by Sir George Rooke on July 24, 1704. Postage stamps for Gibraltar were first issued on January 1, 1886.

Early Dating Hour

By LORIN T. BLODGET.

On page 407 of the July 2nd issue under the heading "Miscellany" there is an item regarding the cancellation used at the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition, in which you state that the earliest time shown in the cancellation is 10.30 A. M. I have a cover which I obtained through Mr. C. E. Nickles that is postmarked 10 A. M., which is one-half an hour earlier.

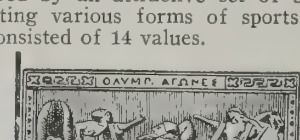
Olympic Games

By A. C. LEDUC.

With the coming of the Olympic games this year to Amsterdam, Holland, it is interesting to look back to the other Olympic game contests held in recent years and commemorated by sets of postage stamps.

Those issued by the Dutch government this year consist of eight values, and on each variety is pictured one of the major sports.

When the ancient Greek custom of having athletic contests was revived in 1896 it was fitting that they should be held in that historic city of Athens. The Greek government at that time, issued a set of 12 attractive stamps to help call the attention of the world to the events of that year. This set, by the way, was the first departure by Greece from the mercury head types so long in use. Ten years later, the Olympic games were again held in Greece, and was again honored by an attractive set of stamps depicting various forms of sports. This set consisted of 14 values.



The 1924 games—the eighth Olympiade—were held in Paris and were honored by a set of four large attractive stamps, each one bearing a design symbolic of sports.

Aside from the three countries mentioned, Belgium was the only other country to honor the Olympics with a set of stamps. This was in 1920 at the time the games were held at Antwerp and consisted of three values.

Of the nine Olympiades, it is seen that five out of the nine have had sets of postage stamps issued in honor of these sports events.

Transfer Collecting

By ROBERT E. DUNLOP, Cicero, Ill.

Some time ago you printed an article on transfer collecting and I want to thank you for printing it. I answered it and now I am a transfer collector along with my stamps. It is a good, interesting hobby for those who do not collect for the money end of it. Perhaps many of your readers do not know that stamps may be exchanged for transfers and vice versa. There are a score of collectors who will "pitch in" and help the beginner out. I'll offer some Chicago forms to any prospective collector.

U. S. Commemoratives

By FRED B. BAMBER.

If we notice the U. S. commemoratives we find that they increase more than other kinds of stamps. For example a Norse American catalogue number 621, five cent dark blue and black. In 1926 it was catalogued 12 cents, and in 1928 it is catalogued more than double.

Junior Dictionary

Hercegovina.—The local spelling of Herzegovina as shown upon the stamps for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Herzogth.—This word followed by "Schleswig" or "Holstein" appears on most of the stamps of these two German duchies. It is an abbreviation of "Herzogthum," which means "duchy."

Herzogthum Holstein.—The inscription shown upon the 1½ schilling stamp of Holstein. It means "Duchy of Holstein."

TRINIDAD

(Continued from page 441)

September, 1852, and following m March to May, 1853 (on bluish ca paper); March to June, 1855; Dec 1856 and January, 1857; October to February, 1859; and March to 1860. The stamps can usually signed to the proper periods by th pearance, each "stage" of the stone plainly more worn or blurred th predecesssor.

Prepayment of foreign letter been optional until October 9, 1858, a notice was posted to the effect t letters addressed to Great Britain be prepaid; if not, an extra 6d be added to the postage as a fin January 1, 1859, after which dat would not be forwarded at all. postage to England was 6d per ounce, the need of stamps of highe than 1d was apparent; 4d, 6d and nominations had therefore been o in London, but did not arrive in to be issued until May 9, 1859. were of the usual design, but the now appears in a curve at the top stamp with the value indicated bottom. The old plate was still us the 1d value, however. The new were in sheets of 240, twenty hori rows of twelve, and printed on the hard white wove paper as befor the 4d there were printed 4,000, of 9,000, and of the 1s 7,000, which ac for the great rarity of the 6d unuse of the other two values also be quantity of remainders was found years ago.

All the preceding stamps have be perforate, but in July, 1859, the facturers were ordered to perfora ture supplies. The first of these to appear in September, 1859, and 'pin perforated." This was done small wooden wheel around the per of which was a metal band bearing of short pointed pins. Each row sheet had to be 'perforated" sepa by running the "pin-wheel" alo straight-edge, a long and tedious tion. There were two wheels used different spacing of the pins, one ga 12½ and the other 13½ to 14. Al values are to be found with both g but the 12½ variety seems scarcer the other. Of the 1s there was onl small supply of 3,000, so that this is a real rarity in either gauge pin perforation.

In the summer of 1860, Messrs. kins, Bacon & Co. acquired a real rating machine, which punched cle holes gauging 14 to 16½. The Tr stamps were the first ones to be op on by this machine, and we the have a consignment of the 1, 4 a with this perforation which began pear in August, 1860. This ma wore out very quickly, so that it h be repaired in January, 1861, but th not wholly mend matters and the two supplies of stamps, which inc all four values, sent out from Lond April and December, 1861, showed p the deterioration in the work of th chine. These stamps are known as the "rough perforation, 14 to though the 1s indigo is known w perforation intermediate between "clean cut" and "rough"; it is a rare stamp, however.

In 1862 the plates of the four st we have been considering were t over to Messrs. De La Rue & Co. b Crown Agents, and this firm has printed all the stamps supplied to Colony. The first lot was issued in (Mr. Bacon thinks very plausibly it may have been in 1862), in practi

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me colors as before, but they can be distinguished by the large ut perforation gauging 11½ to 12. values are also listed perforated they can further be distinguished ir shades, the 1d being lake, the 6d d green, and the 1s bright purple. lake also comes perforated 12½. aper used for these stamps is a white wove, unwatermarked.

—*New England Stamp Monthly.*

(To be continued.)

ATELY IN SUMMER TIME

By LEONARD A. GIBBENS

ing recently been denied a very ing correspondence on matters for the next three months owing ow collector following his usual or closing down stamp collecting the summer months, I am caused k seriously as to the advisability, erwise, of leaving stamps alone the summer runs its welcome

re was a time, not so very long ago, t was the rule to practise indoor during their season, to extract em their utmost benefit and pleas- then to leave them to recuperate and interest whilst outdoor pas- swere the salient orders of one's ive hours.

uld this rule still be enforced in ion with philately, the accepted among indoor hobbies? With exceptions the answer must be ot by any means."

as frequently been pointed out that collecting is essentially a pastime winter months and ideally suited the requirement for some pleasant recreation, especially when one's demands a pastime which shall deeper interests and more lasting than any of the usual indoor m." However, philately is not a it is more of a study and as such e eliminated from the list of pas- which need special times of the year roperly followed.

ays gone by it was often said, and d as truth, that stamp dealers en- red to exist during the summer on the profits obtained from sales rgains" and that the only active s of the collecting fraternity were who purposely kept their purse loose in order to acquire as many se "special offers" as possible. the writer of days now gone by —having bought to the extent of eans, or exhausted the supply of s, the stamps they had been for- enough to obtain were stored away ets as bought or, perhaps, trans- temporarily to a collecting book hey would remain until the return iter. Then the collector's interest be revived and, within some com- room to the tune, maybe, of win- inds raging without, his summer ies would be mounted in their positions in an album, providing a y" of the right sort into philatelic

ang been for many years, and feel- t I shall always be, an advocate mp collecting all the year round, I for one moment believe that nowa- e dealers must ticket down the tit-

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bits of their stock in order to tempt collectors into buying. Naturally, with an essentially indoor hobby such as ours, business in the stamp trade is somewhat slackened during the summer months, but associated as I happen to be with a good many collectors, I can, by taking account of those who collect with unabated interest throughout the year, tell that this class of collector is in the majority and that they take little notice of the seasons so far as their collecting activities are concerned. After all, whatever may be said for or against summer time collecting, a keen collector cannot afford to drop out of the running even for a few months. Somebody will steal a march on him if he does and perhaps obtain the very stamp he has been waiting and watching for for years.

Perhaps a few reasons why I am particularly sensible to the charms of our hobby during the summer will bring some aspects new to the reader and which may be adopted with benefits.

In the first place, having passed the days of callow youth, most of the outdoor pastimes call for the expenditure of more energy than the time of year permits without discomfort. I am not a lazy person in these matters, but, a hard worker all the week, I look forward very eagerly to a quiet week-end. In the summer I divide this equally between philately and exercises in the open air. I certainly enjoy my hours in the open, but I scarcely know how to adequately express the measure of enjoyment and satisfaction obtained from my Saturday afternoon—it is often afternoon *and* evening—with stamps.

When all outdoors is basked in sunshine and it is too hot to be out and about, it is delightfully restful and enjoyable to sit here in my den with albums, catalogues, approval selections, and all the other items which go to make a stamp collector happy, spread about the table. Occasionally I pause in the pursuit of my pastime to glance out of the window and, as I stand there smoking a welcome pipe, I gaze away across the lawn and beyond the gently sloping fields to where the black-blue sea shows a stretch of its mightiness in the bay.

Whenever possible I ask for an approval selection of one or two of my favourite countries to be sent me so that they shall reach me by the Saturday morning's post. Such times I keep an eyelid lifted for the postman. I see his head bobbing up and down between the border of roses as he goes to deliver at the house next door, and I get ready to greet him, fumbling in my jacket pocket for a stub of pencil with which to place my signature upon the precautionary green slip and so take possession of the packet containing the approval selection.

Perhaps this extra energy and enthusiasm I seem to possess for stamp collecting in the summer is due to the sunlight. It is no less than a sort of super-keenness, deepening the romance of stamps which is always with me. At any rate, I must confess myself a lover of summer time stamp collecting. It has several advantages over the winter period. For instance, the days are longer and lighter—a better, whiter light. There is no need to seek the fireside chair, a position totally unsuited to a stamp collector in action. The covers of one's album have a nasty habit of curling and they never get properly back to normal again, added to which, the best of workers will in these circumstances, fall to the temptation to partake of "forty winks." Daylight brings out the most subtle charms in a nicely displayed page of stamps and this urges one along with collecting.

Many a collector in the far East, and in other climes, would welcome the English summer in order that philately might be carried on enjoyably and without inconveniences. At no time of the year is the English climate in any way harmful to the condition of one's stamps.

Aye, summer time is a good time for the stamp collector, if he is a man who can follow his inclinations, for he has better light, a larger variety of stamps to choose from, better opportunities for buying, and, when friends are holidaying one often receives a surprise call, so that the "den" is invaded, stamps are taken out and all else but stamps is forgotten in a chat upon them by collector to collector. But, heaven spare you from visits of non-collectors and their annoying sophistry and their everlasting questions—"How many stamps have you?" "What are they worth?" "What are you going to do with them all?" and so on and so forth.

However, after all is said and done, I suppose I express the general opinion as to the best time for collecting in the following adaptation, "Philately for health and pleasure all the year round."—*West-End Philatelist.*

FIVE YEAR HONOR CLUB

Numbers 753 and 754

T. H. Buxton, Charlotte, N. C.
J. Bogris, Salt Lake City, Utah.

We have an application for membership in our Honor Club this week from T. H. Buxton, Charlotte, N. C., special agent for the Factory Insurance Association of Hartford, Conn. Mr. Buxton writes that it would be hard for him to get along without our paper.

We are also indebted to J. Bogris, 30 S. Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah, for his application for membership in the Club. Mr. Bogris is proprietor of the Utah Cafe and is a longtime subscriber to our publication.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Collections 19, 20, 21 and 22

We broke up XIX, put in the counter-books and stock. I noticed among $3500. cat. over $1.00 each in good condition, some very fine Australian earlies, **Gibraltar** 4/ and 8/ script, some real nice **German States**, used **Portuguese Colonies, Latin Americans** and **British Colonies** 19th.

Balance went in the "Opportunity Approvals", which sell at straight half cat. less 10% extra over $5.00 net and less 20% extra over $10.00 net.

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United States

1922, ½c Nathan Hale Varieties

Mr. Vance Holden has been studying his ½c Nathan Hale stamps most carefully and finds two varieties worthy of mention. On the southeast pane of plate 17047, there is a vertical crack in the gutter between the seventh and eighth stamp. This starts from the top of the second horizontal row of stamps and extends upward, no doubt, running between the ninety-seventh and ninety-eighth stamp on the northeast pane. We, however, have not been able to check the northeast pane, as yet.

The same correspondent also submits two copies showing a scratch on Hale's forehead, running from the hair down nearly to the right eye. This is found on the northwest pane of plate 17075, but the exact position cannot be stated.

"The Damn Things"

It is seldom that we find humor in the stamp album, but two items have recently come to my attention, which are well worthy of note. It seems that trouble in sticking stamps upon letters is not a new complaint, but dates back to the early days.

I note a copy of the 1851 3c mailed from Laurenceburg, Ky., on July 2, 1857. Evidently this postmaster had trouble with his stamps sticking, for he wrote upon the cover, "Paid if the thing don't stick." In other words, he wanted to convey to the postmaster at Frankford, Ky., to whom the letter was addressed, that if it arrived without the stamp, not to collect postage as it had been paid.

The postmaster at Hannibal, Mo., on February 26, 1858, possibly had been having much trouble with his stamps sticking, for he wrote across the envelope, "Paid if the damn thing sticks."

These two items are the first of their kind that have come to my attention. If any of our readers have other similar varieties, we would like to know about them.

George Washington and The Post Office

I recently was shown a most interesting autograph letter, of George Washington to Major George Lewis, at Fredericksburg, Va. The letter, which was written when Washington was President, was dated Philadelphia, 8th of March, 1796, and the postscript upon the letter will prove of interest to philatelists, as it shows that the post office, even in the early days, was a safe and efficient method of sending letters.

I quote from the postscript:

"P. S.—Always put the letters you may write to me into the Post Office, as far preferable to *any* private conveyances."

Canal Zone

Mr. R. S. Carter advises that under date of June 25th, a notice was sent out to all post office authorities in the Canal Zone, notifying them of changes in rates on postal cards, etc., the new rates becoming effective July 1st. At that time, postal cards and private mailing cards are reduced from 2 cents to 1 cent, to agree with the new rates prevailing in the United States. Other changes affect second class and parcel post matter.

Philippines

Mr. Eugene Klein has shown me vertical pairs imperforate between of the complete "Palace of Legislature" series, consisting of the 2, 4, 16, 18, 20, 24 centavos and 1 peso. The 2c, 4c and 16c have been noted in horizontal pairs imperforate between, heretofore.

With all of these extra varieties coming out, it looks very much as if there has been some tampering with the stamps produced locally, and it is hoped that the future issues for the Islands will be printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Bolivia.—Our Quito correspondent, Dr. Salinas de Lozada, reports that on March 10 tenders were invited for sion of new stamps as below: 1 c yellow, Printing, 300,000; 5 centavos green, Printing 4,000,000; 10 c slate, Printing 3,000,000; and 15 c dark red, Printing 4,000,000. Not said as to design or inscription.

National Defence Fund.—It ha proposed in the Chamber to creat stamp in aid of this fund and to m use compulsory on inland letters.— *telic Magazine.*

Gibraltar.—*£5 colours.*—Ewen's Issue Service has distributed this in purple and black, plate 1. Th printing, October, 1925, was viol black. We have placed the two side by side and the difference is distinct.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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Newfoundland.—*9 cents stamp ex-*
ss.—Mr. A. B. Perlin sends us the
ng interesting news from St. John's:
h nine cent stamp of the new issue is
an ed and it is not definitely known
rther supply will be requisitioned.
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y his stamp should have been the
the series to exhaust, I do not
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nion in this denomination, based on
fa that it is not a stamp much used
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Department may not order a further
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ion cancellation.—It may interest you
kn that outport post offices are be-
pr vided with a new cancellation as
ol dies are used up. Instead of the
th name and date stamp, the new
ce tion is a large rubber stamp,
cir val or rectangular in shape, and
an have seen these in three colours
us violet, and green.

ses where the post and telegraph
ic are contained in the one office.
cancellation stamp reads "Posts and
gph Office." Where these services
ar combined, the stamp bears the in-
scr th "Post Office." Many of these
cel tions show varieties in type and
in of inscription and quite a nice
collection of them can be made.

The stamps so cancelled have been
ques ered, it may be thought that they
are final cancellations and it is to cor-
rect such impression that I give you
information.

Only a small proportion of the colony's
post offices have been provided with
new cancellation as yet, but in time
will be used in every post office outside
St. John's.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Sarawak.—*5c to be Surcharged.*—Ac-
cording to l'Echangiste the stock of 5c
postal marked is so large that the Post-
office has been authorised by the Gov-
ernment to get rid of it by converting it
into 2 or 3c stamps by means of a local
surcharge.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Jamaica.—Whitfield King & Co. report
the appearance of the 15s, in the new
"Key" Head type, in blue.

South West Africa.—We learn from
the latest edition of the *South African*
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stamp will be placed on sale almost im-
mediately. It is now ready for issue and
is a new design. Its colors are gray
black.

Sweden.—We are indebted to Mr.
Roberts for copies of the new set of
stamps issued to commemorate the seven-
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NOTES ON GEORGIA PRECANCELS

(*Continued from page 443*)

desire to specialize in Savannah. There are two plates, both listed in Rotnem as Type One. Plate One is of one hundred subjects, designed for the usual stamps of the day (1912-1914), while Plate Two has only fifty subjects, wide spaced for use on the Parcel Post issue. Each plate is type set—linotype set, in fact—and as a result a few very interesting errors are found.

Plate One, being fifty ems wide (if there are any printers in the audience, they will know what this paragraph is all about) was set on a twenty-five em slug and encased between the usual 30 em rules. Plate Two was forty ems wide and hence was set on a twenty em slug with thirty em rules. The rules are poorly joined, and these breaks sometimes occur on both top and bottom at the same point and sometimes at different points in the top and bottom bars.

When Plate One was assembled, all lines were normal, except lines two and four. In line two, the word "Georgia" fails to center underneath "Savannah," as in the normal varieties. The "G" has worked over under the space between the "S" and "a" of the word above, thus throwing all ten subjects off center to the left. In line four, the left hand slug of five subjects has "Georgia" so far to the right that the final "a" falls directly under the "h" of "Savannah."

In Plate Two, the middle subject of each line has an error. This was caused by the printer failing to bevel off the end of his two slugs when he joined them together to form the entire line. As a result, a wide space occurs in both "Savannah" and "Georgia." And since the division would have fallen in the middle of the letter "r," "Georgia" is shifted to the left until the first letter falls under the first letter of "Savannah."

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The little city of Decatur, Ga., is really a suburb of Atlanta, being five miles removed to the east. It can boast of some of the rarest precancels in the country. Having no large business interests to employ the privilege, it precancels at Christmas time. The postmaster informs me that miscellaneous values have been precancelled for the past two years, but no local collector has any record of any value except the cent and a half. This stamp was used by the city's only permit holder, an Atlanta paint manufacturer, who sent out circulars on one occasion only when he opened a sales branch in Decatur.

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A WORD ABOUT UNITED STATES STAMPS

Although we seldom advertise these stamps, and issue no lists (stock moves too quickly to list), we carry one of the finest stocks o United States issues in the country. Many fine and rare items are continually passing through our hands and a list of your wants and spe cialties would no doubt show items of interest from time to time. Among other nice things we have the following on hand at this writing:
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50c perf. 10 watermarked and unwatermarked #440, and #477, about 10 superb singles of each and 1 block 4 of each, all very fine mint
5c errors perf. 10 and 11 in singles, strips 3, blocks and sheets
Many other choice pieces too numerous to mention. Want lists solicited and filled promptly and usually nearly complete. Everything in stock will be submitted on approval to responsible parties against reference. Moderate prices at all times.

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We have the following collections in stock ready to send out on approval to responsible parties:
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Scott's provisional album, 9 sections

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French Colonials

In response to our recent advertisements covering this popul group, about 20 collectors signed up with us for everything new th is issued. These wise ones will secure promptly everything that com out, at minimum rates, and their days of worry are over. Why n write us about our "FRENCH COLONIAL NEW ISSUE SERVICE and join the ranks of satisfied customers. Our stock of older issues among the best and we are prepared to fill want lists for collectors these issues.

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While we do not attempt to carry a stock of these, we accumulate many desirable items from time to time. Below we list a few that ma help to fill out countries in your collection:

*Bangkok 30c, #9, mint O. G., centered .....cat.	$200.00	net $95.00
*Belgium #5, very fine, 4 margins	50.00	25.00
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*France #10, fine margins	80.00	37.50
oGreat Britain, Fine used copy one pound, #176	12.00	10.00
*Lithuania Airmail Rarity, #438. Price deleted from cat.		25.00
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*Northern Nigeria 10/-, #9, a scarce one .....cat.	$ 25.00	net $14.[illegible]
*Parma 80 cent. #16, nice margins	75.00	35.[illegible]
*Philippines Air Mail complete, perfectly centered		150.[illegible]
*Porto Rico 80c green, #89, scarce stamp	20.00	12.[illegible]
*Portugal #1, Huge margins	50.00	27.[illegible]
*Surinam Jubilee complete, very fine mint	80.00	47.[illegible]
*Sweden 1918, the two rarities #93, 95, mint ..	150.00	100.[illegible]
*Sweden 1918, #437 and 438, superb mint	160.00	100.[illegible]
*Sweden 1918 Errors, #434a, 436a, 440a, 442a, very rare @ (each)	....	50.[illegible]

The above will give you an idea of our prices and we solicit your want lists with the understanding that all stamps we can suppl whether cheap, medium, or rare, will be strictly on approval.

WANT LIST SERVICE

While we carry a general stock for this purpose, there are certain countries and groups that we attempt to stock as nearly complete a possible. We list them below and are prepared to give good service on any of them:

Austria	Congo	France and Colonies	Liechtenstein	Netherlands and Colonies	San Marin
Belgium	Czecho-Slovakia	Germany and Colonies	Luxemburg	Palestine	Sweden
Bosnia	Danzig	Great Britain and Colonies	Memel	Russia	Switzerlan
China	Denmark and Colonies	Italy and Colonies	Monaco	Saare	

A FINAL WORD

Remember us whenever you want ANYTHING at all pertaining to stamp collecting. We have a full line of albums, packets, sets, etc which lack of space forbids listing, but we are always willing to hear from any of our customers, past, present, and future, regarding their want and troubles, and whether the prospective order is large or small, you can be assured of prompt, careful and courteous service and attention.

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s collector and specialist for some s in the stamps of Mexico I can ia throw a little light on the recent e 5 pesos stamps of both the 1910 1 6-17 issues, overprinted "Oficial" ocial use. The almost simultane- a earance of these stamps seems to e eated quite a little furore and nt, indeed, it has even been stated t se stamps have no official stand- vich is incorrect and unfounded.

h reason that the 5 pesos stamps of 10 issue were used as well as the se stamps of 1916-17 is because the ne (1910 stamps) have been current e he latter (1916-17 stamps). In e y part of 1919 the Mexican Gov- ne t received a large consignment n England of the 1910 issue which l en ordered before the beginning h World War, but the delivery of ch was held up by developments aris- a a result of the war and of the ol ion in Mexico. These stamps n ceived were placed in use by the ci in Government and used from y 919 to early 1923, when the new ir issue was placed in use.

h Director General de Correos of ci issued a written order last fall ct g the overprinting of nine sheets) amps) of the 5 pesos denomina- ith the word "Oficial" for offi- v. Four sheets (400 stamps) of 5 esos 1910 issue were in stock and v printed. Of these, one sheet (100 p were overprinted in red and e heets (300 stamps) were over- te in blue. The stamps with the o rprint first made their appearance h public in October, 1927, and those t blue overprint in February, 1928. e leets (500 stamps) of the 1916-17 e ere used to complete the order t se were overprinted in black in- d f red or blue, the type of the r nt being identical in all three s.

ll re equally authentic and author- l the highest source in Mexico on al matters, the Director General de re s. Of course due to the num- o each issued they are not all equal- ar

n his connection it may be well to t tention to the fact that official np have been in continuous use in xi since 1884. Until 1895 they were e irely different series from the ul postage stamps, but in that year th thod of surcharging the regular es "Oficial" for official use was pt and continued to date.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY

CANAL ZONE POTPOURRI

By HARRY E. HUBER.

(*Continued from page 442*)

(6) Postage Stamp Sales, Postal Revenue, Etc., 1922-27

In his report for the year ended June 30, 1924, the Director of Posts of the Canal Zone (C. H. Calhoun) writes:—

"The total receipts of the postal service were $152,336.30, as compared with $151,958.16 in the preceding year. Current expenses exceeded receipts by approximately $25,000. As in previous years, this deficit was due primarily to the fact that under the terms of the Taft Agreement all stamps and stamped paper were purchased from the Republic of Panama at 40% of their face value, involving an expenditure for the fiscal year 1924 of $33,494.63. It was contemplated that this agreement would be abrogated on May 1, 1924, but this date was extended by the State Department to June 1, 1924, with the understanding that no change would be made in existing conditions until the end of the fiscal year. In anticipation of the abrogation of the agreement, arrangements were made for the purchase at a cost of approximately $1,500 for one year's supply of U. S. stamps surcharged 'Canal Zone,' which were received and placed on sale July 1, 1924. Relieved of the subsidy to the Republic of Panama, the Canal Zone postal service should in future be self-supporting, notwithstanding the large volume of official mail carried under frank."

Over 60% of all mail handled locally is sent under official frank, from which the Bureau of Posts derives no revenue, although it must bear the burden of transportation and other handling charges.

Year ending June 30	*Stamp sales*	*Total postal revenue*
1922	$ 93,683.24	$157,407.85
1923	93,532.29	151,958.16
1924	95,458.07	152,336.30
1925	110,014.08	171,125.75
1926	113,657.74	178,324.02
1927	116,472.66	181,589.04

(7) Philatelic Agency, Balboa Heights, Aug. 28, 1924

At the end of August, 1924, a Philatelic Stamp Agency was opened at Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, to which are referred all orders received from abroad, for Canal Zone postage stamps and stationery, whether addressed to that office, or to others on the Canal strip.

"The Panama Canal.
Canal Zone.
Executive Department.
BALBOA HEIGHTS, CANAL ZONE,
August 28, 1924.

Circular No. 4

To all Postmasters:

Philatelic Agency

Effective at once the Post Office at Balboa Heights is designated as the Philatelic Agency for this Bureau for the purpose of supplying Canal Zone stamped paper at face value to purchasers for collection purposes. Hereafter all inquiries to Postmasters concerning stamped paper or orders for the same, for collection purposes, shall be forwarded to the Postmaster at Balboa Heights for attention.

The Postmaster at Balboa Heights will make a monthly report of the sales of postage stamps sold for collection purposes in accordance with the provisions of section 183 of the Canal Zone Postal Guide.

Signed, F. H. WANG,
Acting Director of Posts."

No obsolete postage issues are available at Balboa Heights (i.e., Panama stamps overprinted "Canal Zone" in use previous to July 1, 1924), but great care is taken in selecting stamps perforated on all four sides, and in well centered condition, suitable for collection purposes.

The *Panama Canal Record* of October 5, 1927, gives some very interesting figures and information relative to the business transacted by the Philatelic Agency.

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91-8	1.30	100	2.50		
102, 25c MCA	1.00				
do. block four	4.00				
103, $5.00 MCA	7.00				
do. block four	28.00				

CYPRUS, MINT

₴44	6.00	₴93-107	8.00		
46	3.00	108	7.00		
47	6.50	109-13	.40		
61-70	4.00	88	70.00		
84	1.25	92	25.00		
85	3.00	89	.15		
71, Cat. now $8.00	5.00				
91, Cat. now $12.50	7.50				

STRAITS SETT., MINT

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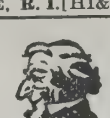

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"Sale of Canal Zone Stamps for Collection Purposes.

The sales of Canal Zone stamps for collection purposes reached such proportions in 1924 that in order to facilitate the handling of such sales, it was deemed advisable to concentrate all philatelic orders at one office, Balboa Heights, and designate it the official Canal Zone philatelic agency.

Due to the complete change of Canal Zone stamps in 1924, at which time the use of Republic of Panama stamps surcharged 'Canal Zone' was discontinued, and the use of United States stamps surcharged 'Canal Zone' established, the sales for the first three months amounted to $1,924.57, the greatest volume of business by the agency for any like period since its establishment. Excluding this 3 month period, the records show a continued increase in the amount of yearly business. Orders and their value have been as follows:—

Period.	*No. orders filled.*	*Amount*
Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 1924,	204	$ 2,125.43
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1925,	717	3,120.94
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1926,	970	4,074.08
Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 1927,	530	3,258.26
Totals,	2,421	$12,578.71
Average per year,	807	$ 4,144.67

The present issue of Canal Zone stamps consists of 15 denominations ranging from ½c to $1, three types of stamp books, one type of postal card, and six types of stamped envelopes. The approximate percentage of value in sales by classes of denominations has been: From ½c to 5c inclusive, 8%; 10 to 17c inclusive, 33%; 20 and 30c 19%; 50c and $1, 40%."

Previous to the establishment of the Philatelic Agency, it was necessary for the Postmasters to report to the office of the Director of Posts at Balboa Heights, "sales of stamps to collectors and other unusual sales," this being covered by section 183 of the Canal Zone Postal Guide.

(8) Post Offices In Operation, 1928

Of the twelve offices in operation on June 30, 1927, that at Culebra was closed on September 30, 1927, and all records transferred to Pedro Miguel. Culebra was one of the ten Post Offices opened on June 24, 1904, and is mentioned in the Executive Order of that date establishing the postal service in the Canal Zone territory.

"The necessities of the inhabitants and the due administration of the affairs of government in the Canal Zone at Panama require the establishment of Post Offices and postal service in that territory.

It is therefore ordered: That a Post Office be established in each of the following named towns of the Canal Zone, to wit: Cristobal, Gatun, Bohio, Gorgona, Bas Obispo, Empire, Culebra, La Boca and Ancon.

The Post Offices at Cristobal and Ancon shall be Money Order Offices."

Although the Executive Order mentions only nine offices, ten were actually opened on June 24, 1904, with Panama

Death of Col. Jos. A. Steinmetz

AIR CRAFT INVENTOR — DESIGNER OF WAR BOMBS — NOTED PHILATELIST

(Last week we announced the death of Col. Joseph A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia, Pa., and among those who will mourn his passing on will be many philatelists. We are indebted to Eugene Klein for the following clipping from the "Philadelphia Public Ledger." Mr. Steinmetz' philatelic activities were numerous. He specialized in U. S., including airmail stamps, and also had an extensive general collection of Great Britain, France and Colonies. Clippings have also been received from Edw. H. Sprangers and Lorin Blodget.—W. O. W.)

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. Steinmetz, former president of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania and distinguished for his contributions as an engineer and citizen in peace and war, died yesterday, after an illness of several months at his home at Westview and Wayne avenues, Germantown. He was 58 years old.

Descended from illustrious Colonial families through both parents, Colonel Steinmetz, who was born in this city, was the son of John and Frances Morris Steinmetz. He was educated at Central High School and Lehigh University, and in 1903 married Miss Oma Frances Fields, of Colorado Springs.

In the infancy of aviation he took a keen interest in the new science and had been regarded since 1910 as a pioneer in the advancement of flying. His interest took especially interesting and valuable form in 1914, when he began to work out a series of inventions designed to protect cities from air attacks.

French Used His "Hook Bomb"

The Steinmetz "hook bomb" was adopted by the French and used in repelling attacks by Zeppelins. The bombs were suspended by wires from airplanes, with a hook to catch in the covering of a dirigible and explode the bomb.

When the United States entered the war Colonel Steinmetz was appointed a member of the National Research Council, and toured France and England, studying progress of the Allies in airplane construction. He helped to select Hog Island as the site for a great war shipyard. Shortly before the armistice he received the commission of a major in the ordnance reserve corps, and recently was raised to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Besides his anti-aircraft inventions during the war period he patented devices for use against submarines.

Colonel Steinmetz founded the iron and steel firm in the Morris Building of Janney, Steinmetz & Co., but had to withdraw because of ill health about six months ago, when a Southern trip failed to improve his health. Colonel Steinmetz was president of Steinmetz & Co., Inc., of this city; director of the Globar Corporation, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and founder of the Steinmetz Heating Company, Inc., of New York.

Belonged to Many Organizations

His widespread interests in the city, country and internationally are indicated by the list of organizations with which he was connected. They include the American Red Cross, Council of National Defense, Fairmount Park Art Association, of which he was a trustee, Association of Founders of the First Naval Battalion of Pennsylvania, Sons of the American Revolution, Baronial Order of Runnymede, the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War, Military Order of the World War, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Franklin Institute, Society of Automotive Engineers, Compressed Gas Manufacturers' Association, the Electro-Chemical Society, Engineers Club, Submarine Defense Association, Philadelphia Cricket Club, Sunnybrook Golf Club and the Manufacturers Club.

Besides being a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of London and various other organizations of stamp collectors, he was president of the Aero Philatelic Society of America. His collections are famous, including his aero stamps. When Alcock and Brown made the first trans-Atlantic flight in history in 1919 they carried a letter from Newfoundland to Ireland transmitted by Colonel Steinmetz to an address in London.

He is survived by his wife, who is the daughter of the late Judge Field, of Colorado; a son, Joseph Janney Steinmetz, and a daughter, Miss Frances Margaret Steinmetz.

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Established	*C*
June 24, 1904.	
Ancon,	
Culebra,	Sept. 3
Matachin,	Aug. 2
San Pablo,	Nov. 2
Gorgona,	Aug. 1
Empire,	Mar. 31
La Boca (renamed Balboa May	
Bohio,	Dec. 3
Gatun,	
Cristobal,	

* No record is available show date this office was closed, but t Office building was removed p Sept. 8, 1911, and work was pe by the Panama Railroad statio It is believed that the Post Off abolished about December 31, 19

HALF-HOURS WITH THE NIFYING GLASS

By T. C. GRAY

GREECE.—The first impr (1861) are from the engra M. A. Barré, of French "Ceres and were printed in Paris by E. They can be separated from the Athens prints (1861-62), by the shading on Mercury's cheek an These are dotted and broken in impressions, but unbroken, and t thicker, in later copies, known "first Athens prints." The plat cleaned in 1870, and the inte printings show a rather roug pression. After the cleaning of th finer workmanship appears. So 2, 5, 10, 20, 40 and 80 lepta w values issued; but in 1876 came 3 denominations in both printings. the design was changed, the hea much smaller, and greater pro was given to the figures of valu first printings were made at Ma the Belgian Stamp Printing Work ing imperf. (1886-1888), per (1889), and perf. 11½ (1891 Athens prints, same separations, a between 1889 and 1899, being coarser in execution and on a d rougher paper, a fine, smooth distinguishing the Belgian prod There are two types of the 51 g 1901, both very common, the t right upper corner having two outside strips in one printing, and and a shaded one in the other. "Dues" the words "LEPTO "LEPTA" were smaller in th printings than those of three year and hardly need a magnifying g detect.

Guatemala.—Watch the 5c of th 94 series, the thin "5" being much than the thicker-figure stamp.

Holland.—The curious "Horn c head" 10c of 1852 must be looked is easily found, just above the eye. with this excrescence, and thos signs of its subsequent removal a are worth three or four times as r the normal variety. We find w require our magnifying glass to d tiate between Dies I. and II. of th 71 prints. As succinctly as possib differ as follows:—

5c—Broad downstroke to 5 in row in II.
10c—Small serif to 1 in I, larg
15c—Large ball to 5 in I, smal
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The very austere "figure" stamps of 6-1 have two distinct varieties of the rie. In the first the fraction-bar is ckand short (8 to 8½mm), while in s ond it is appreciably thinner and ryit of 9mm long. The 1c emerald-cin 12½ perf. (1885-87) presents an oiality which our magnifying-glass l veal if we examine the top right-id ornament under the "1." One m on every sheet has this ornament k giving it an unfinished appear-e. They are, of course, proportion-y scarcer than the normal stamp. ot r small difference occurs in the ge Wilhelmina 1 gulden of 1898-1905. st impressions, made for the Corona-, h September, 1898, show "Gulden" thnish type, and each corner "1" re lose to the bottom frame of the m In all the subsequent printings, cl come in all sorts of variations of a. 11½ perfs., bolder type is em-ye for "Gulden" and the "1" is over nr from the lower frame. The en Queen's head stamps (1924 to e) include a rather elusive "first print-" I refer to the 10c rose. This must f confounded with the 10c scarlet of 5. Just above the left central orna-th the circle (that is to say, directly ove Her Majesty's nose) and in the er rame, appears a small white break, icl determines this printing, and is er from subsequent ones.

Th "dues" of this country, and of its ons, are a bewildering perplexity of es and perfs., and start off with the brwn (to red-brown) on yellow (or f) of 1870, where, besides a visible ence in the shading in the ball of the e chainwork surrounding this fig-, rticularly directly under it, is com-ec of more noticeably open links in jinting than in the other. As re-d the other "Dues," our surest guide hnumber of loops in the chain-circle nthe figures of value. Stanley Gib-s as them thus: Types I, II, III 1; 34, 33, 32 and 37 loops respec-ly In the later 1½, 2½, and 7½c ue longer fraction-bars, projecting vthe "½" are to be found, while the R ter commemoratives overprinted Istage Dues show the 1½, 2½, 6½, d 12½ with figures and fraction e part and closer.

Th Curacao dues are only in Types I and III.

Dutch Indies.—Two varieties of the 1c y slate-green (King's head) reveal 5½nm long "cent" and one 7½mm g. Four types of Dues.

Surinam.—In 1892 was printed a pro-ion, type-set at Paramaribo, where e the "F's" in the "Frankeerzegel" de the "S" of "Suriname" is a Gothic asily detected by the magnifier. re nly three types of Dues are known. Th "Harvester" and "Parliament us' types of Hungary may, perhaps, gen just a passing reference. Be-es he "KIR" being omitted from the ajar Kir Posta" inscription of the 6-7 issue, when the Republic was

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THE KING'S STAMPS

A LONDON EXHIBITION OF RARITIES

H. M. The King exhibited a few pages of rare stamps from his famous collection at the small exhibition organised by the Royal Philatelic Society at 41 Devonshire Place, W.1. In addition to the King, who is Patron, the President of the Society, Mr. T. W. Hall, and sixty-four fellows and members contribute rarities to the display, which forms part of the entertainment the Royal Philatelic Society is offering delegates to the 15th Philatelic Congress.

The King's selection consists of stamps all of a high degree of rarity, and may be classed in two main groups. The first group consists of the rarest of the official stamps of Great Britain. For a number of years the Government Departments used British postage stamps specially overprinted "I. R. Official," "O. W. Official," etc., and during the greater part of the period of their use they were only rarely obtainable by collectors, except in the used state. Some are now of great value. Of the extremely rare set of the 5s, 10s and £1 King Edward "I. R. Official" stamps the King is showing a set of singles and a set in pairs unused, and a used set. At a moderate valuation these are worth about £1,500 each set of three. The 6d of the same group is one of the rarest of all British stamps (worth £1,000 to £1,200 each), and here also the royal collection contains a single used, and a pair unused and one overprinted "Specimen." Of the old £1 purple-brown Queen Victoria stamps with the inland Revenue overprint, there are no fewer than six examples in the display. Another notable rarity is the 1s King Edward "Board of Education," represented by a pair and three singles. These are worth about £350 per stamp.

The second group of the King's stamps consists of a fine collection of the rare stamps issued in Baghdad at the commencement of the British occupation in September, 1917. These were captured Turkish stamps overprinted "Baghdad in British Occupation," and surcharged with new values in Indian currency. Most of these—there are 25 normal varieties—are shown in blocks of four, and in addition the King shows the rare errors lacking, either (1) the word "Baghdad," (2) the word "Occupation," or (3), the value in annas.

Of the world's best known rarities Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein, of New York, shows three "Post Office" Mauritius, including two of the one penny stamps used together on one envelope. He also shows the unique tête bêche pair of the 1 peso Buenos Aires, which be bought at the Ferrari sale for £522 in 1923. Mr. Louis Meinertzhagen, among many beautiful copies of classic rarities, shows the 4d Western Australia, with swan inverted, a gem worth over £1,000. Mr. Anthony de Worms shows rare Ceylons, including his two matchless copies of the 4d imperforate unused.

The chief philatelic surprise of the show is a torn portion of a sheet of unused 2d "Sydney Views" of New South Wales. The curious scrap has been torn off leaving a block of seven perfect stamps, and portions of two others. The impression is from the first plate and singles are valued at about £150 each; the block, shown by Mr. G. J. Hutson, is a recent "find." Another extraordinary item is Mr. Ralph Wedmore's strip of six one penny stamps of South Australia, used on a letter, the impression being that of the first Colonial printing from the London made plates.

The King visited the exhibition, when he was received by Mr. T. W. Hall, the President and Captain L. J. Gilbert Lodge, Hon. Secretary, and other members of the Council. His Majesty displayed the keenest interest in the rarities shown, particularly in some of the Great Britain and British Colonial issues shown by fellows and members. To some items he returned several times, and spent an hour and a half in viewing and discussing the exhibits.

Owing to the attendance upon the King at the headquarters of the Royal Philatelic Society, Mr. T. W. Hall, President, was not in the chair at the opening session of the 15th Annual Philatelic Congress at the Hotel Great Central yesterday morning. Mr. W. Dorning Beckton, Vice-President, deputised for him, and on behalf of the delegates of some seventy philatelic societies of Great Britain, the following telegram was sent to

"The Private Secretary to H. M. the King, Buckingham Palace.

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STOLEN STAMPS RETURNED

(Clipping from Frank Helm)

What is said by its owner to be the largest Russian stamp collection in the world has just been rescued from the hands of a dealer who bought it from an unknown agent for $50,000, and a court order has given it back into the keeping of Baron Carl von Scharfenberg, from whom it was stolen more than a year ago.

The collection, which won a gold medal at the 1926 October exposition in the Grand Central Palace in New York, comprises more than 50,000 stamps of rare issues and denominations, and fills thirteen large books. Just after having been exhibited in New York, the collection was stolen and was lost for more than a year. In 1927, however, it was bought by a New York stamp dealer and the baron obtained from the American courts an order forbidding its resale until the rightful ownership could be proven. Baron von Scharfenberg, who is visiting San Francisco, has just received notice of a decision in his favor, and the collection will be returned to him.

The collection includes stamps issued by the various White Generals who fought against bolsheviks in Russia in 1918-19-20, some of which were in circulation only fourteen days, as the White and Red armies alternately drove each other out of captured districts.

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WE have a tip from Herman W. Boers. He writes that there may be some stamp collectors who expect to take a vacation this summer and don't know where to go. He suggests the A. P. S. convention as a good place To-run-to.

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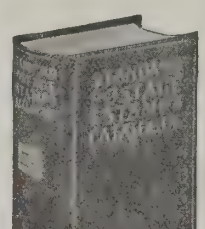

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EDITORIALETTES

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Is Philately fulfilling its Purpose?

And now abideth philately, hilarity, (f)utility—these three—and the greatest of these is—need we be cynical? Most certainly we have no cause to be pessimistic. If the Congress just concluded can have any claims to historical import, it will at least have marked an epoch by the publication of an excellent Year Book, whose purpose is to tell us what these annual conferences of stamp lovers have done, are doing, and aim to do. He is a veritable prince of philatelic optimists who tells us in a short Foreword that "Congress is fulfilling its purpose. It is pleasant to meet together. May the work prove fruitful and the days happy." One can hardly imagine a misanthrope attending a Philatelic Congress, and it is not only the social part of the programme and the opportunity of meeting old and new friends that attract the visitors, most of whom are filled with an earnest desire to eradicate everything that is rotten in the state of stamp collecting—or perhaps we ought to say *anything,* for the champions of the craft have such firm faith in its merits that they decline to admit that there are items on the debit side of the hobby.

Romeo and July Trade.

If philately *were* fulfilling its purpose there would be no need for advertising managers to play the rôle of Romeo and serenade the July traders. For this is the time of the year when we must needs apologise for the gradual attenuation of our weekly numbers, when the sentiments expressed by a kindly correspondent in a recent paragraph on "Dormant Dealers" are only too pathetically true. Of course, we are not going to claim that stamps should come before the various outdoor delights of summer time, but so long as we have to hold over great quantities of news and views, articles and paragraphs—much of it perhaps for months—so long shall we say that there is something wanting somewhere. We have just lived through a truly wonderful Stamp Week, with philatelists from all parts of Britain "in Parliament assembled," and dealers from many European countries, from Africa and from America, buying, selling, and bargaining in a novel Bourse, and we do catch something of the spirit of the optimist. So did the certain gentleman trader whom we approached on the point—a dealer who, ordinarily handicapped by a grouse in his speech, conceded that business, from being "pretty rotten," had improved to "jolly good." We can only say that if only every stamp dealer would consistently advertise throughout the summer months—and, of course, the winter too—the stamp trade would be one of the jolliest and most prosperous of businesses.

The New Distinguished Philatelists.

There are now sixty-two names inscribed on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, headed by H. M. the King, and including deceased gentlemen and the two latest recipients, Messrs. Percy de Worms (Great Britain) and A. J. Derrick, J.P. (Australia). We published in our issue for April 28th (page 87) a brief biographical note on the first-named gentleman, who last week so delightfully entertained Congressists to tea—the choicest Ceylon blend!—at his beautiful Surrey home. Mr. Derrick is one of the pioneers of Australian philately, and his recollections go back to the days when all stamps were faithfully gummed down flat in the albums, days when it was the fashion to "improve" the stamps by neatly trimming off the perforations. He has confessed to buying Sydney Views for half-a-crown and half-length Victorias at sixpence a piece in the palmy days of Young & Stockall, and Thomas Ridpath and other dealers of the seventies. Mr. Derrick was a contributor to *Vindin's Philatelic Monthly* prior to the advent of the now defunct *Australian Philatelist,* and is President of the forthcoming Melbourne International Exhibition.

His Re-Ward.

We learn that at the recent Stamp Exhibition at Cleveland, Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., the popular and capable writer on modern U. S. issues, received congratulations on having his portrait put on the stamp that he worked so hard for—the 2c Valley Forge commemorative, recently described in detail in our New Issue Notes. According to the irrepressible A. C. Roessler, Mr. Ward is the "little fat fellow in modern dress to the left of the tree," and the likeness is stated to be an excellent one. The U. S. Government is not in the habit of putting the portraits of living persons on its stamps, although it is generally believed that the current $5 adhesive had Mrs. Woodrow Wilson as the model.

Afghanistan Joins the Postal Union.

The following official notice reaches us with the compliments of the Director of Information, Bombay, by courtesy of Capt. E. M. Gilbert-Lodge:—"Afghanistan having joined the Universal Postal Union, correspondence for that country will henceforth be subject to the conditions laid down in the Post and Telegraph Guide for correspondence to be sent by the foreign post. The rates of postage for a letter posted in this country for Afghanistan will be 3 annas for the first ounce and 1½ annas for every additional ounce or part of that weight, and the rate of postage on a single post card will be 1½ annas. The rates of postage for other classes of correspondence will be the same as those which apply to foreign correspondence. Registration will be available for all classes of articles, the fee being 5 annas on each article."

Twelve Years Hence.

The year 1940 is going to be the "greatest ever" in the stamp world, and we shall soon have to be thinking about it pretty seriously. Penny Blacks will have, as their hundredth birthday present, a rise of hundreds per cent on their catalogue valuation, and all the other Old Uncontemptibles will have their long service medals and a substantial bonus into the bargain. The Antique Dealers' Association, meeting in London this month, will admit nothing as "genuinely antique" that is less than a century old. However, there are a good many priceless treasures in the pseudo-antique world that are none the less valuable because they are youngsters of ninety years or less.

C. C. P. S. BANQUET

Tuesday evening, July tenth, was the occasion of the annual banquet of the C. C. P. S. which was held at the Willow Mill Farm Hotel in a suburb just outside of the city of Harrisburg, Pa. About 40 members from Harrisburg and surrounding cities and towns sat down to a real chicken and waffle supper, which was greatly enjoyed by all. The usual long after dinner speeches were dispensed with and in place of those, the committee in charge treated the guests to an entertainment, philatelic and otherwise. This club at Harrisburg is a real live one as is shown by the interest taken in the regular meetings, the annual exhibition and the annual banquet and general get-together.—A. C. LeDuc.

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od time to take part, along with L. Varga, also of Paris, in the irston and District's river trip to ersey on Saturday last. About sixty rs, including representative traders the foreign countries and one from ada presided at tables at the Bourse, h at the last moment had to be d in the great King's Hall of the orn Restaurant, instead of the Vene- Hall which had been booked origi- When the Bourse opened at 10 k on Monday morning, business ily developed, and before the close day the record of transactions was h one, but it appears to have been antially greater the second day. The se lasted three days, ending up on Wednesday with a dinner and dance.

Congress Opening Reception and ir Session.—Meanwhile the Con- e had got going at the Hotel Great al. The introductory reception by e President of the Royal Philatelic So- et was given there on Monday even- g, nd was largely attended. It is always ppy function at which we meet old ds again after a year's interval, and of the familiar Congress faces were idence at Mr. Hall's reception, and e were also many well known philat- is who were new to Congress. On e uesday morning the business of the ress commenced according to plan, it the reading and adoption of the al report of the Permanent Execu- ve Committee, presented by its Hon. tary, Mr. W. B. Haworth, who is s Assistant Editor of, and regular ibutor to the *Stamp Collectors' ightly*.

The New "Distinguished Philate- st'—The announcement of the ns of the two philatelists newly elect- the Board of Election to receive e onour of enrollment on the Roll of is guished Philatelists was well re- ived. The name of Mr. Percy de ons as a careful and thorough stu- en and researcher in many philatelic el is as widely known as that of his oer Anthony de Worms (who is ely on the "Roll"). He has been o Assistant Secretary of the Royal hilatelic Society, as well as a member e Expert Committee (from which e is lately resigned), and is now one e joint librarians. Mr. Percy de ons will be called upon to sign the ol at the concluding session of the ress. His fellow distinguished phi- test designate is Mr. A. J. Derrick, n ustralian philatelist, whose writings nd studies of Australian stamps have ail d him this high distinction. Mr. elick is the historian of the Philatelic octy of Victoria, which was founded elbourne in 1892. Mr. Derrick was neof the thirty original members.—*tamp Collectors' Fortnightly*

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Air Mail News

**BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

"Co-operators" the past week include Messrs. John Faloon, T. P. Hungerford, Rev. T. O. Perrin, Chas. G. Riess, J. P. Penning, G. H. Keiley, Wm. Esselin, Jr., Harold G. Burwick, Drew Ray, Robert Richardson, Alfred E. Glatfelter, Howard Walter and Anna Shafer.

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F. C. Ormiston, Supt. Mails at Flint, Mich., notified me under date of July 12, that Flint will not be on the new air mail route due to lack of landing field.

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Covers from the Chicago-Lincoln flight of July 10 have been received and it is noted that the official cachet is of practically the same design as the recent Tulsa application but much clearer and attractive, as the set-up is a complete reversal of the Tulsa cachet, the background being white and the letters and design in outline. Cedar Rapids applied a nice cachet as a back stamp in addition to the above official cachet.

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Mr. Robert Richardson states that the Cleveland-Louisville Air Mail route will open about August 1, according to local reports. Mr. Richardson, whose address is 230 North Forge Street, Akron, Ohio, kindly offers to handle any covers sent him for despatch on the above route, it being necessary, of course, to have your covers stamped and addressed before sending to Mr. Richardson.

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The French liner, S. S. Ile de France, has been equipped with a hundred foot runway and compressed air catapult from which will be launched a small mail plane when the Ile de France makes her next westward trip to this country. This is an endeavor to speed up the delivery of mail from ship to shore by saving from 20 to 36 hours.

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Postmaster General New has under consideration the establishment of a airway postal service. One of the largest companies operating air mail service has submitted to the department plans covering the construction of a mail plane which will provide accommodations for a distributing clerk who will work the mail while the plane is in flight.

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We beg to notify you that a new 25c Air Post stamp has just appeared for Mexico. This was issued on 20th June. Our correspondent who sent them writes:—

"You will see that the design remains the same, but the colour of the border has been changed, green instead of carmine. The reason for this is that there have been cases where in sorting letters, 'air stamps' have been taken for 'special delivery' stamps, and it was decided to make a change of colour."—Bright & Son.

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In our column dated July 14, an error appeared wherein it was stated that C. A. M. 26 would commence operations August 12. This should have read August 1.

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I am informed that the contractors of C. A. M. No. 24, the Embry-Riddle Company, are going to apply a special cachet to all mail carried August 1. Boston is also making plans for a special cachet for that date.

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The cachet used at Tulsa was much too large to take the ink properly, the result being a vague, indefinite picture of an air field beacon throwing its rays on to a plane in the act of landing. This cachet bears in five lines—"First Flight—Tulsa, Okla.—July 5th—1928—Air Mail C. A. M. 3—Chicago-Dallas." Also a second cachet reads, "First Air Mail Flight from Tulsa, Okla, Oil Capitol of the world, July 5, 1928," also of five lines.

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Another flash on the Mexican situation is the statement that the contract to carry mail to either Laredo or Brownsville from New Orleans, has been awarded the St. Tammany-Gulf Coast Airways, Inc., at $1.00 per pound. The A. P. report states that service on the Mexican route will be inaugurated September 15.

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Air mail cover collectors will be shocked to learn of the death of Lt. Col. Jos. A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia, on July 11. Col. Steinmetz had long been identified with the Air Mail branch of the hobby and had acted in a number of official capacities in the old Aero Philatelic Society, now called the American Air Mail Society. His death removes another staunch supporter of Air Mail Cover collecting.

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Additional information on special cachets that will be applied July 31 and August 1 have been received from Mr. Charles G. Riess, who states that Albany and Buffalo will apply special cachets if letters are sent to the Colonial Western Airways, Hotel Statler, Buffalo, and Colonial Western Airways, Hotel Ten Eyck, Albany. The above two cachets are very attractive. Mr. H. J. McNally supplies information that Chambers of Commerce in Springfield and Peoria, Illinois, and Robertson Aircraft Corporation of St. Louis, will apply special cachets on air mail July 31 and August 1.

MR. SEVERN IN FRANCE

We have heard twice from our editor Mr. Severn while in Paris. He writes that he is in good health and is having a splendid trip. He is now in England where he will remain during July, returning home by the middle of August.

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PARIS, July 6—The international postage stamp market is apparently to be transferred from Paris to Brussels.

For 50 years Paris has been the recognized gathering place for stamp collectors, with an annual congress held on several occasions at the Sorbonne, and weekly sales when weather permitted under the trees of the Champs Elysees. As the result of the decision of the French government to exercise a control over all sales, even those between amateur collectors, and to tax all profits, the principal French dealers have decided to open branches in the Belgian capital. They have received assurances that under the Belgian laws there will be no taxes imposed when the transfers are shown to be for purposes of completing collections and the buyers and sellers are known to be amateurs and not professional dealers.

Although the line of demarcation seems vague, the promise has been sufficient for two Parisian dealers to transfer their entire stocks to Belgium, and a Rochester (N. Y.) collector, whose name has not been announced, is said to have appointed a personal representative to attend Belgian sales during the summer.

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Junior Dictionary

H. H. Nawab Shah Jahan Begam.—The inscription shown upon the stamps of the Indian native state of Bhopal. They are the names and titles of the ruler of the state. On the issue of 1902 the word "shah" is replaced by "sultan."

H. H.—The initials of M. H. Hendrickx, a Belgian artist, which are shown in minute letters at the foot of the design of each of the Belgian stamps of the issue of 1869-70.

H. I. Postage. — An inscription shown upon some of the stamps of Hawaii, the first two letters standing, of course, for Hawaiian Islands.

Hill, Sir Rowland.—The originator of penny postage, who was born at Kidderminster, England, in 1795. He invented the rotary press for printing newspapers and, as the government declined to permit the attachment of a machine to affix the revenue stamp, he propounded the theory of penny postage and invented the adhesive stamps. In 1839 he was attached to the Treasury—after very considerable opposition—for the purpose of putting his theories into practice, and in the following year his great scheme of penny postage was inaugurated. He died at Hampstead in 1879 and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

The Appearance of a Collection

By JOSEPH B. BREED, 3rd.

It appears to me that the average Junior attempts to gather as many stamps as possible, not laying as much stress to the way in which he mounts them. Often a collection of this variety consists of stamps attached to paper and crumpled and jammed into boxes instead of being mounted on a clean, white album page.

It is much better to have a small collection well-mounted than a large collection in a sloppy form. If one should desire to sell a collection this would be proved true. A collection should be a thing of beauty, not a jumble of soiled, torn stamps.

Brain Test

By ROBERT I. BURKE.

A Scott 1929 catalog will be given to the one who sends in the best list of answers by September 1. Come, Juniors, get busy.

1. What European country pictured an airplane on one of its stamps in 1914?
2. What country's stamp shows the ship "The Olive Blossom"?
3. On what stamp is Victoria Falls portrayed?
4. On how many U. S. stamps does Pres. McKinley appear?
5. Upon what stamp is a picture of Mt. Ararat?
6. What U. S. stamp pictures a foreign ruler?
7. Name three famous women who appear on U. S. stamps.
8. On how many U. S. stamps does Niagara Falls appear?
9. What presidents have had their pictures on U. S. stamps?
10. What country presents a picture of Mt. Wellington?

Advertisements on Stamps

Beecham's Pills.—On the reverse side of New Zealand stamps of 1892, may be found advertisements of various commodities, such as Beecham's Pills, Fry's Cocoa, Sunlight Soap, etc. These resulted from an arrangement made by the New Zealand P. O. Department with an advertising firm in Wellington for the right to use the reverse side of postage stamps and telegraph forms. For this privilege the sum of £800 per year was paid. Some twenty millions of stamps were thus printed, but the experiment was short-lived. The contract for one year was not renewed.

Exchange Wanted

Herbert Rommel, Jr., 16 S. Wycombe Av., Lansdowne, Pa., would like to exchange stamps. He has about 8,500 varieties.

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Great Central Fair Stamps

These were labels issued in connection with the Great Central Fair of the U. S. Sanitary Commission held at Philadelphia in 1864, and they were also sold at a similar "fair" held in New York. The object of these fairs was to raise funds for supplying comforts to the men of the United States forces in hospital, and, these "stamps," while never officially recognised and only having franking power within the confines of the fairs, served as a means of raising considerable money. Three values were issued—10c, 20c and 30c.

Reasons for Overprints

It is always interesting to try to figure out the reason for an overprint on a stamp. Let us look into some of the reasons for such.

Many of the smaller countries run on a very limited budget and cannot afford the expense of getting new plates made so that often when new values are needed, other values are simply surcharged by some printer. The smaller countries do not have facilities within their domains to get engraving and printing done and have to send overseas for it. Often delays occur which may necessitate the home production of a surcharged issue, sometimes even by the tedious hand stamp method. Stamps have been known to have been surcharged by the pen and ink method. Three examples of this are: Trinidad Nos. 62 and 63 and Hawaii No. 7.

At the time Portugal changed its form of government from a monarchy to a republic, all the current stamps for it and all its possessions were overprinted "Republica" to denote the change in the home government.

During and after the World War, many British and French Colonies issued surcharged stamps for the benefit of the Red Cross or in the form of War Tax stamps as an extra postage charge.

Many countries overprint their regular postal issues with the word "Official," or its variations, to denote that the stamps are to frank governmental business mail.

Stamps of certain countries have been overprinted with different names for use in some other countries, such as those of Bermuda being overprinted for Gibraltar, North Borneo stamps changed for use in Labuan and Mozambique stamps overprinted Nyassa. Where a large country has colonial possessions, those of the mother country are frequently overprinted for use in the colony until a regular issue can be made. There are cases, however, where such overprinted issues are kept in use for many years. This is especially true of Azores, Bechuanaland and Eritrea.—A. C. LEDUC.

Helena

A small Texan town which is famed philatelically from the fact that in 1861 its then postmaster issued special 5c and

10c stamps. These were suppressed directly the general series for the Confederate States was ready.

Some Definitions

O. F. Castellorizo.—This overprint on 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 50c and 1fr French stamps means "Occupation Francaise Castellorizo." It was the third and last issue of stamps for the island indicated and was made with handstamp on board the vessel La Provence.

One Fraction.—In 1914 Trinidad permitted the local Red Cross Society to use a type-set label as a frank upon letters soliciting donations for its work. They were used only on Sept. 18, 1914, some nine hundred copies being circulated and postmarked in regular form. Upon the stamp appears "One fraction," an unexplained expression connected with its regular use as a Red Cross seal. It passed the post on the one day in place of a half-penny stamp.

Some Rare and Queer Sta

At the Chancery Lane Auction some of the Empire's plainest and est stamps were recently sold— first issue. A die was made, and they simply embossed different c papers, placing them on issue on 1857.

But their demure appearance is flected in their prices, which rang £8 for the 3d to £100 for the 9d In fact, one is not far wide of th in stating that the plainer the sta higher the price.

The "record stamp" of British which has been sold at £7,300, was and printed in a Georgetown new office. The principal part of the consisted of a three-masted sc which usually decorated the head c shipping column.

One might fancy that plainness no further go, but that would be get the philatelic iniquities of the Miller, the Uganda missionary, far forgot himself as to utilise hi writer to produce the stamps pr cowrie shells!

Later, heaping infamy upon infa took his pen and with malice of thought surcharged some of these ing the demand had exhausted his he sinned again, heinously and telically, and, without remorse, c his ribbon and made another issue

His success roused his neighbo Rev. F. Rowling, to use his little printing outfit to produce stamps in annas and rupees, which late surcharged with an "L" by the lo lector at Kampala.

It is a very painful episode, a only equalled when, under war tions, stamps were similarly prod Long Island in the Aegean Se twelve years ago to the day. Stern sity drove them to it. The outp extremely small, and their pric commensurably high.

The stamps of the Indian States are a little outside our sco they are not so much plain as dov ugly. Their designs vary from the to the incredible. Bundi, for in would produce 294 philatelic vari a sheet, whilst Bhor had a little block much like our cancellation and printed these stamps off by individually.

All the world's plain stamps, ho have not had their fount and or the Empire. Other countries hav sins of commission. Witness the efforts of Moldavia, with its desig minatory cow's head with a star a horn below, and a halo of badly letters. But that cow, originally at 81 paras, has now a price of £ its head.

I think the brightest Bolshevik was achieved by Bela Kun, who i imprisoned in Vienna, and longed Budapest. He had five stamps in 1919 in Hungary which show leading lights of his weird cult a really were.

Even Pétofi, the poet, who w cluded, could not make that quaint pass for a male beauty chorus.

Of all the world's plain stamp palm for the plainest must be shar tween Martinovics and Dozsa, whom Engels look respectable, saintly, and Pétofi positively ang *London Star.*

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...ed in 1918, there are two distinct ... of the 10 and 15f in the first omis... viz., normal (coloured figures on ... ground), and vice versa. The ..." was reinserted in the inscription ... stamps of these two types in 1920. ...obtained till they were superseded ...e current issues.

...er the German States, I always ... Italian States are the most interest... European issues, though there are ... opportunities afforded for magni... glass varieties. Commencing with ...na, the 5, 10 and 40 centesimi values ... with and without stop after the ...s of value, whereas 15c and 25c are ... only in the "with" and the 1 lira ...n the "without" class. Errors and ...ties are too numerous to detail, but ...iceable rarity is the 9c on dull ..., Newspaper Tax stamp. The ... tablet inscription was at first "B. C.N. 9" in large letters (April, 1853), ...ed to a much smaller one in the fol...g month. The first is catalogued ..., and £16, for unused and used re...vely, as against 25/- and 10/- for ...mbler relation. In Roman States ... sporadic cases of "no stop" vari...es which should be looked for, but ...not be detailed here.

Sardinia.—Inverted heads are common ...he-embossed), that is, in mint state, ...alues being catalogued obliterated; ...il inverted figures (also white-em...ss.) in the Newspaper 1c and 2c, as ...ll's the numerals differing from word...u, and these also inverted (in all ...distinct pairs) are all fairly common. *...tralian Stamp Journal.*

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...It's very evident that we are in for a new ...dene" in philately. It will consist of can...llations on registered letters. We have ...ear chronicled one showing an ear of corn ...owa, and this clipping from the Prescott, ...iz., "Journal and Miner" tells the story of ... other. Clipping from A. W. Bork.—...(W.)

...Piscott postoffice is daily shipping by ...gered mail some hundred bucking ...ses and their riders. This may ...n impressive because registered mail ...s to be sent all locked up and sealed, ...t is nevertheless the truth. It all ...n about when W. F. Day, local post...r, authorized the daily shipment, ...ring Frontier Days and for a few days ...following.

...But it should be added that the broncs ...e only miniatures, and silhouettes at ...at they don't smother to death when ...ck up in a tight mail pouch or tied ...to bundle of mail. In reality these ...ons are only shadows of the real ones ...on which they are taken and haven't ...t as much action as slow motion ...ctures.

...Perhaps it is about time to tell what ...'s all about. All the noise is merely ...the purpose of stating that during ...ontier Days and a short time after a ...ecial cancellor for registered mail has ...been authorized by the local post office. ...small silhouette cut of a bronco with ...a jucky rider was obtained and with a ...the black ink a very nice impression is ...had over each stamp on the letters ...that leave the office by registered mail ...today.

...Under the government rules it is not ...permissable for the postmark of the mail...ing office to show on the face of a letter, ...and offices throughout the country have ...been using all sorts of fancy designs to ...ink their registered mail. There are ...both different types of stars to set any ...philomer crazy trying to classify them ...and lot of targets that would keep both ...the Ay with a B-B gun and a trapshooter ...busy for no small time and a lot of other ...clever designs, but Prescott's so far takes ...the cake.

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TRINIDAD

By C. A. Howes.

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From this time on the issues are very readily distinguishable, as they are printed on the regular watermarked paper with the two regular gauges in perforation. The first watermark was of course the "Crown CC," which appeared in 1864 with the 12½ perforation. The same colors are used for the stamps, but each value runs through a wide range of tints and shades. In 1869 the series was augmented by a 5s stamp of larger size which was surface printed like most of the stamps produced by De La Rue & Co. It is printed in sheets of 60, five rows of twelve, and is perforated 12½. All values of this watermarked set are known imperforate.

In 1872 the colors of the 4d and 1s stamps were changed to gray and orange-yellow respectively, partly, perhaps, because of possible confusion in the similarity of their previous hues. The watermark and perforation remained as before, but in 1876 the set of four stamps appeared perforated 14, a gauge which Messrs. De La Rue had introduced into the Colonial issues in 1875 to take the place of the then standard 12½, as it enabled the stamps to be separated more easily. As no new supplies of the 5s were needed this stamp was not altered.

Trinidad joined the Postal Union on April 1, 1879, and the consequent revision of its postal rates necessitated a half-penny stamp. Instead of making a new plate for this value, the plate used for the one penny (no value expressed) was employed to print a supply in mauve which were then surcharged Halfpenny in black. They were perforated 14 and watermarked Crown CC, but the watermark is very often found sideways and also "reversed" in both positions—that is, the "CC" reads normally when the back of the stamp is examined instead of backward as it should be when properly placed. As these stamps were not received and issued until June, 1879, the current 1d stamps were allowed to do duty as ½d stamps when divided either vertically or diagonally, and this permission was not withdrawn until April 1, 1883, after which date they were not recognized.

In April, 1882, the ½d surcharged stamp and the 4d appeared on the new Crown CA watermarked paper. The 1d was also issued with this watermark about the same time, but as a specimen bearing a date earlier than July does not seem to have been noted, and as a provisional 1d was issued in May, it seems probable that the new 1d, which now has its value surcharged upon it after the manner of the ½d, was not issued until after the other two. It is also found bisected diagonally for use as a ½d stamp.

The provisional 1d referred to was issued on May 9, 1882. It was made in the post office with pen and ink out of the 6d of 1877, a line obliterating the original value and "1d" being written in the middle of the stamp. As several clerks were employed in making it there are several varieties of handwriting exhibited. Most of the surcharging was done with red ink, but black ink was used on a small number, and collectors are warned against surcharged stamps which were once in red, but have had the penmarks carefully traced over in black ink. The red surcharged stamps are known cut vertically, diagonally and horizontally for ½d stamps, and the black surcharged one cut horizontally.

In January, 1883, an entirely new design appeared, this being typographed in the usual style of the De La Rue colonial issues. Three values, ½, 1 and 2½ penny, were issued first, followed by a 4d in February. The stock on hand of the 6d and 1s of 1877 was sufficient to last until 1884, before these values in the new type were issued to replace them. The sheets were in the usual De La Rue form of four panes of sixty stamps each, the latter being arranged in ten horizontal rows of six. The 5s stamp was unchanged until 1894, when it appeared in a claret shade, perforated 14, but still with the "CC" watermark.

As these stamps were used for revenue purposes as well as postage, and as the common pen cancellations could be fairly easily removed from them, it was finally decided to issue a new set with the body of the stamp printed in fugitive inks, which would be affected by any chemicals used to remove cancellations. The new set appeared on August 17, 1896, reverting to the "seated Britannia" type for its design, though the loss in artistic finish due to the surface-printing method is readily apparent. All values up to 1s are printed with the body of the stamp in lilac, the values being printed in the bottom label in different colors. The three high values are double the size of the others, and the body of the stamp is printed in green with the values again in different colors. These large-sized stamps have a special watermark to fit them, showing the letters "CA" over the Crown. All stamps bear the legend "Postage & Revenue." The 1d stamp of this issue occurs in two types differing in the "O" of One; in the first type it is very round and in the second type is oval. It is due to the use of two different "duty plates," as the plates from which the values are printed are called.

That the use of fugitive inks did not remedy fraud is evidenced by the following extract from the Postmaster General's report for 1899: "The recent stamp frauds by which portions of used postage stamps were joined together . . . drew attention to the danger of having so many stamps of the same color, except for the words denoting the value, and it was decided, as an immediate step to lessen this danger, to abolish the 5 penny and 10sh stamps and to alter the color of the 5s stamps." The remainder of the 5d and 10s stamps said to have been destroyed, and the number issued is placed at 34,728 of the 5d and 1,189 of the 10s.

The changes due to the above quotation began with the 1d, which was issued in black on red early in December, 1901. The 5s in lilac and mauve followed about April, 1902, the ½d in green in September, and the 2½d in lilac and blue on blue, together with the 1s in black and blue on yellow, about the end of the same year. The 4d in green and blue on buff appeared in September, 1903. The design of the stamps was apparently retouched about December, 1902, the horizontal lines of the background being lightened and some disappearing entirely. The 1d stamp is known with value omitted and one pane of sixty is said to have appeared thus. The normal stamp is of the second type with oval "O" in ONE, the first type being unknown.

The introduction of multiple watermarked paper in 1904 was extended to the Trinidad stamps between that year and 1907. The ½d and 1d were issued on ordinary paper in August, 1904, but all the other values, including the 6d and £1 in the old colors, were issued only on the chalky paper and the ½d and 1d were later issued on this as well. The 1s was issued with the design printed in lilac in November, 1906.

Again, the introduction of the "Colonial Color Scheme" by the Crown Agents for the Colonies caused changes in the set. The 2½d appeared in ultramarine

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United States

Special Stamps for Hawaii

The Post Office Department has announced that on August 13th next, there will be placed on sale at Honolulu, the current issue 2c red Washington and 5c blue Roosevelt, printed from the rotary press and surcharged in two lines in black "Hawaii 1778-1928." These are to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the islands by Captain Cook.

The delegate in Congress from Hawaii has been endeavoring for several months to obtain a special series of stamps for the occasion, but was unsuccessful. He, however, was successful in securing the issue of these two special overprinted varieties. They will be placed on sale in all post offices in the islands on the following day, namely—August 14th. A limited supply will be available at Washington, for collectors on August 13th, and I am informed by the Department that these stamps may be used on all United States mail.

New Envelope Contract

On August 7th the Postmaster General will open bids submitted by envelope manufacturers covering the manufacture and furnishing of government requirements of stamped envelopes for the four years beginning January 1, 1929. It is expected that the present contractors will be successful, and in this case they will, no doubt, follow the past procedure by changing the watermarks of the current envelopes, so that the new watermark will read "U. S. 1929" instead of "1925" as at present.

I also learn that the new contract calls for a special 5-cent air mail envelope. This envelope will have the red, white and blue design on the edges as recently approved by the Department. The new contract will, without doubt, be awarded sufficiently in advance to enable the contractors to have the new envelope available by the first of the year. It is expected that its use will be very extensive, for under the new 5-cent rate most business firms will, no doubt, use the air mail service, if the communication is going any distance.

Special-Handling Stamps

Under date of July 9th, the Third Assistant Postmaster General called for the redemption of the unsold 25-cent special handling stamps now on hand throughout the country. As there is no further use for this denomination, postmasters are given instructions as to how they should be returned. The Department is sending out supplies of the new special handling 10, 15 and 20-cent, just as fast as the Bureau can supply them.

Revenue Stamps At Post Offices

It will be recalled that several years back Documentary Revenue stamps were obtainable at most of the post offices. This was then discontinued, but under date of June 30, 1928, the First Assistant Postmaster General, issued further orders whereby post offices in cities of over twenty-five thousand inhabitants will again have available documentary stamps in the denominations of from 1c to $100 inclusive. The larger denominations from $10 to $100, however, will not be sent without special requisition signed by the Postmaster. The Postal Bulletin of July 5th, gives full details and instructions regarding the matter, as well as a list of cities that will receive the stamps.

Mr. Benjamin Cadbury kindly submits for inspection a copy of the 2c Documentary overprinted "Stock Transfer" in two lines with the new serif type of capital found on certain other denominations. This is the first time that the 2-cent has been noted with the new overprint.

Ocean Mail Service Routes

Under date of July 9th the first bids were opened by the Postmaster General for the carrying of mail under the new Merchant Marine Act of 1928, designed to stimulate American shipbuilding and the carrying of mail in American bottoms. Bids were asked on five routes and a single bid was received in each case. The Postmaster General is sending out requests for bids on further lines, and it is to be hoped that more American mail will be carried in American bottoms in the near future.

It would be a fitting tribute to the service if special postmarks were used on the opening days of the new contracts, the first of which goes into effect on August first.

Baltimore Postmaster

Those interested in Postmasters, should refer to the very able article written by Mr. J. M. Bartels, appearing in the Collectors Club Journal recently issued, devoted to the 10-cent Baltimore. Mr. Bartels gives us the history of the stamp and detailed information of the four copies known on white paper and the two copies on blue. He quotes the price paid in each case and gives the figures at which the stamps moved from hand to hand. As I had the pleasure of handling the last copy found on white which Mr. Bartels described in detail, it may be of interest to the history of the variety, to add that Mr. Bartels acquired this from a lady who brought it to his place of business along with other items at a figure said to be $250.00. Quite naturally, this resulted in a very handsome profit to Mr. Bartels.

Philippines

Mr. Walter Bruggmann kindly submits for inspection, three new Philippine varieties not noted heretofore.

He sends me a copy of the 4c carmine McKinley, perforated 11 with the air mail surcharge inverted. A further air mail variety submitted is the 16c Sampson, perforated 11, Scott's No. 289 with air mail overprint. It will be recalled that the 16c stamp in the normal set is the one with portrait of Admiral Dewey.

Mr. Bruggmann writes that a sheet of each of these errors were found at the time the stamps were issued, but have been closely held since.

The same correspondent also sends a vertical pair of the 20c orange and black Legislative series in imperforate condition. I am certainly not enthusiastic about these numerous errors now coming from the Philippines. They look too much like printers waste.

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Algeria.—Whitfield King & have received the 60c postage due in green, type of the current serie

Chamba.—Whitfield King & C port the 4a olive, multiple star mark, surcharged "Service."

Dutch East Indies.—New ai stamps are to be issued according Gordon, comprising the denominati 10, 20 and 40c. Pending reception finitive adhesives of these value current Dutch Indies 12½, 25 a stamps are to be surcharged.—*Collecting.*

Falkland Islands.—Mr. R. R advises that the 2½p has been issue Prussian blue shade on script marked paper.

Germany.—The 60pf red-brow ficial stamp has been reported by field King & Co., who submit copi our inspection.

Germany.—New Charity stam be issued shortly:—8+7pf, Arms city of Hamburg; 15+15pf, Arms State of Mecklenburg-Schwerin; 25pf, Arms of Oldenburg; 50 Arms of Brunswick.—*L'Echo Timbrologie.*

Gwalior.—Whitfield King & C port that the 1R green and brow termarked multiple stars, Nasik pr have been placed on sale.

Lebanon.—Whitfield King & submit the following provisionals printed in French and Arabic; 1p25c, 4p on 25c and 7p50c on 2½ in red.

Netherlands.—Whitfield King inform us that the 20c blue, curre sue, has been issued on waterm circles paper.

Spanish Morocco.—We have ceived from Mr. R. Roberts a co the 20c black, Express stamp pict an Arab horseman. It is of oblon mat and one of the most han stamps of any of the recent pic issue. It is the work of De La R Co. of London.

Tunis.—Five new provisionals appeared of the following denomina 3c on 5c orange, 10c on 15c lilac o low, 25c on 30c lilac, 40c on 80c green and 50c on 75c scarlet, all o 1926 issue, the former value being erated by three short horizontal pa lines. Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle.

Turkey.—We are informed tha so-called Red Cross stamps, chronic fortnight ago, are *devoid of postal ity*, although they are sold at the offices and their use is obligatory (i dition to the regular adhesives) on main fête days.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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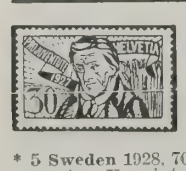

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on ordinary white paper in September, 1906, and the 1d in carmine on the same paper in November following. About the beginning of September, 1909, the 4d, 6d and 1s were issued in the new colors, but it was announced that the 5s and £1 would not be altered.

The next change in the stamps of Trinidad was the introduction of the Arabic numerals into the design of the ½d, 1 and 2½d stamps, "in order to comply with the Postal Union requirements." This occurred in December, 1909.

The island of Tobago, which lies 22 miles northeast of Trinidad, is a political dependency, but from 1879 until 1898 it was supplied with its own individual stamp issues. Before and since that interval the stamps of Trinidad were employed; but in 1913 the name of Tobago was added to the inscription on a new issue for Trinidad. The six low values appeared in January and February, the ½, 1 and 2½d on ordinary paper, and the 4 and 6d and 1s on chalky paper. Advantage was also taken of the change to put Arabic figures in the lower corners of the three higher values. The 5s and £1 appeared in 1914, but only the name was changed. In this year also the 4d and 1s were printed on the surface-colored paper (usually called the "white-backs") which was employed by Messrs. De La Rue for a time owing to paper difficulties during the War.

The new multiple Crown and Script CA watermark appeared in the set in 1921, though the 4d and 1s were not issued thus. Meanwhile increases in postal rates caused the dropping of the 2½d stamp, only a small number of which were issued, and the issue of a 2d and 3d with a change in color of the 1d in 1922. Lastly, an entirely new series of handsome design and combining the "seated Britannia" with the King's portrait, was issued on November 1, 1922. These were printed in sheets of 160, in two panes of 80 each (eight rows of ten) on white paper with the "script" watermark, except the 4d and 1s, which, being on colored paper, had the old "multiple CA" watermark.

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Official stamps were issued early in 1894 for use in the offices of the Governor and Colonial Secretary, but only on official matter going out of the Colony. They were made by overprinting the 1883-94 issue with the initials "O. S." (On Service), but were apparently little used and are very scarce. In 1909 a new attempt was made by overprinting the ½d with the word "OFFICIAL" and in 1910 the new ½d with numerals and the 1d carmine, no numerals, were treated likewise. Since 1913 the ½d "Trinidad & Tobago" has been overprinted in several styles of type.

A circular of the Postmaster General dated November 17, 1884, announced that "On and after 1st January, 1885, the sum to be collected in Trinidad from the addressee, on unpaid and insufficiently-paid correspondence, will be represented by a special stamp or stamps. . . . These stamps will be affixed to the cover of the letters. . . ." These postage-due stamps are labeled "surcharge postage" and differ only in the figures in the center, running from ½d to 1s. They were at first watermarked "Crown CA," but received the multiple "CA" watermark in 1906-07, with the exception of the ½d. In 1923 the 2d appeared labeled "Trinidad & Tobago" with the multiple "Script" watermark.

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In 1920 script CA watermarked paper was introduced for Colonial Postage and Revenue stamps, ordered through the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and the first to be printed on this new paper were the 1d and 2½d of Bermuda's first Legislative Tercentenary series (double medallion type) issued at Hamilton on November 11, 1920.

In the Leeward Islands Federal series the first stamps to appear on the new script CA paper were the ½d green and 1d carmine in October, 1921, followed by the ¼d brown in April, and the 2d gray in June, 1922, printed from DLR-1888, King George V, Postage & Revenue keyplate No. 10, die 2 introduced in June, 1921, in sheets of 120 stamps, 2 panes of 60 each, separated by a narrow gutter. Plate number 10 appears twice in the lower margin (under the 2nd stamp of the left pane, and under the 5th stamp of the right pane), the upper margin being blank.

The increased foreign post card and letter rates permitted by the Madrid Congress of 1920, and which were gradually acted upon in the British Colonies, naturally necessitated a re-arrangement of the Crown Agents color scheme of 1907, (which called for the 1d, 1½d, 2½d and 3d stamps being printed in red, orange, blue and violet on yellow, respectively), to allow of the 1½d being printed in red, and the 3d in blue. In the Leeward Islands Federal series there was not at that date a stamp of 1½d denomination, but it was included in the Presidential series of St. Kitts-Nevis and Dominica, and added to those of Antigua and Montserrat by Orders in Council of January 9, 1922, and March 24, 1922, respectively.

On July 13, 1922, a series of stamps, ½d to 5s, was issued for Barbuda (overprinted on Leeward Islands Federal series), but oddly the 1d and 2½d (on script CA) and the 3d (on Roman CA yellow) were in the old colors, i.e., red, blue and violet on yellow, respectively, although the new foreign rates were then in effect (since February 1, 1922). The second printing of the 2½d and 3d received in April, 1923), were as before, i.e., 2½d in blue, script CA, and the 3d violet on Roman CA yellow.

Of the three denominations, 1d, 2½d and 3d, of the Leeward Islands Federal series, the 1d was the first to change its color, and on August 21, 1922, it was issued at Basseterre, St. Kitts, in deep violet (or as it is officially termed, blue-purple). It appeared in the other Presidencies of the Colony, excepting the British Virgins, within the six months following.

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There being large stocks of the 2½d and 3d Federal series, Roman CA watermarked, in all the Presidencies, a printing of the 2½d and the 3d on script CA paper, was not made until about the second quarter of 1923, when Montserrat requisitioned these two denominations, and printed in changed colors, orange and blue, respectively, from plate 10, they were issued at Plymouth, Montserrat, on Sept. 22, 1923. (The 2½d blue, script CA, had of course been issued as early as July 13, 1922, overprinted for Barbuda.)

During 1924, several lots of 3d blue, script CA stamps, printed from plate 11, were sent out to the islands, Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat and St. Kitts, but only Montserrat received the 2½d orange (plate 10), and it was sold only in that island. In most all the islands, excepting the British Virgins and Montserrat, the 3d on Roman CA yellow, and the 3d blue, script CA, were sold concurrently.

On August 18, 1924, the Presidential authorities at Montserrat burned £8490.5.0 worth of Presidential stamps (232,200), and 88,200 stamps of the Federal series, £4302.3.6, among the latter being included the following:

Leeward Islands

2½d blue, Roman CA, 104 panes of 60,	6240	£ 69. 3.6
3d on yellow, Roman CA, 146 panes of 60,	8760	109.10.0
	15000	£178.13.6

The 2½d orange, script CA, Federal series, is a stamp about which much conflicting information has been circulated, but it has been officially stated, by both the Federal and Presidential authorities, that it was requisitioned only by the Montserrat authorities; that the entire lot of 100 panes of 60, 6,000 stamps, was dispatched by the Crown Agents to Montserrat, and that it was sold only in that island (of all the islands) until it exhausted in May or June, 1926. There was of course an additional quantity (probably 3,000 or thereabouts) sold by the Crown Agents in London.

I have seen this 2½d orange Federal stamp, script CA, with postmarks of other Presidencies, from Tortola in the Virgins south to Dominica, but the stamps were sent to prepay replies, and they were not requisitioned by nor sold at Post Offices in other Presidencies than Montserrat. As a matter of fact, the demand for the 2½d was very small after the foreign letter rate was raised to 3d (although it could of course be used in multiples for the British Empire and U. S. A. combined letter and registration rate of 5d), and for this demand there were plenty of 2½d Roman CA Federal stamps, and the 2½d Presidential stamps.

The statement has been made that when the 2½d orange Leeward Islands exhausted at Antigua, in 1926, the 2½d blue, Roman CA, was again brought into use. Antigua never received any 2½d orange, Leeward Islands stamps, and in 1926 was still using the 2½d blue, Roman CA, plate 8. As a matter of fact in June, 1926, I received from Barbuda (whose stamp supplies are drawn from the Colonial Treasury at St. John's, Antigua), ½d, 1d red, 2½d blue, 3d on yellow, and 6d, all Roman CA watermarked, from plate 8 (Federal series).

On August 19, 1926, the Postmaster (G. B. Seignoret) at Roseau, Dominica, wrote me "No 2½d Leeward Islands, orange were ever sent to Dominica," and on December 2, 1926, the Postmaster (G. H. King) at Basseterre, St. Kitts, made the statement "The 2½d Leewards we have are blue, block watermarked, plate 8, and plenty on hand."

From Antigua itself a friend wrote me under date of Sept. 3, 1926 as follows:—

"The 2½d Leeward Islands orange stamp which you have put on the envelope sent me, should become a very rare stamp. The stamp has been used in Montserrat only, and only 50 sheets (of 120), were printed, so you were lucky to get some of them. I managed to get 60."

In September, 1927, I had the good fortune to spend my holiday among the islands of the eastern Caribbean, on the Furness s. s. "Dominica." We arrived at Antigua at 4 p. m. Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 28th (having left St. Kitts at 11 a. m., passing Redonda and Montserrat en route), and were there until 10 p. m. when we sailed for Pointe a Pitre, Guadeloupe. These hours I spent to good advantage on shore in St. John's with my friend. As rain kept us indoors, during the evening, it was quite natural that stamps should come into the conversation.

Having read in the philatelic press that the Leeward 2½d orange, script CA, had been sold at Antigua (although no one seems to have secured supplies from the G. P. O. at Antigua), I inquired how this could be possible, when the official advice I had received from all quarters was that the 6,000 had been requisitioned by Montserrat, and sold only there. Mr. A. C. K. Tibbits, Federal Postmaster at St. John's until September, 1925 (when he was appointed Magistrate of Nevis) had written me that the stamp was to be had only at Montserrat, and in writing around to the other islands, the postal officials had all replied that they had received none, and I would have to remit to Montserrat. My friend assured me that all the 2½d orange Leewards held locally had come from Montserrat; that those interested had secured their supplies by remitting to Montserrat during the currency of the stamp; and the demand for it (following the passing of the Order in Council of 1st March, 1926, restoring the 2½d foreign letter rate from 1st April, 1926) was responsible for its exhaustion. It was known a new lot had been requisitioned, a necessity these would be in blue.

It really matters little whethe 2½d orange Leewards was sold a tigua, but all the information I been able to secure, through corre

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Two new U. S. commemorative stamps will be issued on August 13th in connection with the Hawaiian sesquicentennial celebration. These will be the two cent and five cent of the current U. S. series overprinted "Hawaii" at the top and "1778-1928" below.

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T GEORGIAN OF BRITAIN

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e first two stamps, the ½d and 1d, wever, were altogether disappointing bore a profile of the King adapted a photograph and totally unsuited typographical stamp printing. On d stamp the portrait was within the bhins" frame, which is the only inent feature of the original issue h has survived, and appropriately sts the maritime interests of Britain he seafaring early life of the Sov- n. In the 1d stamp the portrait was unded by a wreath of laurel, across the base crouched the lion h aroused the sympathy of a nation imal lovers turned art critics. If photographic likeness failed as re- the portrait of the Sovereign, art ss failed to represent the majesty of British lion.

art from the Postmaster-General ome of the officials concerned in the uction of the stamps no one had a word for them. Artists, the public, the Press condemned them. "The d" addressed the Postmaster-Gen- —

Grt P.M.G., the head you forge
future years will damn you well;
may not know it means King George,
ey'll know it's done by Samuel."

ith all the outcry against the stamps, eP.M.G. would have done well to don the original portrait and make w start. Instead of that he had the esns tinkered up on the dies, im- ong thereby the printing qualities of plates, and at a later stage fattening e "starved lion" on the 1d stamp. fficials concerned in the production he stamps know this, together with e somewhat rushed conditions, in h our stamp supply was with diffi- maintained at that period, pro- a number of interesting varieties philatelists.

also delayed the issue of the other erminations, and it was not until late 12 that a real start was made on the ers as we know it today. The "coin- head of the 2d stamp, issued in ust, 1912, is the starting point of the ent Georgian issue. The finely mod- head, designed as for a coin, has the engraver what was appropriate stamp engraved en épargne. The mial" head, as seen on our present 1d p, which dates from October, 1912, ill better, and there is an "improved al head" on the values from 5d to 1s.
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NORWAY 1854-1924

By CLIFFORD A. HOWES.

The Kingdom of Norway, from which most of the Norsemen came in the early ages, is the most northerly kingdom of Europe and in its comparatively narrow strip of mountainous territory along the western coast of the Scandinavian Peninsula it includes a hardy population of some two and a half million people. Norway was independent in the middle ages, but was united with Denmark from 1450 to 1814. In the latter year it was ceded to Sweden, but the strenuous objections of the Norwegians finally modified this to "independence in union with Sweden," the two forming a dual kingdom, each with its own local government but united under the Crown with the King of Sweden as the King of Norway also. Mutual jealousies and particularly the refusal of Sweden to allow Norway to have its own consular service, because of its preponderance in shipping, finally brought on a crisis in 1905, when Norway declared the union dissolved and deposed King Oscar. To the great credit of both nations, this did not result in war but was settled by mutual agreement on October 26, 1905, when Norway became independent. A Danish prince was elected King on November 18, 1905, who took the title of Haakon VII.

On July 7, 1854, the Postal Law was passed which authorized the issue of postage stamps and changed the rate of postage, making it uniform at 4 skilling per *lod* (about ½ ounce) irrespective of distance. Thus we have but the one stamp of that value for the first issue which occurred on January 1, 1855. The simple design shows the arms of Norway in a shaded circle, the word *Frimaerke* (postage stamp) above and the value beneath. The currency at that time was based on the *speciedaler* which consisted of 120 *skilling*, the value in United States' currency being about $1.10 which makes the face value of the stamp just under four cents. The design was the work of a mechanical engineer of Kristiania named Zarbell, who submitted several essays and finally was awarded the contract for furnishing the stamps on June 20, 1854, before the Postal Law was passed even. The following extract from the contract may prove interesting.

"In pursuance of your offer you are hereby entrusted with the provision of postage stamp plates, as well as with the printing of postage stamps, in connection with which it will be your duty to make provision for the impressing of a watermark to appear in the sheets of paper, which watermark is to consist of the Norwegian Lion with St. Olaf's Axe. The paper required for the stamps will be delivered to you by the Department to the necessary number of reams, after which you will be held responsible to account for the full total after deducting such as may have been manifestly ruined in process of printing. The materials made use of in the process of printing, including printing blocks as well as the actual dies, will, so soon as the stamps are ready, be delivered to and become the property of the Department of the Interior."

The contract provided for printing at least two million stamps at 18 skillings per thousand, and there were actually accepted 2,018,200. It is supposed that stamps rejected at first as faulty were afterwards issued because of postal needs, so that the total issue may have been as much as 2,367,600 stamps. In manufacturing them the design was engraved on steel which was pressed into a copper matrix, and from the latter separate castings in molten type-metal were made (the process known as stereotyping), these casting or *clichées* being clamped together to form the printing plate. The latter consisted of two panes of 100 each, ten rows of ten, placed vertically one above the other. The printed sheet was therefore of 200 stamps but was separated into Post Office sheets of 100 stamps each. There are many curious variations found on the stamps, especially in the corner ornaments and the lettering, which are evidently due to faults in the stereotyping. A prominent variety is one with a double foot on the right hind leg of the lion. The stamp is of course normally imperforate but is known with an unofficial roulette.

The circular announcing the issue of the stamps, sent out in September, 1854, provided that: "Each postage stamp shall at the time of posting be cancelled by a canceller and blackened. The postage stamps upon letters which are handled by country post offices which have not been provided with a cancelling stamp are to be crossed with ink and cancelled later in the prescribed method by the receiving office." This canceller was the well known grid of 10-12 bars with a circular outline. In January, 1856, it was "decided that the cancellers which are used to obliterate postage stamps shall be engraved with a numeral so that each cancellation stamp shall bear its own special number." This was of course the three concentric rings enclosing a number, the numbers running up to 383. Finally a circular announced that from January 1, 1859, "all postal stations which are furnished with date-stamps shall cancel every letter with the time and date of postage in such manner that the date cancellation shall obliterate the postage stamp." As the first stamp had been superseded by a second issue toward the end of 1856, one would not look for postmarks on the earlier stamp, yet they are not rare and show by their dates that they were used thus in spite of regulations during the years of their issue.

The cheap appearance of these stamps, the lack of perforation and the poor gumming, even as soon as three weeks after the first stamp was issued, led the Post Office Department to make inquiries as to whether the production of stamps could be undertaken in London. An estimate was obtained from Messrs. De La Rue & Co. but was considered too costly, so negotiations were entered into with firms in Sweden. In December, 1855, a contract was entered into with P. A. Nymann, an engraver of Stockholm, who delivered the first lot of a new 4sk stamp on June 5, 1856. When the first stamp was issued its use was restricted to the domestic mails, but from February to April, 1855, its use was authorized on mail matter for France, Denmark, Germany and Great Britain. This showed the need for stamps of higher value so that an 8sk stamp was added to the 4sk. A decree of November 7, 1856, authorizes the issue of these two stamps but requires the old 4sk stamp to be used up first.

The design shows a profile head to the left of King Oscar I of Sweden and Norway. The name "NORGE" now appears on the stamps at the top with "FRIMAERKE" at either side. The die was engraved on steel with the omission of the bottom label which was to bear the indication of value. Matrices taken from the die then had the figures and lettering required for the different tom label belonged and were then ready for taking stereotyped moulds or *clichées*

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EDITORIALETTES

By Fred J. Melville
(Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.)

And More to Come. It is a considerable strain to take part in a whirl of crowded events and report them fully for immediate publication. However, we have managed to keep our readers *au fait* with the recent Congress and the Bourse, and our energies are again being drawn upon for the next big philatelic event in London, the Exhibition of Antiques and Works of Art organised by the *Daily Telegraph* at Olympia.

Education and Inspiration. It will not be necessary to emphasise to our readers in the home country that this exhibition at Olympia is a public enterprise of substantial responsibility and distinction. Every department of antique lore and art has been in charge of experts of high standing, and most of the stately homes of Britain have contributed beautiful things to delight the thousands who will crowd Olympia between July 19th and August 1st. As Sir Robert Baden-Powell has said, "the exhibition should have a splendid value in educating and inspiring all of us, since it is by studying the past that we can visualise the opportunities for the future."

Aesthetic Value in Philately. It was important in view of the "bigness" of the event, that effective steps should be taken to demonstrate the aesthetic interest and value in Philately, and as will be seen from the catalogue we print of the rich and varied stamp exhibits to be shown, it may fairly be claimed that the leading collectors have collaborated in a great effort to support Philately's claim to attention in the world of art and culture.

British Champion at Durban. A special cable to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* brings us news of the success of the International Philatelic Exhibition at Durban. This was opened on July 2nd, and the judges had evidently got together and decided their awards in good time, for the cable reached us on July 3rd, the day after the opening. Our congratulations are due to several regular readers of the *S.C.F.*, notably Mr. E. J. Lee of Stoke d'Abernon, whose 50-volume collection of Uruguay stamps has won for him the championship. It was a big undertaking to take the whole of such a collection out to Natal for this occasion.

Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein, who has rendered great service to Philately at many exhibitions sent some of his beautiful Capes to Durban, for which he receives a gold medal. Mr. H. H. Hurst, Mr. Vallancey and Mr. Watson are among the gold medallists.

The "White" Collection. Mr. Frank Godden, who has been having a busy and exciting time with the Congress and Bourse, and is lending us valuable assistance in connection with the Olympia Exhibition, has yet found time to bring off a most important stamp deal. His firm announces the purchase of the "White" collection of Great Britain, which has been a steady winner at international exhibitions for some years past. It is certainly a wonderful collection, the outstanding feature of which is the large number of mint blocks with corner margins and plate numbers, of the 1d black, 2d blue and other early British stamps.

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Another notable acquisition by the same enterprising firm is the Duveen collection of Victoria, of which particulars will be found in our advertisement pages.

The Conquest of Cleveland. Mr. Herman Toaspern in *Scott's Monthly Journal,* gives an amusing picture of how he (and others) went down from the great New York expecting to have the laugh on the Clevelanders as organisers. "Neat phrases were coined on the journey, and the writer was all set to tell everyone what was wrong and why." But at every point the organisation baffled criticism, even through to the close, when the great show was dismantled "with even less confusion, if possible, than the mounting" and by 3.30 p. m. on the day after closing, every collection was on its way back to its owner.

Incidentally the Clevelanders devised a novel method of putting the album leaves in the frames, a method which deserves close examination on the part of all who have anything to do with arranging stamps for exhibition.

The Congress Year Book. An interesting and successful innovation at this year's Congress was the issue of a bound volume to delegates, containing all the usual information embodied formerly in the programmes of Congresses, but with the addition of various other matter. Of the latter the most important feature is the printing beforehand of the papers to be read at Congress. All four papers read at this year's meetings are embodied in the book, and the fact that delegates, or at least some of them, had the opportunity of giving them consideration overnight, added to the liveliness of the discussions on the papers.

The full title of the book is "The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Year Book, London, 1928," and it is edited by Alexander J. Séfi and L. J. Gilbert-Lodge.

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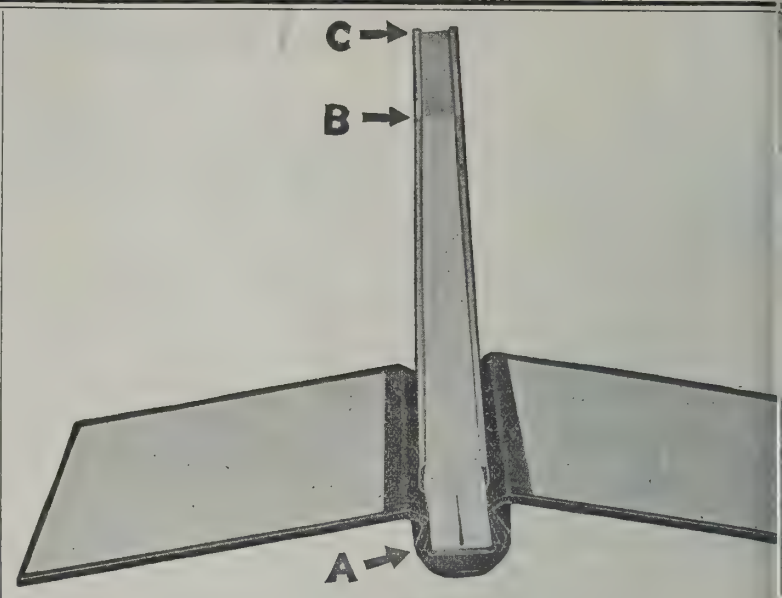

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By R. B. YARDLEY.

I am sure that all collectors of Hong Kong postage stamps will read with the greatest attention and interest Mr. Bacon's opinion on this matter.

As you pointed out in your editorial [illegible] is, however, based mainly on a block four 2c CA, perforated about 12, which was submitted to Mr. Bacon by Mr. J. Phillips in 1925.

Unfortunately I have not seen this block which Mr. Bacon describes the perforations "under 12" and "amateurish." [illegible] does not accord with the gauge on single specimen, which is practically [illegible] whether the two are connected in any way is not clear.

Mr. Bacon considers that any difficulty [illegible] decided with his block of four casts [illegible] doubt on the specimens belonging to Surgeon-Captain Bishop and myself. May, however, point out that in the case of Mr. Calman it was never [illegible] that the perforation of the two [illegible] specimens was the work of Messrs. [illegible] Rue's well-known single-line machine that was freely used in the eighties [illegible] last century—and the account of [illegible] origin of the perforation given by [illegible] De La Rue to your firm is [illegible] was the work of a "hand needle [illegible] perforating machine." I have never seen [illegible] De La Rue's perforating machine but I should be surprised if the single line machine, gauging about 12, frequently by them in the eighties, [illegible] hand machine. On the contrary, [illegible] machine that it was a large piece of machinery, worked either by treadle or being, and required time and trouble [illegible]. The account furnished by [illegible] De La Rue points rather to the conclusion that when the 14 machine [illegible] known there was perhaps only one left unperforated—and that to save [illegible] this was passed under a hand [illegible].

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Mr. Bacon felt a difficulty in the incidental references to the shades of the specimens—in particular Mr. Hausburg's description of the shade as "bright rose"—but Mr. Hausburg, who was in touch with Messrs. De La Rue at the time, confirms the story of the use of the "hand machine" to produce the rough perforations. I remember Mr. Hausburg's display of his fine collection, but my impression is that it did not contain a specimen of the 2 cents, perf. 12—and, personally, I doubt if he had seen one. The stamp submitted by your firm to Messrs. De La Rue was presumably the specimen now in the collection of Surgeon-Captain Bishop, which is distinctly in the dull rose—and I suggest that Mr. Hausburg's general description of the variety was purely conjecture, from the comparatively late date of the discovery of the first known specimen (in 1898).

Mr. Bacon says that he had seen the specimen (presumably that now in the collection of Surgeon-Captain Bishop) and, after a cursory examination, believes that he "saw nothing wrong with it"—in fact, in the important article by himself and Commander Napier on the De La Rue perforations in Volume XIV of the *Monthly Journal*, it is listed as "Hong Kong, 2c, rose, 1882," perforated 12, though, if genuine, it does not strictly belong to the class in which it is included—the stamps perforated "barely 12," such as the line-engraved Antigua 1d, the Bahamas 1d and 4d, and so on—but belongs to a class apart, "Perforated roughly on hand machine 12."

Unfortunately Mr. Bacon does not distinctly remember the shade of the block of four submitted to him in 1925, but I may add that although my own specimen is somewhat brighter in shade than the stamp of Surgeon-Captain Bishop, I am satisfied that it is of the dull shade but it has been soaked in water.

Personally I cannot see any reason for discrediting the clear circumstantial explanation of the variety given by Messrs. De La Rue to your firm and set out in the *American Journal of Philately* of January, 1901, and copied into the *London Philatelist* of February, 1901, so far as the two single specimens are concerned. To do so involves ascribing deliberate invention, for which there was no apparent motive, and with the names of Mr. C. J. Phillips and Messrs. De La Rue in print in association with this explanation, repudiation would have at once followed.—*Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

New Caledonia

—First Postage Stamp Etched with a Pin, According to F. J. Melville.

The arrival of a complete new series of stamps from New Caledonia, the first definite issue since 1905, recalls the curious history of this colony's first primitive stamp, issued at the beginning of 1860. A postal service had been started between Nouméa and Canala on August 4, 1859, and an order was given to the official printer to prepare 10-centime stamps for use on such letters, and also for letters going overseas via Sydney, which required a 10-centime New Caledonia stamp, together with a 6d New South Wales stamp to cover the postage rate beyond Sydney.

It was easier for the governor to order the stamps than for the printer to deliver them. There was no type in the colony, and all the Government printing, official notices, notepaper, and even the "Moniteur Impérial" were produced by auto-lithography. Even this medium of printing was the result of a happy discovery by a sergeant of Marines, who found a soft bluish-grey stone of fine texture at a spot some five miles from Nouméa, capable of use as a lithographic stone. The sergeant, named Triquérat, became assistant lithographer to the official printer, and etched the first New Caledonia stamp with a pin point on the stone, repeating the task fifty times to enable him to print in sheets of fifty stamps. He was no skilled artist, and his tools were primitive, so there is little resemblance in his stamps to the model from which he worked, the French portrait stamp of Napoleon of the 1859 issue.

The stamps created a sensation among the early collectors when copies first reached Europe, and the first sheet of fifty which reached Paris in 1863 was bought, I think, by M. Donatis, for 1,000 francs (£40), an astonishing figure for any stamps at that period. But other sheets turned up, and the price dropped to one-fifth. At the present date a sheet is valued at £100. Although the total printing is supposed to have been only 1,500 or 3,000 stamps, the stamp is not rare unused (25s in Gibbons, and 200frs in Yvert). On the other hand, used copies are of extreme rarity, and the postmarked copies known probably do not exceed a dozen. As the stamps were not gummed they were affixed with the aid of a gum brush at the post office, or by means of wafers elsewhere; instances are recorded of the stamps having been eaten through by insects attracted by the wafers.

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The new stamps for this Colony are thirty-six in number, twenty-three being ordinary and thirteen Postage Due stamps, in four designs by Paris artists and engravers. The ordinary values 1 centime to 25 centimes show the harbour of Nouméa. The 30 centimes to 90 centimes values show a scene with a Kanaka before his hut amid palms by the waterside, and the 1 franc to 20 francs show an old sailing vessel in the centre, flanked by portraits of the Comte de La Perouse and Admiral de Bougainville, French navigators who secured for France some of her chief possessions in the South Seas. It was originally announced that the portraits were to be of La Perouse and Jules Sebastien D'Urville, a famous navigator of a century ago. But Bourgainville has replaced D'Urville on the stamps as issued. The Postage Due stamps show a stag in a New Caledonia landscape.—*Postage Stamp.*

NEW 5c AIRMAIL

As we go to press we have received from Washington three first day covers bearing the new 5c airmail. The stamp is quite attractive, printed in red and blue. The design shows a rather diminutive airship sailing over the ocean with a beacon occupying a prominent place in the foreground. Our thanks are extended to Stanley Gregory, Albert E. Gorham and the Capitol Stamp Co. for courtesies.

Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

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Watermarks

Watermarks—the bane of many an enthusiastic collector! Sometimes seen and sometimes imagined! Makes a a stamp worth more or less.

What is a watermark anyway as to cause so much trouble or fuss and worry? Starting away back in the paper mill where there are immense machines turning out dried finished paper from a pulpy mass, we find that as this wet mass on its journey over the rollers comes in contact with one which is roughened with a design. The pressure of the design on the roller leaves an impression in the paper.

Much ordinary writing paper discloses some design in it, usually the monogram of the paper company or the name of a particular brand of paper. This can usually be seen by holding the sheet of paper up to the light.

Paper used for the printing of postage stamps is frequently found watermarked. Such paper has the watermark design so arranged that a part shows in each stamp.—A. C. LeDuc.

Junior Dictionary

H. I. & U. S. Postage.—This inscription appears on the rarer of the two types of the 13c "missionary" stamps of Hawaii. The letters are simply an abbreviation for "Hawaiian Islands & United States." The letter postage was divided into 5c local, 2c ship and 6c United States.

Plebiscite — Olsztyn — Allenstein. — An overprint on German stamps used in the Polish-German plebiscite, Allenstein area. The word "Olsztyn" is the Polish term for the district.

Pilgrim Tercentenary.—This name is given to a set of three stamps issued by the U. S. in 1920 to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Mass. There are three values, 1, 2 and 5c.

Springbok.—The head of a springbok—one of the most typical of South African *fauna*—forms the watermark in the current stamps of the Union of South Africa.

SRB.—This abbreviation meaning Srbska (Serbian) is found in the oval of the 1 crown and 2 crown values of the so-called Laibach issue of stamps. It is in Roman as well as Cyrillic letters.

Portuguese Olympic

While one can excuse a certain carelessness in the preparation of provisional stamps which are needed in an emergency, one can only express surprise when a European nation like Portugal issues such a disgraceful travesty of a postage stamp as the new Olympic label. The regular postage stamps of Portugal are not unattractive, while her commemoratives (though not, usually, a financial success) are often beautiful productions. The Olympic stamp, however, combines poor printing, dull colouring, and lack of tact, for the original design apparently omitted the important indication that the stamp hailed from Portugal, and the

omission was corrected by the international discourtesy of printing "PORTUGAL" right across the word "Amsterdao" (Amsterdam) at the foot of the stamp. Probably the authorities feared that the stamp might be taken for a Dutch emission, but while Holland has certainly issued stamps of weird design, no poorly produced stamp leaves the ateliers of the Enschedé firm.

The design of the Portuguese Olympic stamp is not bad, and a curious feature of it is that the ship in the background has eyes. I always believed that this practice of painting eyes on the bows of ships was confined to Chinese junks, but I am evidently wrong.—*Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

St. Helena

By HENRY MAYFIELD, JR.

St. Helena was discovered by Juan de Nova, a Portuguese naval captain on May 21, 1502, which was St. Helena's Day and was named in her honor. It was densely wooded and without any inhabitants. The Dutch had possession of the island for a time. It was chosen as a place of exile for Napoleon chiefly because of its remote position.

The island is about ten miles long and half as wide, it rises high above the sea and is very fertile. Oaks, pines, willows, bamboos, dates, and bananas all flourish on the island. It is said that there is a greater variety of beetles there than any other place. Every two weeks a steamer calls.

The first issue was printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., the same picture of Queen Victoria as was used on the stamps of Ceylon. Several different designs followed, including some large and handsome pictorial stamps with a picture of the government house at Jamestown on some and with a picture of the wharf on others. In 1922, a very beautiful set was issued. To date twenty values have been issued of this design. The values appear in the upper corners of the stamps with "ST. HELENA" across the bottom. In an oval frame at the top is a picture of King George of England. Directly below this picture appears a picture of a three masted sailing ship approaching the island. Part of the set is watermarked with the Multiple Crown and Script C A and part with the Multiple Crown and C A watermark.

There are two war stamps, one surcharged "WAR TAX ONE PENNY" and the second "WAR TAX 1d."

Egypt Cotton Issue

By HENRY MAYFIELD, JR.

During 1927, Egypt issued an attractive set of stamps which would set off any Junior collection. It was issued to commemorate the meeting of the International Cotton Congress. The stamps are rectangular in shape with "EGYPT" and Arabic Characters across the top. The values are in the lower corners of the stamps with "CONGRES INTERNATIONAL DU COTON, 1927" written between in Egyptian and in Arabian. Across one side is the value written out in Egyptian on the left side of the stamp and in Arabian on the right side. In an oblong frame in the center is a picture of a stalk of cotton. The stamp is watermarked with a Multiple Crown and Arabic F watermark and is perforated 13½.

Watermark Hunting

When it comes to finding the watermarks in stamps, the collector is confronted with many difficulties. He should provide himself with a small bottle of benzine which can be obtained at a drug store. The stamp to be investigated is laid face down on a black surface—preferably a watermark detector as sold by all dealers—then a few drops of benzine dropped on the stamp. If the stamp is curled it should be pressed down carefully so that the benzine covers all parts of the stamp. The watermark will usually show up plainly under such treatment unless it is a heavily cancelled specimen.

A word of caution is in order on the use of benzine. Don't smoke while using it, neither should you use it near an oil lamp or gas light, or you may not have any furuther need for stamps. No mail has ever been received from there yet!

The stamps of Argentina and the British Colonies, except Australia, should not give the collector any difficulties. He will have trouble with the various slogans or whatever you want to call them that are used in Brazil. He won't know whether they are "Casa da Moeda" with or without stars. All he will see will probably be stars! Or casa da cuckoo!

Seriously tho, the watermark chaser has a good chance to look for the various kinds of crowns with the big or little A's, in the stamps of Australia. A comparison of the stamps with the pictures in the catalog is about the only way to settle the matter of which is which.

With watermark hunting it is usually a case of continued practice that makes the efficient hunter. When you once get used to what to look for the battle is already half won. We can be thankful that not all countries have felt it necessary to use watermarked paper for their stamps.—A. C. LeDuc.

G. C. M.

One of the most generally used forms of monogram overprint used on Mexican stamps during the recent unsettled regime.

The letters are for "Gobierno Constitucionalista Mexicano"—that is Mexican Constitutional Government.

SEEN AND HEARD—

WE are indebted to Fred J for proofs of the postage hibit catalog of the Daily Tele hibition of Antiques held at from July 19 to August 1. A choice and beautiful philateli were assembled in a "mere frames." Mr. Melville places of these rarities at $1,250,000.0

CHARLES ZINK wants to we do not get well-cente stamps and especially the ne Our opinion is that the P. O. D is producing these stamps for t public and little thought is stamp collector. We have a Agency at Washington where is taken to give the collector forated stamps.

WE have a first flight fro Gregory of Detroit, Mi dated July 17 and is on C. Detroit-Bay City-Chicago.

ANY dealer requiring stam Scandinavian countries sh Olaf Grilstad, Trondhjem, No his June 1928 list.

IN a recent number of *Th Church* was a finely illustra on "Religion and Postage St printed from an Australian pa are indebted to Rev. Clarence C for the clipping.

WE are informed by T. A. Ge the post office at Spring had a non-official cachet for Ju last day of 10c airmail, and Au first day of the 5c rate. The r not received in time for our r profit by it.

WE are informed of the deat Mair of Philadelphia, P occurred July 10. Mr. Mair w Germany near Biberach and ca country when seventeen years had been connected with the Biscuit Company of Philade nearly thirty years and with s lecting as his hobby he had a general collection of sixteen tho rieties. Dealer friends will be hear of his demise.

WHILE renewing his su John M. Sheridan sends in plementary renewals for the St at the Staten Island Museum, N and the Library of the Brooklyn Brooklyn, N. Y. We have a that Mr. Sheridan is showing philatelic public spirit in connec these renewals.

WE regret to record a severe that has happened to our scriber and advertiser, J. Haro ney, president of "Internacia Lig naw, Mich. On Friday, the 13 the day and date) Mr. Blac tempted to light the pilot burne water heater in the basement of and it resulted in an explosion th him in the face. Both eyes wer but his sight will be saved. He "I am using the sight of one rather tenderly. I anticipate n nent ill-effects but am wearing a over one eye." It is natural t that Mr. Blackney's correspond necessarily suffer on account accident.

WE have received from the C lishing Co., 423 W. 42 St City, a little booklet "The Ar Postage Stamp" by Montgome ford. A copy of this booklet doubt be sent upon request.

NORWAY 1854-1924

(Continued from page 469)

ping together into printing plates. ngraved on them where the bot- mps were printed at the Gov- Printing Office in Stockholm in f 100, ten rows of ten, upon un- rked paper as far as the stamps erned but with a marginal wa- of two wavy lines all around, at the corners by the "Lion of ." They are perforated 13 and is known in imperforate condi- tally used.

o the end of 1856 the letter rates duced to 2sk for letters posted vered in the same town and 3sk ers delivered within a certain n postal radius. Two new stamps e values were added to the set on y 28, 1857.

revious stamps were never wholly ory to the Norwegians, partly they bore the head of a Swedish d partly because they were not estic manufacture. In 1862 the ian Postal Department considered igns and entered into a contract w issue with Schwenzen's Litho- Works of Kristiania at a price per thousand. A decree of Feb- 1864, fixed the highest value at ving the other values to be de- l by the postal authorities, who change in the values already in e design reverted to the arms of now properly shown with shield wn. The paper was similar to the previous issue with marginal k only. The perforation gauges 13½ and was done by a machine in England.

s one of the most interesting of es of Norway to the specialist as e four minor varieties of type in ue, and as there were two plates k there are eight varieties of this mation. The stamps were litho- in sheets of 100 composed of ive blocks of four. These blocks identical, but the four stamps of k all differ slightly from one It is to be noted, however, that ks can be further divided into ups, numbers 1 and 3 (so far as d is concerned) being very simi- ach other and numbers 2 and 4 ing the same similarity. The dif- ypes are most easily distinguished e 24sk value owing to its color), but with the 2sk yellow and e, for the same reason, the task te very difficult. Full details of the ces between these four types are le in publications for those desir- n. As to the cause of the vari- l their similarity in pairs Mr. W. Vestoby, in the *Adhesive Postage of Europe,* says it appears prob- at two separate engravings or rs were made of the portion of the h that is common to all the values. hese transfers were taken and in blocks of four. The values en added and the four designs uched up generally. Twenty-five s of this finished block of four d down on the lithographic stone as then ready for printing. But n stumbling block is why were iginal engravings or drawings y where one should suffice?

3 and 24sk were the first values set placed on sale on August 31, he 4sk followed in January, 1864, in 1865 and the 3sk in 1866, s of the previous issue being used e the new ones were placed on he 3sk was not in use more than rs and is the scarcest of the set. sk unused is fairly common as ere 491,000 of them in a lot of lers sold in November, 1913.

ner information from a Norwe- blication shows that the date of e quoted for the new 2 and 3sk as February 28, 1857, could not be for the latter stamp, as it was not printed until March 13th. It was probably issued about the end of March. There were 1,000,000 of the 2sk printed and issued and 1,050,000 of the 3sk.

From the same publication it appears that the issue of 1863-66 was produced by making *four* original drawings of each value on a lithographic stone, and then transferring these blocks of four twenty-five times to the printing stone to make the sheet of 100 stamps in ten rows of ten. The large number of 4sk stamps required, that being the domestic letter rate, caused a second drawing of a block of four for producing new printing plates, and this is what has been termed "plate II," as the new drawings all differ in detail from the first block of four.

In 1867 the Norwegian Postal Department reverted to the typographical method of producing its stamps, giving the contract to Mr. P. Petersen of Kristiania. The design of the new issue was changed but little, the principal difference being in the lettering at the bottom and the repetition of the numerals of value; the background also is now composed of vertical instead of crossed lines. The stamps were produced from a single original steel die, the numerals of value being engraved upon secondary dies from which stereotyped *clichés* were obtained for clamping together into the printing plate of 100 in ten rows of ten. There are therefore no variations of type. As there were plenty of 24sk of the previous set on hand, and as this value was not used much it did not appear in the new type. New rates for printed matter, however, required a stamp of 1sk, so that this value was added.

The 2 and 4sk stamps were the first to appear in June, 1867, and were printed on the same paper as used for the previous issue, with watermarked lines in the margin and lions at the corners. The remaining values and later supplies of the 4sk were printed on a thinner paper with no watermark at all. The perforation was 14½ x 13½. The 8sk was issued about October, 1867, and the 1 and 3sk in May, 1868.

A reduction in the domestic letter rate from 4sk to 3sk, and other changes, took place on January 1, 1872, and a new issue was furnished for this occasion. This was in an entirely new design known as the "posthorn" type, which has remained in use with slight modifications ever since. It was produced by Petersen as before, in the values of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7sk, the 8sk having been dropped. The original die was engraved with the value label blank save for the word "skilling," and a hole in the circle of the pattern for inserting a plug with the figure of value thereon. The method of producing a plate was then to insert the plug with the desired numeral in the die and make a "subsidiary" die, probably by electrotyping, on which the word of value was engraved by hand before the word "skilling." From this subsidiary die *clichés* would be made, either by stereotyping or by electrotyping, to make up the printing plate. A study of this issue by Mr. Jellestad convinced him that the subsidiary "die" had been composed of *twelve* reproductions of the original die for the 1, 2, 3 and 4sk stamps, he having found this number of varieties in the engraving of the word of value in each. As the greatest number of any one variety appearing in the printed sheet is ten, there must have been at least ten reproductions of the subsidiary "die," thus making 120 *clichés,* of which only 100 were necessary for making up the printing plate, leaving 20 in reserve to replace any damaged in use. One might think that the strip or block of *clichés* made up from the subsidiary "die" would be used thus in making up the plate, but it is evident from the irregular distribution of the varieties over the printed sheet that it was cut up into separate *clichés* in each case. With the 6sk Mr. Jellestad finds 15 varieties of the word, which, if the subsidiary "die" were made up of this number, would require but eight reproductions to obtain the necessary number of *clichés* for the plate plus the necessary reserves. With the 7sk he finds originally only 10 varieties, with 12 as the maximum number appearing on the sheet, so that the subsidiary "die" must have had 10 reproductions of the original and itself have been reproduced 12 times to make the *clichés.* He has found a second setting, however, in which appear 12 new varieties in slightly smaller and thinner lettering than the first plate. These he thinks must have been due to heavy damage to the first plate, necessitating the making of a new subsidiary "die" (of 12 reproductions of the original this time) to obtain enough new *clichés* for repairs and reserves. The new *clichés* were mixed in with the old ones to the number of 31, the greatest number of any one variety being four, so this setting has been termed plate II. The 1sk also comes in two settings, known as plates I and II, but they are simply different arrangements of the same varieties.

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To own some paper joys.
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A stamp before the boys.

He sought them in the paper mill,
He sought them in the store,
And each new treasure gave its thrills,
But still he wanted more.

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He knew them pasted flat.
He kept them in his pantaloons,
And stored them in his hat.

The fever had its way and passed,
And forty years was dead,
But came alive and reared at last
Its long recumbent head.

The funny ones were all the rage,
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In microscopic glee.

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Ye joys of seventy-five.
Antiquity is now a dunce,
For science is alive.

A. Lincoln

—Letter Written by the War President Found in a Pile of Trash.

(Clipping from Herman W. Boers)

ATLANTA, GA., July 22.—Unearthed in a trash pile, a letter signed "A. Lincoln," and believed to be from President Lincoln during the Civil War, congratulates Michael Hahn, on his election as "the first free state governor of Louisiana."

The letter is written on stationery headed "Executive Mansion" dated March 13, 1864.

O. P. Walton and "Tubby" Walton, restaurant owners, found it.

The text of the letter follows:

"I congratulate you on having fixed your name in history as the first free state governor of Louisiana. Now you are about to have a convention which, among other things, will probably define the elective franchise. I barely suggest for your private consideration, whether some of the colored people may not be let in—as, for instance, the very intelligent, and especially those who have fought gallantly in our ranks. They would probably help, in some trying times to come, to keep the jewel of liberty with the family of freedom. But this is only a suggestion, not to the public, but to you alone.

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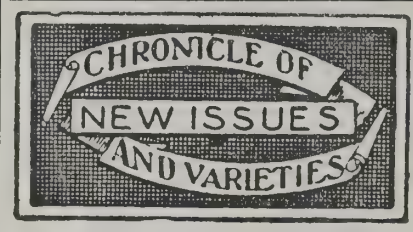

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United States

5c Air Mail Stamp Issued

In accordance with previous announcement, the new 5c blue and red air mail stamp, described in detail in this column, was placed on sale in Washington, on Wednesday, July 25th. Thousands of first day covers were sent out and it is believed that the two color stamp, larger than the normal variety, will prove exceedingly satisfactory, for the two colors make it unusually attractive. No inverted centers were reported on the first day, but in view of the fact that stocks have already been sent to most of the air mail offices, it would not be surprising to learn that such an error has been issued, for the quantities will run into the thousands, and as the Bureau has been required to print large numbers in short order, means that they cannot be quite as careful as when printing small quantities over a longer length of time.

Mention was previously made that the stamp would possibly be overprinted "Canal Zone" for use at that point, but the Post Office at Washington has returned the requisition, and called to their attention the fact that our postal regulations do not call for an air mail service, hence, no immediate need for such a variety.

Through the courtesy of the Department, arrangements have been made whereby every air mail station will have the new stamps by August first, so that letters may be sent out on that day under the new schedule with the new stamps. The Postal Bulletin mentions that the Department does not feel it wise to have special postmarks on August first, hence, has not authorized the use of such markings. There is no doubt, however, that certain postmasters will take it upon themselves to kindly favor collectors by applying a special marking made from a cancellor prepared locally. Advice has already been received that such a marking will be used at St. Louis, Mo., Springfield and Peoria, Ill. The air mail carriers at Boston are an aggressive company and, no doubt, special postmarks will be applied at that point.

1847, Railroad Cancellations

In a recent Chronicle, mention was made of the known 5c and 10c 1847, showing Railroad cancellations. Through the courtesy of Dr. Ralph W. Payne, James S. Hardy, and others we are able to add the following to our list.

5c—1847

Troy & Whitehall R. R.—Circular in blue
Washington Rail R. D.—Circular in blue
Richmond Rail Road—Circular in red
Little Miami R. R.—Circular in red

10c—1847

Little Miami R. R.—Circular in red
Madison & Indianapolis R. R.—Circular in red

We would be most pleased to list any further varieties that we have not, as yet, seen.

1875, 5c Cracked Plate

We recently mentioned seeing a copy of the 5-cent Taylor, hard paper, on cover with cracked plate. Mr. W. E. Whitnall kindly advises that he has in his collection a block of four of the stamp on hard paper, showing a crack running vertically through the left side of the northeast stamp down through the left of the southeast stamp, through the margin near the bottom and just touching the engraved corner of the southwest variety, so that the crack shows on three stamps out of the block of four. Mr. Whitnall advises that the northeast stamp shows a strong shift in addition to the crack.

Professor C. T. Hurst calls attention to a cracked plate copy in his collection, which from the description is one found in the block just described.

Registered Mail

Under date of July first, the new regulations on registered mail became effective, so that a letter or package may be insured anywheres up to a thousand dollars, at fees ranging from fifteen cents for a package valued not exceeding fifty dollars and one dollar for a thousand dollars. We will, therefore, be able to get our higher denomination stamps on small covers legitimately used, so that later on if we have a new $1 stamp there will be actual use for the variety on a small first day cover. The amount of insurance is prepaid by regular stamps in addition to the normal postal charges.

Australian Commonwealth.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* learns from Mr. Allan Clements that in a recent speech the P.M.G. stated it was practically certain that Air stamps would be issued for Australia.

Belgium.—*Restoration of Orval Abbey.*—We have pleasure in publishing the following analytical details, just received from the Orval Abbey Committee, regarding the projected Charity stamps :—

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3.	1.	Duchess Mathilda.	50
5.	5.	View of Orval.	25
10.	10.	View of Orval.	25

The complete series will therefore be worth 40fr or 6 Belgas.

The stamps of 0.05fr and 0.25fr are the reproduction of a fine drawing in two colours, which obtained a medal at a competition of the Institut Supérieur des Arts Décoratifs.

The stamps of 0.35fr and 2fr represent a monk clothed in a white mantle and sculpting the capital of a pillar.

The stamps of 0.60fr, 1.75fr, and 3fr represent, in medieval style, the legend of the Duchess Mathilda and of the gold ring. These two vignettes are the reproduction of two drawings of the eminent artist, Anto Carta.

The stamps of 5fr and those of 10fr are from the designs of Mr. Chaplin, of the Ecole des Chartes of Paris. In the foreground figures that delicate work of art, the rose-window of Orval, in the middle distance a monk ploughing, and in the background the old abbey as it is planned to restore it.

In addition to the special postage stamps an illustrated post card is to be issued by the Government as a further means of helping the fund for the restoration of the ancient Abbey of Notre Dame d'Orval; it will have the face value of 35c+15c, and will probably be on sale from September 15th. The

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Belgian Congo.—We have from Mr. R. Roberts a very pictorial set of stamps issued memoration of Sir Henry Mor ley, G. C. B., the great African and the founding of the Co State. It is 50 years since he lished "Through the Dark C The stamps are pictorial line design being a portrait of the large oblong shape, produced Zegelfabrich-Mechelen of Malin ors and values are 5c black, 1(20c red-orange, 35c deep green, brown, 60c olive-black, 1fr carr 60c slate, 1fr75c dark blue, brown, 2fr75c mauve, 3fr50c c deep blue-green, 10fr ultrama 20fr mauve.

Bulgaria.—We learn from *King & Co.'s Bulletin* that a ne stamps is to be issued shortly brate the millenary of the Tsar and the Fiftieth Anniversary of eration of Bulgaria. The d tions will be as follows: 10, 1 stotinki, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 levas.

China.—Mr. R. Roberts se chronicle the 1c orange, 4c olive, and $1 vermilion stamps of th Tso Leng design with a red for Sin-Kiang.

Costa Rica.—With regard provisionals chronicled recently, Champion informs us that, in ac with a decree dated April 13th, maining stock of the original copies" of the 5c orange Re stamp were surcharged 5c. The urally, were quickly sold out, an ther decree, dated April 23rd, au the second provisional, viz. 5 on ple, of which 500,000 were sur and issued.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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Germany.—We are indebted to Anton Huber for the following information:—"I wish to inform you of a new set on September 1st. The stamps will have the portraits of the dead president, Ebert, and the second president, Hindenburg. The following values will be issued: 3, 8, 10, 20, 30, 60pf (Ebert), new value 45pf for registered letters, id, 5, 15, 25, 40, 50, 80pf (Hindenburg)."

Italy.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a 7½c brown, of a new type, similiar to A85. Also an 80c air post stamp in lilac and red-brown.

Kuwait. — Mr. A. L. Greenway writes *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* that the transfer of the local post office to the Indian Government has been indefinitely postponed. The 3a blue Service has gone out of issue and the 3a orange has again been put on sale. Probably a small stock of the latter is being used up.

Malta.—A "Stop Press" notice in the *Philatelic Magazine* announces that the entire postage series has been overprinted "Postage and Revenue."

St. Helena.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* reports that for some reason or other the rumor has been about for the past few months that the 7sh6p denomination of the current issue has been withdrawn from use and in consequence high prices have been asked for this stamp. Official notification has been received informing that there is no intention of withdrawing this value.

Spain.—Color error.—Ordinary adhesive of 1923 printed in blue instead of carmine. 25c bluue.—M. Th. Champion.

We understand that blue was the color originally intended for this denomination, but the sudden alteration in the postal tariff necessitated the 40c being issued in this hue, in order to conform with the Postal Union regulations as to international correspondence (25c being the old and 40c the new foreign letter rate).

Needless to say, very few of these errors have got into general circulation and, of course, it may be found that they are merely proof impressions.—*Stamp Collecting.*

AUGUST 13, 1928

(Albert E. Gorham is sending out a rather unique circular that we are disposed to reproduce in our paper. True, it gives Mr. Gorham considerable of an advertisement, but we feel favorably inclined in view of the tremendous activity Mr. Gorham is showing in connection with airmail developments. With all the advertising that he receives there is some news matter here which will be welcome. The circular is printed in red, indicating that August 13 will philatelically be a red letter day in "stampdom, Washington and Honolulu". — W. O. W.)

August 13, 1928: The Writer, as General Chairman of Entertainment, will extend the Gavel of Authority to the President of the Society of Philatelic Americans, to be called to order in Annual Convention in Washington. Third Assistant Postmaster General Regar (in charge of Philatelic Agency—as salesman) and Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Hall (as manufacturer of United States Postage) will probably extend addresses of welcome.

August 13, 1928: The 2-cent and 5-cent current series of postage will be Specially Surcharged "Hawaii" across the upper half with dates "1778-1928" below in black ink.

August 13, 1928: From Washington and Honolulu, the writer will issue First Day Covers; 2-cent stamp by regular mail; 5-cent stamp by airmail, suitably inscribed, at $1.00 for the set of four covers. If desired, Send Your Remittance to Me by Return Mail.

August 13, 1928: "The surcharged stamps will not be placed on sale in post offices within the United States proper."

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STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF

BRITISH EMPIRE.

Australian Commonwealth.—Mr. Allan Clements tells us that in a recent speech the P.M.G. stated that it was practically certain that Air stamps would be issued for Australia.

Mr. Adrien Albert points out that the 1d green, perf. 13½ x 12½, with Ash imprint, may be distinguished from the work of the earlier printers by the paper, which is more opaque.

He adds that the 1½d red has been found with Ash imprint at the top of the sheet, instead of at the bottom. Only a few sheets are known. The same thing happened in the Mullett printing of this value, some 30 sheets being noted with imprint at top.

Canada.—Mr. W. F. Emslie kindly shows us specimens of the 1c Confederation issue, and states that in his opinion they represent three distinct thicknesses of paper: (1) The original fairly thick; (2) A thin paper with the design showing through; and (3) a paper of a thickness between the two. He believes the second is scarce.

There is certainly some difference between the specimens shown us, but nothing like that which occurred two or three years ago in the Postage Dues and one or two of the Georgian postage stamps.

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OTHER COUNTRIES.

Afghanistan.—Mr. F. H. Zahid tells us that a postal convention has been signed between India and Afghanistan, and that, with effect from 1st April last, the "due" system has been abolished. As this information is accompanied by a copy of an official letter which states that "Afghanistan has been made a Union country," with effect from the same date, we take it that we may understand that Afghan stamps now have franking power outside the country of issue, and not merely to Peshawar. If this is the case, we may look to see a still further increase in the interest taken in the stamps of this country.

To make up the consequent loss, the rate on foreign letters has been increased from 15 pools to 30 pools, the rate for inland letters remaining the same.

We have asked our correspondent for confirmation of our reading of the above information, which should in the meantime be treated with reserve, as we may have misunderstood the purport of his news.

Grand Lebanon.—There were two printings of the 7½pi, 15pi, and the Air Mail stamps, of the new series with bilingual overprint. In the first printing the French wording was the old "République Libanaise" in black, with the Arabic overprint added in red. In the second printing the whole overprint was done in red. The 15pi in both printings was sold out very quickly, and at the time of writing our agent has not been able to obtain supplies for us.

The new permanent pictorial series for this republic is now expected at the end of this year.

Lettland.—Mr. George H. Jaeger tells us that the forthcoming "10th Anniversary of Independence" series will include six different values, 1,000,000 copies of each being printed. There will be stamps with portraits of the late President Tschakste and of the late Foreign Minister, Mr. S. A. Meijerowitz, while the remaining four denominations will bear views of the country. The stamps are to be lithographed at the State Printing Office.—*Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

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A correspondent writes and asks whether it is preferable to collect used or unused stamps. Now this question is a very wide one. In the earliest days there were enthusiasts who thought that stamps were only made for the purpose of being cancelled and put into an album. One remembers the question which was asked, as to how it was that in certain countries so many more unused stamps were issued than used ones. In those days, however, a single specimen was sufficient, either used or unused, and to collect specimens in both conditions was considered extravagant and greedy.

What Rowland Hill or the Post Office intended to do with the stamps does not concern us, because neither used or unused stamps were intended to be collected and put into albums. Nothing that possesses any real interest to render it worthy of collection has been expressly made for that purpose; neither stamps, coins, nor medals were originally made for collectors.

It has been argued that Rowland Hill intended that unused stamps should be put on letters. It is accordingly fair to reply to that, that he intended used stamps to be put into the waste-paper basket. Officially, the obliteration destroys the stamp; in fact, if a means had been invented by which a stamp could actually be destroyed without injuring the envelope or its contents, that method would undoubtedly have been adopted, and we should have had no used stamps to collect.

The official view does not concern philatelists; but to claim that a used stamp is more of a postage stamp than an unused one is equivalent to claiming that an empty bottle is more of a wine bottle than a full one—the postal essence has disappeared from the one, like the wine from the other.

At the same time these considerations do not affect the collector's side of the question. The used stamp is still a stamp to us, but it can hardly be more of a stamp or more desirable (generally speaking) than when it is unused; it has been defaced, disfigured, therefore, to a greater or less extent, and can never be quite so good as a specimen of the thing that we collect as it was when in its pristine condition. There are exceedingly few cases where an obliteration in itself adds anything whatever to the interest of a specimen. For instance, where we desire to prove that a particular variety has been actually in use, an obliterated copy, if we know that the obliteration is genuine, and was really applied at the period at which the stamp should have been in circulation (points extremely difficult to prove), is evidence of its use. Again, when it is necessary to prove the date of issue of a stamp, it is necessary to have the specimen on the original envelope with a date-stamp obliteration, to prove that it was really there at that date. But the obliteration is no improvement to the stamp, as a specimen; in either case, and such cases as these are very uncommon.

The tendency of the modern stamp collector is in the direction of displaying greater care in the selection of specimens for his collection. This view is not a new thing, as the early philatelists were all agreed on this question of condition, but it is only recently that this view has become general.

The result has been that the market value between fine copies and poor ones varies considerably. This distinguishing between good copies and inferior ones is perfectly just and sound. An unbounded faith in the superiority of unused copies is still somewhat too prevalent, and is only equalled by the perversity of those who regard an obliteration as a necessary adjunct for admission to a collection.

All things being equal the unused copy is the better specimen, but it must be remembered that a fine used stamp is much superior to a poor unused one. In fact, a fine used copy is only slightly inferior to an equally fine unused one.

A good illustration of the respective merits of these two classes is afforded by the plating of stamps. In these, numerous minute variations indicate the printings, the exact order of still undetermined. Used copies dated postmarks, are especially as they give the chronological of the plates. Mostly, however, mark hides the very spot on the which shows the plate characteris the other hand unused blocks are required to show which of rieties exist together, so that both and used are necessary for this This is so in most cases, where any real scope for philatelic rese

The prevention of forgeries ha been one of the standard objects atelic societies since their origin was interesting to note that at meeting of the Johannesburg Star its President, Mr. Skinner, read paper on the question of forge fakes. He supplemented his pa a small collection of forgeries. same meeting, Mr. Johnstone e his collections of Holland and whilst Mr. Sterne showed the st Saare and Schleswig.—*Rand Da*

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LEEWARDS 2½d ORANGE, 1923

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ence and on the ground, points to its sale at Montserrat only.

Several times during 1923 and 1924, in remitting to the Postmaster at Barbuda, I asked for 1d red script CA, and 2½d orange, script CA, Federal series, and on his indenting on the Colonial Treasury at Antigua, he was informed that these two varieties had never been received in Antigua.

By Statutory Rules and Order of 1926, made March 1, 1926, t on foreign letters, and those British Empire and the United were reduced from 3d and 2d, and 1½ respectively, effective 1926. With the return of 2½d foreign letter rate it was of necessary for this stamp to ass former blue color, and this rest the 3d its former violet on yello bination.

	Former color.	*Changed color.*
Leeward Islands Federal Series.		
1d	red on script	violet on script (Aug. 21, 1922)
2½d	blue on Roman CA	orange on script (Sept. 22, 1923)
3d	violet on Roman CA yellow	blue on script (Sept. 22, 1923)
Antigua		
1d	red on script	violet on script (Sept. 27, 1923)
2½d	blue on script	orange on script (Sept. 27, 1923)
3d	violet on Roman CA yellow	was not changed to blue
Dominica		
1d	(double med. series	violet and black, script (March 1,
2½d	did not appear	orange and black, script (March 1,
3d	in old colors)	blue and black, script (March 1, 192
Montserrat		
1d	red on Roman CA	violet, script (April 5, 1923)
2½d	blue, script	orange, script (April 5, 1923)
3d	violet on Roman CA yellow	blue, script (April 5, 1923)
St. Kitts-Nevis		
1d	red, script	violet, script (Aug. 21, 1922)
2½d	blue, script	brown, script (July 21, 1922)
3d	violet on Roman CA yellow	blue, script (July 21, 1922)
Br. Virgins		
1d	red, script	violet, script (Jan. 24, 1927)
2½d	blue, script	orange, script (Sept. 1, 1923)
3d	violet on Roman CA yellow	was not changed to blue

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Mr. Robert S. Regar, the Third Assistant Postmaster General, has just announced the appointment of Mr. Herbert S. Chamberlin of the District of Columbia, as Philatelic Agent to succeed Mr. Albert D. Collins.

In announcing Mr. Collins' retirement from the Philatelic Agency, Mr. Regar speaks of the high character of work and of the many friends that have been made through Mr. Collins' supervision of that important branch of the Department. It was with a great deal of regret that Mr. Regar accepted Mr. Collins' request to be assigned to other work in the Division of Stamps, on account of impaired health. As the duties of Philatelic Agent are of a very strenuous nature, the Department could not expect Mr. Collins in his present condition of health to continue to perform that work without injury to himself. While Mr. Collins will not be in intimate contact with collectors in the future, he will be with them in spirit, because his other work in the Division of Stamps will be in an advisory capacity.

The new Agent, who many collectors met at the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition, recalling him as the young man who assisted Mrs. Shaughnessy in the sale of stamps at the branch Philatelic Agency, has been employed in the Division of Stamps for the past ten years, and has served in important administrative positions, as well as having considerable experience in the handling of postage stamp paper, by reason of the fact that he has served as Chief of the Redemption Section, and previous to his appointment as Philatelic Agent, second in charge in regard to all issues of stamped paper. Mr. Chamberlin is a young man of dynamic personality, aggressive, and in the opinion of his superior officers, is entirely competent to carry on this work with the same efficiency that has been displayed by Mr. Collins.

Mr. Michael L. Eidsness, Jr., Superintendent of the Division of Stamps, in charge of the Philatelic Agency, is to be congratulated on being able to obtain the services of such a competent assistant to carry out the wants of collectors.

Mr. Howard A. Mount was appointed the first Philatelic Agent at the time of the establishment of the Agency, he in turn being succeeded by Mr. Collins, so that Mr. Chamberlin becomes the third incumbrant.

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Benj. Franklin

—Speculation upon his Amazement at Present Postal Conditions.

(Clipping "Detroit Free Press," H. W. Boers)

It is all very well to speculate on the amazement with which Benjamin Franklin, could he come back to life, would view the changes that have taken place in this field since he became the first postmaster-general of the United States, by vote of the Continental congress, one hundred and fifty-three years ago today.

But the surprise manifested by Franklin at the outgrowth of the thirty post-offices and nine post riders or carriers, together with slow-moving schooners between coastal points, when he assumed office would probably be no greater than that of a very large share of today's public to learn that the author of Poor Richard's Almanac was just as much alive to the postal needs of the country as the best of his successors in charge of this branch of government service. Indeed, the innovations he introduced were just as remarkable as anything that has followed, when general conditions of the two periods are considered.

Franklin assumed the duties of postmaster-general as no novice. Appointed postmaster of Philadelphia in 1737, in 1753 he received a royal commission as deputy postmaster-general of the Colonies. Four years later he had placed the postoffice where it yielded the salaries of the postmasters, and when, in 1774, he was deposed by the king of England because of his political activities, a considerable net revenue was accruing to Great Britain from this source.

Franklin instituted the delivery of letters by the penny post; also the practice of advertising letters remaining in the Philadelphia office. When the Colonies decided to yield no more postal tribute to the crown, Franklin brought to the office of postmaster-general the intelligent energy characterizing everything he undertook. He established a line of posts from Maine to Georgia, with cross routes wherever he considered them desirable. He visited every postoffice in the Colonies, worked untiringly for the success of the service, and placed it on the solid foundation from which its subsequent development has been a natural outcome.

Benjamin Franklin was the father of the American postoffice, if it ever had one.

NEW STAMPS FOR GT. BRITAIN

The "Philatelic Magazine" through the "Daily Telegraph" informs us that a set of commemorative stamps is being prepared for issue in connection with the ninth Congress of the Universal Postal Union, which is to be held in London next year. Presumably the British Post Office, as host on this occasion, has been persuaded, on the ground that it has become a regular feature of these Congresses since the war, to have a special stamp issue.

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CANAL ZONE AIR ENVELOPES, 1928

By Harry E. Huber.

When a new lot of 2c stamped envelopes was being manufactured at The Panama Canal Press, Mount Hope, Canal Zone, in May last, it was decided to have some of these printed with the blue, white and red horizontal stripes, on the face, similar to one of the designs approved by the U. S. Post Office Department for exclusive use in connection with air mail correspondence. This was done primarily to educate the public in the proper use of air mail envelopes, as the average person was under the impression that the mere endorsement "Via Air Mail" would insure the proper handling of the letter after its arrival in the United States. The Canal Zone Department of Posts has therefore decided to stock such items in small quantities until such time as some local firm may see fit to carry a supply of unstamped envelopes printed in the designs approved by the U. S. Post Office Department for air mail use.

For this reason the air markings were applied to the ordinary 2c stamped envelopes, sizes 6 (6½x3⅝") and 9 (9½x4⅛"), and these are sold at the regular retail value of the other stamped envelopes. The difference between the stamped value (2c) and the prevailing air letter rate in the United States (10c per half ounce), must be added in postage stamps, and oddly, by agreement with the U. S. Post Office Department these may be either Canal Zone or United States postage stamps.

In addition to the blue, white and red horizontal stripes on the face, a single lined box, 32x32mm, in the lower left corner, contains the following ins tions printed in blue "VIA—AIR M —Envelopes of this—design to be u exclusively for air—mail.—Sender's dress—must be shown on—envelope

Size 6 with these air markings placed on sale May 21st, and size few days later. Ten thousand of former, and five thousand of the were manufactured.

The impressed stamp on these lopes measures 20½x28mm, and h its central feature the seal of The ama Canal, surrounded by a cir band, inscribed "Seal of the Canal Isthmus of Panama," with three stars at the bottom, all enclosed single lined frame, 15½x14½mm. shield of the seal (the two upper zontal sections of which are striped barred respectively) depicts a s vessel on a waterway between m tains, indicative of the cutting dow the barriers separating the Atlantic Pacific Oceans. On a ribbon under shield is the motto of The Panama nal, "The land divided, the world uni At the top of the stamp in two lin "Canal Zone—Postage"; before and ter "Postage" are four stars arrange a pyramid; the denomination "2 C appears at the foot. The whole is closed in a frame of swastikas (10 zontal by 13 vertical), and typogra ally printed on a faint conventional

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Same (No. 192a), franked with 2c and 5c Norse and 3c Victory	3.00
Same (No. 192a), franked with six var. of Harding stamps	3.50
Springfield to New York (No. 192a), franked with 2c and 5c Norse and 8c airmail	3.50
Springfield to Los Angeles (No. 192a), franked with 6c, No. 520, and 24c, No. 610	3.50
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Lindbergh Day, June 11, 1927, Special Flight Washington to New York. These covers are among the most interesting of all. This was a bona fide special flight ordered by the P. O. Dept. for the purpose of carrying mail from Washington to New York in an attempt to reach the Pacific Coast on the following day. This was done and is shown by the covers offered below, which were flown from Washington to Frisco and Los Angeles. They are cancelled Washington, June 11, and backstamped June 12th, no doubt the quickest time ever made from the National Capital to the Pacific Coast. June 11th was the day that Lindbergh landed in America after his epochal flights, and is the real Lindbergh Day. These covers all bear the special cachet provided by the Government.	
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...Andreasson, Gt. Falls, Mont., sends ... with new 5c postmarked Aug. 1, ...envelope printed "For First Flight ... Salt Lake-Great Falls Airmail Line ...'arks National Airways," and tri...ar Cachet C. A. M. 26.

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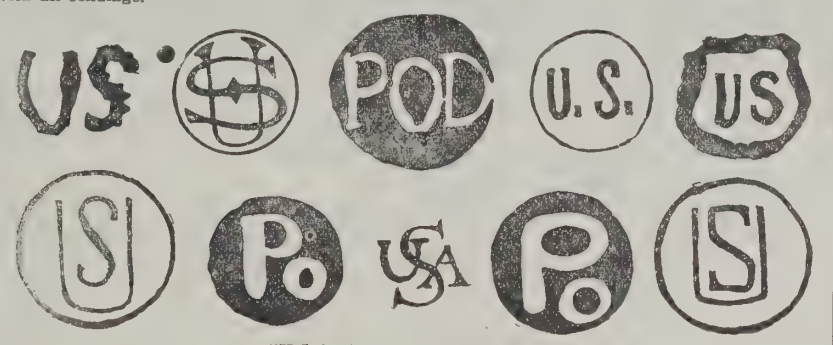

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No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	3c 1861	Troy, N. Y.	Black	E. R. Ryder
2.	3c Amer	?	"	S. C. Rogers
3.	3c 1870	?	"	E. R. Ryder
4.	3c Amer	?	Purple	S. C. Rogers
5.	3c 1861	?	Black	D. H. Stafford
6.	3c 1870	Lincoln, Mass.	"	W. S. Eager
7.	3c 1861	?	"	H. V. Swallow
8.	2c 1870	?	"	J. H. Preston
9.	3c Amer	?	"	H. P. A.
10.	3c Amer	?	"	H. P. A.

The above make pretty cancellations when hit cleanly on the stamp. There are more of these types of course, and these are merely the ones which I have selected from many examples of similar designs. You often find our Nos. 4, 6 and 9 as they were much used. No. 8 in a glossy black is the prettiest cancel of this group.

In the ever changing phases of collecting the old 3c 1851s and 1857s are always in the van, and the Forum is bombarded with queries from all sides. Sometimes the questions are with unknown answers at present, while others are answered with prices in the Specialized U. S.

I'd say that one of every three letters to the Forum asks about this 3c stamp. The paper on which they are printed is receiving much attention. Thick, thin, wmkd., laid, wove, brittle, and all sorts of papers are asked about. The perforations on the '57s are always accepted as "15," which saves a lot of confusion such as we find today in U. S. issues. That old machine which came from England sure did its duty! Few perf. errors, and think of the millions it chewed up with little holes.

Ink. They had "good" ink in those days. While a rather uniform dull red is commonest, we have a fine range of color in the imperfs, from the orange-browns (called for brevity OBs) of 1851, through the range to the deep clarets of 1857. This gives joy to both the novice and the specialist. Then, too, the oxidations, these browns which many like to see, even tho they are not normal colors. A good grade of H_2O_2 will generally bring back the true color if properly used as a bath, and you can do that if you have ever done any amateur photography, and developed your own.

The major plate varieties are all very carefully laid out in our S. U. S. with appended values. There are some very minor items not in this list, which are of interest to the specialist.

When covers are obtainable, they are kept as "covers" nowadays. In any club you will see the gang rally round the fellow member who unwraps a package, announcing to the eager onlookers that he had the good fortune to get into the attic of that old homestead up on the hill some 4 miles beyond the old grist mill. The old folks who used to live there were all seafaring men, though they had relatives who used to write

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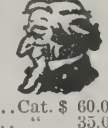

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The sailors kept all their letters in their sea chests, and we sometimes see a cover to a port in China franked by a 3c and pair of 1c used in 1855 or thereabouts, no due marks on it. These 5c rates are rather unexplainable and cause some of the knotty problems of philately. The postmasters of the bigger cities on the coasts, as at San Francisco, New Orleans, N. Y., and Phila., and towns like Gloucester and New Bedford probably knew their rates well enough. But the P. M. at Oshkosh for instance was all at sea when he saw a letter addressed to Pernambuco. He dug out his Postal Guide same as you'd do with your S. U. S. if you found that same cover. If he couldn't find this town, he would presumably charge for the nearest town to it that he could locate, fair enough.

So we find many things that are on our minds as requiring some more study, paper, perforations, shades, plate varieties, cancellations, rates, and covers, etc., etc., in addition the many in between intricacies which frequently baffle us.

Now here is the *good news!*

Dr. Carroll Chase, that meticulous master of "threes," has finally compiled and revised his complete data on these 1851-57 stamps, and it is probably the greatest amount of study ever given to any one series of postage stamps. For some twenty years he has studied the stamp in minutae so to say, meaning front, back, and sideways. This entire data is now all in one volume, and will be between 350 and 400 pages as it now stands. It will be copiously illustrated.

The J. O. Moore Co., Inc., Hammondsport, N. Y., are the publishers, and are now ready to take orders and checks for the Volume, at $5.00 for the regular edition.

Dr. Chase soon leaves for foreign shores, and this book is his contribution to philately as he is not making a cent on the publication. Nothing has been held back, and it is complete to date. As our musical friend would say "and there you are."

Aside from these 3c stamps themselves, it is invaluable to the collector of *all* early U. S. stamps. Listen to some of the topics which are applicable to all line engraved stamps, Impressions, Territorials, Packets, Railroads, Express Companies, Overland Mail, Ocean Mail to Pacific Territorials, Campaign, Patriotic, Propaganda, Advertising, etc., etc., and all these have many added facts of historical interest in with the text.

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Air Mail News

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Air Mail Stamp for Canada. Postmaster General of Canada has authorized an Air Mail stamp to be issued at an early date. The stamps will be used at first on the postal air routes between New York and Montreal.

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The new five cent Air Mail stamp made its appearance promptly on time at the Philatelic Agency in Washington. Undoubtedly by this time most readers have had an opportunity to examine the stamps themselves so that any description would be superfluous. The size is a little awkward but on the whole the stamp makes a most attractive appearance.

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Oneida, N. Y. slipped over a fast one on collectors by using a very nice unofficial cachet on out-going mail at the dedication of the emergency Airport on C. A. M. 20, on July 25. I am indebted to Mr. Frank W. Wright for a cover from this flight.

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Regarding "kicking mule" cancellation, the following received from Roy B. Nichols, postmaster at Houston, Texas, will be of interest to readers:

"I am advised that there were about 6,000 covers got the 'mule' cancellation and about 1,500 got a post mark of the 26th which the Philatelic Society will apply the 'mule' on if sent to Mr. Cheek at the Bender Hotel, Houston."

This tells its own story.

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Round-the-world cards carried by Mears have been received by a number of collectors who subscribed for covers from this flight. My card bears a New York postmark dated June 28, 1928, on the face and on the reverse side, two Chinese stamps postmarked Mukden and a New York backstamp dated July 22nd. It makes a nice addition to my collection.

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Advance notice received from Akron, Ohio, as well as newspaper clippings indicated that Lindbergh would positively fly the first trip of C. A. M. 16. While a little skeptical on anything of this nature pertaining to Lindbergh, I was somewhat disappointed to receive definite assurances July 27, that he would not make the trip.

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In connection with Amelia Earhart covers, collectors will be interested in learning that Miss Earhart, Wilmer Stultz and Lou Gordon have autographed about a dozen of the special Earhart covers of July 9. Through the courtesy of Mr. Gerhart Frantz I have received a cover with a special "Stultz" day celebration held at Middletown, Pa., July 28, and from Mr. Sinise three covers from different points visited by Stultz on July 18, namely Williamsburg, Pa., Altoona, Pa., and Tipton, Pa., the latter town having dedicated Stultz Field on that day. All of the above cancellations are not official but add greatly to the interest of any collection.

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"Co-operators" this week are: Philip H. Marsh, Fred Baumgartner, H. J. McNally, Frank W. Wright, H. M. Troland, Jr., Wm. J. Prinzing, Claude C. Beals, Gerhart Frantz, L. Sinise and Raymond R. Robbins.

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After August 1, on any new flights, be sure to stuff the envelopes to the full weight of one ounce.

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Newark, N. J. Airport is scheduled to open some time in August and covers sent to Mr. C. G. Fagg, Chamber of Commerce, Newark, N. J., will receive the special cancellation.

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Mr. Raymond R. Robbins sends through a clipping from the Denver post under date of July 24, in which W. Irving Glover is quoted as saying that an early extension of Air Mail service to Monte Vista via Trinidad, Colo., through Amarillo and Wichita Falls to Fort Worth, Texas is contemplated in the near future.

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A special Canadian Air Mail flight will be undertaken from Quebec City, P. Q. and Windsor, Ont., Canada on August 24, to Canadian National Exhibition Grounds at Toronto and on August 29, another flight will be made from the Exhibition Grounds at Toronto to Windsor and Quebec. Full details may be obtained by addressing the Postmaster General, Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada, as the instructions covering the despatch are too lengthy to include in this column.

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Under date of July 31, Postmaster General New, announced that commencing with the sailing of the French line steamship Ile de France from New York, August 17, Air Mail service will be started by means of an amphibian plane. Mail matter, except parcel post, will be accepted for despatch on the steamship and delivery to the French service by an amphibian plane on payment of $1.00 for each half ounce or fraction thereof, on letters and post cards. On printed matter, commercial papers and samples of merchandise the postage will be 25 cents for each two ounces or fraction. No provision has yet been made for the use of Air Mail routes for the onward transmission in and beyond France of this correspondence.

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In Parliament—for an hour- most cheerful and attentive host was tain Victor Cazalet, M. P., whose of 150 to tea on the Terrace at the H of Commons was, he thought, the la tea party ever given there by a bac Probably most of his guests had not entertained at the House before, a was a great treat and privilege Ca Cazalet afforded them. In those ple rooms looking out across the river, v we had tea, many distinguished ga ings have been held. The position ideal one for those agreeable small liamentary banquets, especially on a mer evening, when many of the g enjoy the cool outlook to the Th and as night draws on find anew the cination of the lights of riverside Lo

The King's Kindliness.—Ca Cazalet was in good form, too, a Congress banquet. His buoyant yo spirits captivated everyone. How "society gossips" of the newspapers v have delighted in his story of ho started to collect stamps. He was young at the time, and wrote to the to tell him he had started to collect. how happy a glimpse of the King's liness the incident gave us. "The sent me some stamps," said Cazalet I should guess that these are still am his most treasured possessions, alth he has rare specimens now. He is s ing a few at the exhibition at Olym

Junior Champion at 15.—An boyish memory was of winning, a years before the war, the Junior C pionship Cup, which Mr. Melville sented in the Junior Class at the J International Stamp Exhibition of Cazalet was 15 then, and at Eton.

In a Lovely Garden.—An pleasant function, of which all wh tended will retain the happiest mem was the garden party given by Mr. Mrs. Louis Meinertzhagen at their l home in Campden Hill, Kensingto pleasant string orchestra was discou sweet music beneath the trees, the and hostess diffused a general atmos of youthful charm, and young D Meinertzhagen and his brother had a platoon of their young friends to administering to the needs of the company. The Meinertzhagen boys as keen on stamps as their father, have a large circle of philatelists as friends.

The "Congress Cup" Paper.— W. Dorning Beckton, who is no lov prize-givings himself, gained the co award of the Congress Cup. His p was a long and serious one, and h livered it in rather too slow and labo a fashion. In journalistic parlan would have been improved with a sub-editing, but it was immeasu ahead of all the others as a serious tribution to philatelic study. We printing it, and commend it to the a tion of all who study their stamps.

Absentees.—There were some usual cases of absentee-ism. The cious Dr. Solly was allotted the tas

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the funeral oration, the so-called ng Address" at the Congress. But l to leave London before the closing ng. We found him clamouring for in the hotel lounge, paper on which ite his address for someone else to r. The address was essentially but the voice was the voice of in Oldfield. At the banquet, too, nief expected guest did not arrive; re told that the gentleman was dis-shed for holding no fewer than thir-ppointments in the Civil Service, an cy number, for one or other of the n seems to have prevented him at-g a function which was much en-by all who were there.

mmon or Garden Worms."—The rs at the banquet were numerous, or the most part not particularly nt. Captain Cazalet, as we have was in a happy vein, and Captain t-Lodge can always infuse a little ir into a speech. But the success evening was Mr. Percy de Worms' wledgment of the honour of his n to the Roll of Distinguished Phi-ts. He spoke of the long and happy ation with his brother in philately, allusion to the fact that he and ny de Worms were the first broth-be elected to the Roll, he convulsed ompany by telling them "it was the first time two very common or n Worms had ever climbed to the any tree."

e International Bourse.—There many interesting personalities at ourse, and our only regret was that uld not be in two or three places at The Congress tied us most of the and we only secured an occasional se of the Bourse. Its success, and a success beyond all anticipations, nainly due to Mr. Albert Harris, ut some excellent organising work t. Mr. Frank Godden always puts abundant energy into whatever he takes, and he proved an excellent opular President of the Bourse.

lers refuse a profit.—Mr. God-speech at the Bourse dinner was in y happy vein, and if he forgot to is tribute to the unanimous support nilatelic press gave to the Bourse, it ed him more than it worried the s present, who were glad to get on the dance. After all the expenses een paid the Bourse showed a profit his was expended on giving some t fans to the ladies. So Mr. God-ut it on record as the first time in y that the Stamp Trade refused to profit!

Jolly Evening.—The Bourse din-nd dance was altogether a very affair. Next time they have one hould really go and see how ap-able Mr. Smith and Mr. Penney, Houtzamer and Mr. Pemberton and stars of the trade firmament appear disguised in paper caps. They tell is going to be an annual affair. often enough!" was the remark of f the damsels there.—*Stamp Col-s' Fortnightly.*

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First day covers of the new 3c Business Reply Cards were not plentiful nor did our eminent First Day procreates even advertise them. As far as we learn, the American Manganese Steel Co., Chicago, Illinois, were first to prepare the cards, which bear an expiry date of January 2, 1929, which date is correct for a first day cover. We have not as yet received a 4c Business Reply Envelope, which is rather odd in that all the movies show big business men dictating letters, but never post cards. Maybe the movies are wrong.

We noted a check list of colored cancels recently on current stamps. The average collector looks with disfavor on these as being items too easily manufactured for the trade. As stated many times before, we have never seen a machine cancel in any other color ink but black, excepting the Seattle Return to Writer machine, which was in green. Colored cancels on the 2c 1927 Rotary compound perf. stamp occur 1 to 700, or comparatively our bet on the Tunney-Heeney fight.

MALONE, WISCONSIN, RAN A CONSISTENT BLUE 4TH CLASS POSTMARK FOR MANY MONTHS, BUT OF LATE THE ADMIXTURE OF BLACK INK IS SEEN. THERE ARE MANY WHO STILL BUY REPUTED BLUE-BLACK INK AND THEN BUY NEW FOUNTAIN PENS.

Sabin, Minnesota, in repairing their cancel embellished it with a double ring ceremony, which is sort of anachronistic. Try and get a guy to wear a wedding ring these days with orange blossoms on it.

Uncle Bill, Hackensack, New Jersey, one of the old time collectors of everything and anything as long as it's historically pertinent, writes that he has more 7,000 meters than the baker's dozen we mentioned some time ago. It usually takes three weeks to get this into print, and much happens in three weeks. Anyone who don't believe that can read Elinor Glyn's book.

And baker's dozens? There were times when hot rolls (Semmel) were delivered at the door each morning with a sugar bun for the babies and maybe a pretzel too if Mopsie was chained. And nowadays, plaster of paris rolls, sponge cakes, in which the yeast spores work overtime, covered with white, gushy glycerine, decorated with shredded cocoanut still on the shell. Sometimes I do believe that a thousand stamps to thumb, and teeth that fit are the world's greatest treasures.

PERMIT NO. 10, NEW YORK CITY, CAME FORTH WITH A 1C TYPE E METER SHOWING ABOVE THE INDICIA THE POSTAL AUTHORIZATION. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN THE 1½C METER CHANGED TO SHOW ONE CENT PAID IN THE TOWNMARK, THIS IS A DIRECT REVERSAL FROM THE 13 METERS ISSUED SOON AFTER APRIL 15, 1925, WHEN THE MANUFACTURERS COULD NOT SUPPLY NEW VALUES FAST ENOUGH. OLD KING SOLOMON, IN SPEAKING TO HIS WIFE NO. 435½ SAID, "THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN."

Mr. H. M. Southgate, Chevy Chase, Md., sent us the new 5c Air Mail Stamp which is very pleasing both to the eye and the album. We congratulate the designer in enlarging the foliate ornaments as we always thought they represented America's prowess in boxing. Some fun-maker in 1922 wanted to know if they were Dempsey's mitts. As a stamp, it is a knockout.

Foreign slogans many times are matters of conjecture, yet one received at Beverly, from Muenchen reads "IM POSTAUTO VON MUENCHEN ZU DEN KOENIGSSCHLOESSERN" with the cut of a walled castle, evidently the King's Castle on top of a mountain with three Christmas trees. We infer that an automobile postal route has been established to advertise to tourists the trip from Muenchen to the Castle altho from our knowledge of German townmarks, the cancel machine is in *2* Muenchen and not on the Postauto. Now if they had advertised Muenchner beer with a collar on it, everyone would forget about the castle. We go to Hymettus for honey, to Edam for cheese, and Strasburg Sausage is as mysterious and as great a triumph of Art as the Cathedral itself. In fact, thousands prefer the sausages—a matter of taste of course. And Muenchner beer? The Koenigsschloessern claim the attention and admiration of a vast number of visitors each year. Their souls soar above beer, they see the beauty and splendor of architecture and revel in reminiscences.

We often wonder if stamp collecting isn't one of those pleasures which grow sweeter as years roll on. He hath lived most who hath most friends, and year by year we lay aside some stamp of personal amity, of individual affection. No one but we know the cordiality of our treasure, the empressement of scattered bits of pageantry contained in our albums? All like some show of passing years when cloying life disappears at the milestones of history, or recalls from irretrievable depths of the passion, love or dearth of some happy day, lost save in the memory of association. That little smear on my page of 10c 1847. Time was when our little boy, prattling over childish fears, brushed his hand carelessly over my treasures. Where today is that little boy? The big bum wouldn't mow the lawn this evening, and he's due for one good sock when he gets in this evening. One never can tell.

KANSAS PRECANCELS

By ART BLEDSOE.

Sure we have new things in Kansas. Why not? Kansas grows the best wheat in the world! That's not new? Well, look over these precancels, then.

Abilene sports a new thirteen in U-54. Is it scarce? Well, rathah. Montgomery Ward has caused Coffeyville to show up with the new 8c, perf. 10; new 9c, perf. 10 and new perf.; new 10c, perf. 10 and new perf.; and the new 17c, all in U-53. This finished the already worn out handstamp and no more precancels will show from here, until a new stamp has been received.

The White Plains has shown up, from Girard, in the Haldeman Julius type. Came out of a batch of mixture, so it should be O. K. Junction City has shown up on the old perf. 11, 30c, which should be good. Must have been still in stock. This city is also out with the Special Handling, which is used by a Chick Hatchery.

Manhattan has a new type, U-13, and has used it on nearly the entire current issue, also the Bennington and Burgoyne.

Olathe is out with the Sesqui and Ericsson. Osage City with the perf. 10 seven and new perf. 2c. Osage City has a big Hatchery.

Parsons has added the new 13c to its set in U-11, but it's hard to find.

Topeka is using a new type just like its type five, except that the O of "Topeka" is perfectly round.

Wichita has precanceled the Ericsson with its U-1. These are O. K.

The Winfield type two is used for both precancelling and postcancel and therefore cannot be told off cover.

Chanute has put out the 2c, perf. 10, 3c, perf. 11 and 15c, current in U-76. Hiawatha is a new user. A Hatchery there has used the 1c, 1½c and 2c, perf. 10 and the new 15c. Hiawatha is near the Nebraska line, in eastern Kansas.

Medicine Lodge on the western plains, has issued the new 5c and 10c perf. 10 in U-77.

Osawatomie, home of the bug house, makes our hearts glad by showing up in U-53, on the 8c, perf. 10 and the new thirteen. This town uses very poor ink. Don't soak them very long!—*Precancel Gazette.*

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By Derek Ingram
(Stamp Collecting)

That Holiday Feeling. How eminently adapted to holiday needs is a half-filled album and a big packet of stamps was well shown in an interview given by Captain L. J. Gilbert-Lodge, the energetic Hon. Sec. of the Royal Philatelic Society, to a Press Association reporter:—"Stamp collecting," he says, "is a fine relaxation for the man who works hard with his brain, and that is probably why so many professional men take it up. Many of the society's members are solicitors, who probably have as much exacting mental work as any class of professional men. I know nothing which takes a man's mind more from his professional or business worries and his other cares as pouting over a stamp collection."

Philately, in a word, pours away your cares like water from a spout; and if it makes a lawyer pout then it *is* worth while!

A Market Summary of the Season. One of the many beneficial enterprises that might well be undertaken by the British Philatelic Association is the publication of a yearly review of the stamp trade, with a précis of the principal market transactions during the preceding twelve months. Meanwhile that public service has been well attempted, so far as the winter months of 1927-28 and the spring of 1928 are concerned, by Capt. Gilbert-Lodge, whose Report for the Royal Society's 1927-28 session includes a most interesting review of outstanding trade deals during that period. It is a cheering sign of the times that so much notice can be taken by a Society that bars stamp dealers from its membership, and the trade is indebted to Capt. Gilbert-Lodge for thus furthering its prestige.

Buying and Selling. The writer emphasises the fact that rare stamps of all countries are easier to sell than to buy. This applies as well as to classic to modern issues. We venture to quote the following from the *London Philatelist*:—"To mention certain countries, rare pieces of China and Canada have increased by 25 per cent. in the past year; West Indians are still increasing; Sydney Views seem to have come on the market in large numbers, due no doubt to the efforts of so many early collectors to plate them, and now being dispersed. I know of a Ceylon 4d, imperf. bought by one dealer for £60, sold to another dealer for £110, and sold to a dealer in Paris for over £200—all in a period of two months. I am told that to-day Continental collectors are not only better buyers, but are willing to pay higher prices for fine pieces than the average English collector. Early U. S. A. are still sought after by American collectors, but as most of these are so rapidly absorbed into the big collections, Americans are taking up other countries. A leading dealer told me that up to a year ago a very great proportion of the rare pieces went to America, where there was a ready market, but during the last year you will be glad to know that there is a tendency for them to be returned to this country for disposal."

Big Prices. Among the important recent trade transactions mentioned by Capt. Gilbert-Lodge are the sale to a Dutch collector of Mr. A. J. Warren's famous collection of Holland; Mr. R. F. A. Riesco's Chile to a South American collector; the dispersal of the Alston collection of Roumania; a collection of British Colonies in Africa, containing both Cape errors and practically all the rarities (£6,000); the collection of China proofs, essays, and drawings formed by Sir Robert Hart; one of Uruguay for £1,150; one of Oldenburg for £1,000; Tasmania for £1,100; a great many between £200 to £750, including one of Belgium for £570; a block of forty-two Uruguay, 1858, 240 red, with missing *cliché*, for £600; a unique block of nine mint 5s Great Britain (S.G. 134); a British Guiana 4c magenta on cover (catalogued £150) for £200; a Penny Black marginal used copy, showing No. 2 on margin (£22 10s); a collection of "Ballon Monté" for £60; the dispersal by Messrs. David Field of a fifty volume collection of a value of about £20,000; and the formation by the same firm, of a specialised twentieth-century collection for an American. Of Bushire, a Coronation set was sold for £900. Three rare Edwardians, sold twelve months ago for £600, would, we are assured, now realise over £1,400.

Classics. The Royal Society's market review also alludes to the purchase, by Mr. R. Roberts, of one of the four known copies of the 4d black triangular Cape of Good Hope, and also of a pane of the rare "Fiji" Postage Dues, from which he has been able to reconstruct most of the sheet—a fact of philatelic importance. (These Dues were printed in columns of different values, the sheet of ninety-six containing thirty-six 1d, twelve ½d, thirty-six 3d, and twelve 4d values.) We are also told of the increasing demand for stamps of all degrees of rarity, and the fact that many countries, hitherto regarded as unpopular, are now coming into favour.

Messrs. Séfi, Pemberton & Co. are pleased with a greatly increased turnover, especially noting a greater number of transactions at a four-figure value. They purchased Capt. Oldfield's famous collection of Persia, which included the unique mint strip of four of the second issue 2 shahis, one stamp being *tête-bêche*, also the *tête-bêche* used pair of the 4kr brownish-yellow, of which the only other known copy is in the Tapling collection. Mr. Séfi has sold his private collection of Kashmir and many smaller specialised collections.

Uncommonly so! On page 175 of our present volume we gave statistics for the new stamps issued for 1927, totalling 1,515. The special sorts of stamps, including surcharges, air mails, officials, postage dues, &c., come to 1,420. This leaves only ninety-five ordinary common or garden postage stamps for the whole year. A valued correspondent seeks enlightenment on this conundrum, which he finds very perplexing. What is the solution?

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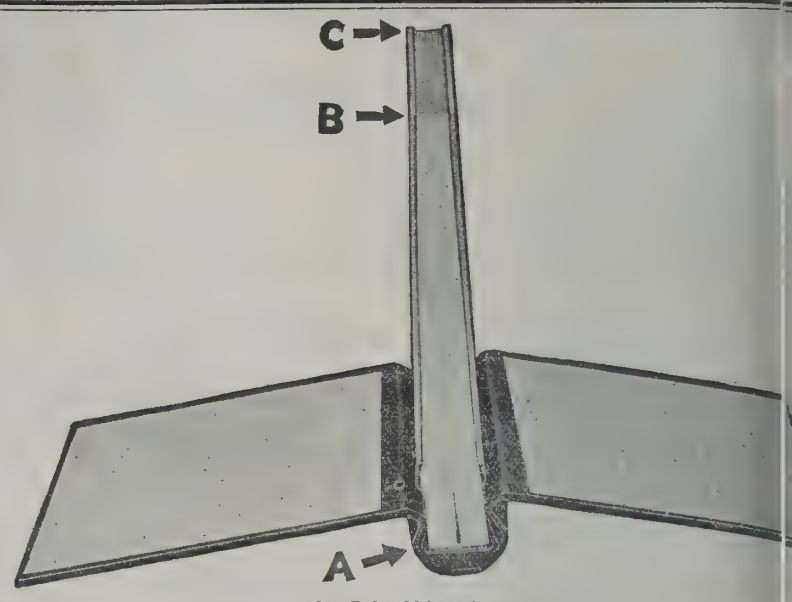

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roof, is a collection embodying the er part of all that they might see e course of a tiring tour of public s, and having, moreover, the thrill- ersonal interest that any piece may eirs for the buying (except in the section), they are certain to come sale to "the snare of the fowler."

uitous.

We have received the following letter (which we print without com-) from a New Zealand reader who himself "Pelure":—"The writer n unused New Zealand which is ab- ly the only one known. It is £50 p Duty red and blue, with full gum. s been in my possession for some y years, and is absolutely unique. seldom one can honestly say he has mp of which it is the only one in nce in this wide world."

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An American dealer who specialises in air mail covers recently received a letter from a collector said he was just starting out in that sting branch and that he would like ve a Pinedo, a Chamberlin ship-to- , a Hawker, and an Alcock-Brown, be in very fine condition and prop- backstamped. He thought this d give him a good start, but he was prepared to pay more than $100.00 he whole lot. That is the fun of a stamp dealer—you meet such op- tic persons! We bet this generous will pay $10.00 for a Post Office itius—if in swell condition!

IOR WHERE HONOR IS DUE

By H. B. R. Briggs,
Editor Los Angeles *Record.*

he following communication from Mr. s helps us in correcting two mistakes have occurred in our publication. We very much that we failed to give Mr. Sleeth credit for the authorship of the es in question and will gladly make the sary amends.—W. O. W.)

vice recently Mekeel's Weekly has nted from the Lost Angeles *Record* "One Man's Opinion" articles re- g to stamps, in each case with er- ous credit as to the author. Probably brother member of the Los Angeles atelic club, knowing me, assumed I was the writer because I happen editor of *The Record.* I would be y to acknowledge the fact, if it a fact, but the laurels go to a far penman.

ne Man's Opinion" is a daily fea- in *The Record,* dealing with all ner of human relationships and ac- es, from the point of view of the Man" who writes it. He is Dana h, for years the brilliant editor of *Record,* and more recently spending ge part of his time on his ranch in Oregon mountains. His revival of est in stamps has caused him to a number of delightful "Opinions" hing on our prize pastime.

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NORWAY 1854-1924

By Clifford A. Howes.

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These stamps were printed on paper watermarked with a posthorn to each stamp, though it is often very difficult to find. The thickness of the paper varies a good deal, the 3, 4 and 7sk even coming on a quite thin, oily appearing paper which shows the design through it. The stamps are also quite prolific in shades. The perforation is as usual 14½x13½. The 3, 4 and 7sk stamps were issued on January 1, 1872, the 1sk in dark green, and 2sk during 1873, and the 6sk on July 1, 1875, being the new "Postal Union" letter rate for Norway. At about the same time the 1sk was changed to the yellow-green shade. The 1sk shows two prominent varieties, one being a stop between the E's of EEN, and the other a stop after "skilling." The 2, 4 and 7sk are known imperforate, but are probably only printer's waste. There were remainders to the number of about half a million each of the 1sk yellow-green, 2, 4 and 7sk stamps, so that the catalogue prices of these are still quite reasonable.

The Norwegian currency was changed to conform to that of Sweden on January 1, 1877, so that new stamps in *öre* and *kronen* had to be provided for. Eight different values, ranging from 1 to 50ö, were issued on the date mentioned in the same posthorn type as the preceding issue. As 30 *skilling* was the equivalent of the new *krone* (100 *öre*), the domestic letter rate of 3sk became 10ö and the Postal Union rate 20ö, with others in similar proportion. P. Petersen of Kristiania was still supplying the stamps, so that their method of manufacture was similar to the preceding set. It is known, however, that the printing *clichés* were made in Copenhagen. The lower part of the oval band on the original die now has the word POSTFRIM. (for *Postfrimaerke* or "Postage Stamp") with a blank space following and then the word ÖRE. Impressions from this were taken in lead after the desired figure had been inserted by the "plug." These lead "moulds" then served to obtain electrolytic reproductions of the die in copper, ten of which were soldered together and engraved with small figures separately by hand to correspond with the large numeral. Reproductions of this block or strip were then made by electrotyping until enough were on hand to make up a printing plate of 100 with reserves for replacing those damaged in use. When received by Petersen these electrotypes were evidently backed up with type-metal and cut apart so as to be used singly in making up the "forme" for the printing plate of 100 in ten rows of ten. The paper varies in thickness as before and the same indistinct watermark is used. The perforation is 14½x13½ as usual and there is a wide range of shades. The 5, 10 and 35ö stamps occur without the usual stop after POSTFRIM. and the 3ö with a colon instead.

The need of higher values, particularly for franking letters containing money, caused the issue on October 1, 1877, of five new values, 35 and 60ö in the usual posthorn type, and 1, 1½ and 2kr in a

new type showing a full-faced portrait of King Oscar of Sweden and Norway. The new type is bicolored and therefore printed at two operations, the frames being printed first and then the portrait medallion printed in from a common plate. The die for the *kroner* stamps was engraved by Herr Krüger of Berlin with a blank space at the bottom for the value. Electrotype plates were made in Copenhagen in the usual manner, the values being engraved separately by hand on the subsidiary "die," but so carefully has it been done that variations can scarcely be detected. The numbers printed of the *kroner* values were respectively 1,045,000; 1,050,000 and 1,020,000. The 35 and 60ö were not much larger, being 1,070,000 and 1,067,000 respectively. The paper, watermark and perforation of all these stamps corresponds with the previous issues.

Mr. J. Anderson has identified *six* varieties of numerals (rather than ten) upon sheets of the 35, 50 and 60ö stamps, and Mr. H. Dathloff describes six of the 1.50kr. Mr. Anderson also finds *twelve* varieties on the first two plates used of the 5ö. The other values have not been fully worked out.

In 1882 the contract for printing the stamps was given to the firm of Chr. Johnsen, who held it until 1885. His contract called for electrotyping and it is understood that he used lead moulds which would reproduce the exact size of the original die in the electrotypes. But in order to distinguish his work from that of his predecessor he altered the original steel die, which he used, by removing the lines of shading on the tube of the posthorn except just beneath the crown. The stamps manufactured from this altered die are known as the "unshaded posthorn" issues. The first began to appear early in 1883, the 3, 5, 10, 20 and 25ö being issued during that year and the 12ö not until February, 1884. All were in practically the same colors as the stamps printed by Petersen, except the 5ö which was changed from blue to green. The paper, watermark and perforation were as before, and there were numerous shades.

About August, 1883, the 20ö stamp appeared in its Postal Union color of blue instead of the previous brown. The issue of the stamp in the latter color amounted to 1,503,600. About the end of 1884 the 12ö was changed from green to brown, and as only about 200,000 had been printed in green it is easily the scarcest stamp of the issue. The printing in brown amounted to 2,800,000, but only about 400,000 of these were used, as the value was discontinued and the remainders were employed for surcharging as will be seen later.

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The Valley Forge Stamp

We are indebted to several readers for details of the new "Valley Forge" stamp, which has aroused a certain amount of criticism on the ground that it is not a proven historical fact that Washington prayed in the open air on this occasion. We must leave this to the authorities to decide; but as the only legitimate purpose of commemorative stamps is the perpetuation of national sentiment, we feel that, in some cases, adherence to a popular legend will have more effect along the desired lines than a too strict regard for historical accuracy. If a "Britain down the ages" series were to be issued, we should want to see King Arthur and his cakes, and Canute emulating Britannia, even though the pundits might insist that the former never entered a kitchen in his life and that Canute was the last man in the world to think of sitting on a damp sea shore.—*Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

Some Definitions

Greek Cross Wmk.—The watermark shown in all the stamps of Switzerland printed since 1905.

On L. F. S.—These letters on stamps of India represent:—"On Local Funds Service." It is one of a number of overprints with no official standing and used to prevent the theft of stamps for private use.

Notes on Identification

By G. A. Tempest.

The old question of identifying stamps which have either foreign or else no inscriptions at all has been gone into too many times to require detailed analysis in this article. Volumes and articles on it are so numerous that any junior can soon find out all he wants to know about older issues. Our business is with some of the newer issues of quite recent times, for instance, since 1920. Here the literature is lacking, and it is the purpose of the present article to endeavour to give the requisite assistance. (The list herewith is compiled from albums in which the stamps seem to have caused some difficulty.)

The stamps that are difficult to identify nowadays are much fewer than ever before, for one or two obvious reasons. First, that countries are now advancing with their methods of stamp production that the shoddy and ill-labelled stamps so common many years ago are getting fewer and further between. Second, magazines are here to help clear up difficulties.

The specialist is forever complaining that the stamps of some countries are frequently to be found in the wrong places. To some extent this is true and comparatively unavoidable with the less advanced junior. It is also true that beginners get mixed up when dealing with stamps in such (philatelic) groups as: Hejaz, Jeddah and Nejd; or Corea, China and Japan. A few clear illustrations will suffice to clear up these difficulties, coupled with a short list of the more modern stamps as we supply herewith.

Since 1920 we have had a number of new countries. Before 1920 the catalogues made no mention of Transjordania, Allenstein, Carinthia, Eupen, Malmedy, Danzig, Memel, Saar (sometimes spelt "Sarre"), Silesia, Upper Volta, Wallis and Futuna Islands (1920); Barwani, La Agueara (1921); Ascension, Ireland, Barbuda, Tchad (1922); Kuwait, British South-West Africa, Trans-caucasus (1923); Algeria, Grand Liban, Tannou-Touva (Northern Mongolia) (1924); Northern Rhodesia, Alaouites, Jubaland (1925); Andorra (1928). All these have floated into the philatelic ken of comparatively recent years, and a helpful identification table is rendered necessary:—

Algerie.—Algeria.

C.C.P. with value K or Kon.—Russia.

Chinese characters on stamps with portrait (Chang Tso Lin, etc.)—China, cf. Japanese characters.

Correspondence Urgente. — Spanish Protectorate in Morocco.

Dienstmarke (overprint).—Saar.

Eastern inscriptions. On large rectangular stamps of size not less than 3.3mm x 1.9mm, or vice-versa. No English words whatsoever.—Hejaz, cf. Nejd.

Eastern surcharges on Palestine stamps. No English words or numerals.—Transjordan.

E'ire.—Ireland.

Esperanto.—Russia.

G.E.A. overprint in black or red, signifying "German East Africa.—Tanganyika."

Homanajea.—See "Lindbergh."

Indochine.—Indo China.

Iraq Postage.—Mesopotamia.

Japanese characters.—To those who find any slight difficulty in distinguishing between Japanese and Chinese characters. On Japanese stamps the national symbol of a Chrysanthemum is invariably introduced into the design as well. When you get used to this, notice the Japanese characters only very slightly resemble Chinese, cf. Corea.

Latvija.—Latvia.

Lieutuva.—Lithuania.

Lindbergh. — Homenajea (double overprint, 1928) on Cuba.

Litwa.—Central Lithuania, cf. Lithuania.

Marr cueccs.—Spanish Protectorate in Morocco.

Nayapinon—Eaaae.—(1928) Greece.

N.F. overprinted in black on stamps of Nyasaland and Tanganyika.

Nouvelle Caledonie. — New Caledonia.

Oltra Guiba (sometimes with map).—Jubaland.

Rarotonga.—Cook Islands.

Rialtas Sealadach nak Eireann 1922. — (Irish Provisional Government, 1922). Overprinted in Irish characters on contemporary British stamps.—Ireland.

A Stamp Album

By Hill Billy.

(This feature is taken from the Seattle "Star." Hill Billy is contributing a series of daily stories and this one about stamp collecting will be of interest to our Juniors. Clipping from Kazuo Sakane, Seattle, Wash.—Ed.)

A COUPLE of weeks ago I was in town and the boy showed me his latest treasure; it was a pathetic notebook with a dozen dejected stamps pasted in it, but he was all enthusiastic with the notion of starting a stamp collection. Last time I was in I went to a stamp shop and bought a beginner's album and a packet of 500 assorted stamps and 1000 gummed hinges. Then for two evenings the boy and I had a dandy time, after we had borrowed tweezers from daughter and grandmother's reading glass.

I feel sure that the boy today knows more about geography than two years in the classroom have taught him, and I know I discovered a number of things about the new nations in Europe that I had not known. There was one stamp that showed a knight on a charger with uplifted sword and he was ready to strike down the imperial eagle, a very significant stamp; there were dozens of most interesting stories in those stamps.

While son was pasting up his album two neighborhood boys came in and each had the stamp collecting mania, but neither boy got any sympathy from dad; they had to depend on the mother for an occasional quarter. That took me back to my boyhood, and I remember what a terrific "kick" I used to get from sorting out a new packet of stamps, and how darn little understanding father had as to what it was all about.

There is no finer hobby for a boy than the collection of stamps; indeed, there are few hobbies that a man will find to have a more continuing appeal thru the years. I wish I had kept up my album, in which I pasted the last stamp in '93; it was a series of the Columbian issue. But if your boy shows an inclination to collect stamps, you buy him a 60-cent album and a few hundred stamps and occasionally spend an hour or two with him, helping him to run down some obscure stamp and get it herded into its proper spot; you will never regret the few dollars, nor the few hours; nor will your boy.

JOTTINGS—

WE have received from W. T. V his July and August Bulle special offers and bargains. It is with oddities and many good thin listed. South West Africa and U States have special mention, with l list of pricings.

A NEW advertising cancellation ing used by the P. O. Depar It reads:—"Notify your correspo of change of address." So far w seen this cancellation only upon th from the big cities.

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Saarge Beit.—Saar (or Sarre).

Saorstat Eireann (Overprinte English Stamps).—Ireland.

Servicio Aero.—Overprint obsc name-tablet of the 1928 Peru.

Suidafrika.—Union of South A

Suidwes Afrika. (South-West ca). Overprints on Union of Africa stamps.—South-West Afri

Tannou-Touva; Touva. — Nor Mongolia.

To Pay.—Inscription on currer Great Britain postage due.

Tripoli.—(Prima Esposizione pion aria de Tripoli).—Tripolita

NOTE.—Stamps of French Col with inscriptions in French, e.g., H Volta (Upper Volta) should pr no difficulty.—*Junior Stamp Magaz*

Junior Dictionary

Plebiscite Stamps.—A name to certain issues of stamps occasion plebiscites taken in various districts conclusion of the World War unde terms of the Versailles Treaty. Sc wig, Allenstein, Marienwerder, and per Silesia are notable examples of biscite issues.

Pohjois Inkeri.—This inscriptio the first issue of Ingermanland st means "Northern Ingria", a name onymous with Ingermanland.

Spray of Rose.—A watermark f in many British stamps issued durin period 1867-80, the rose being the her emblem of England.

S. R. M.—These initials are sh on some of the stamps of Holstein refer to the currency—"Skilling R Münze."

S. T.—An overprint found on tain South Australian stamps used du the period of 1868-74 upon the corres dence of the Superintendent of graphs. They were suppressed in in favor of the general issue, overpr "OS", for all government departmen

Stadt Post Amt.—The inscrip shown on the first stamps of Br meaning "Town Post Office."

NORWAY 1854-1924

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were cancelled in April, 1893.

The 10 and 20ö are also known imperforate, the 10ö in a dull carmine, one sheet of 100 of which is said to have been bought at the Kristiania postoffice in December, 1891, and cut up into pairs by a philatelist who had them mailed to various parties from the Larvik postoffice. The 20ö is in a clear blue, one sheet of one hundred having been sent to the Drammen postoffice, where ten copies were sold and the remainder of the sheet laid aside because of the bother of cutting off the stamps. A philatelist bought these on November 6, 1890, and some of them were used on letters from various towns in Norway during 1893 to 1895. The 1, 5, 10, 20 and 25ö are all found with no stop after "POSTFRIM."

As usual stocks on hand were used up before new printings were brought into use, so that although the "20mm type" printings began in 1885, the first value issued did not appear until March, 1886. This was the 10ö which was followed in February, 1887, by the 5 and 20ö and in April by the 3ö. The 25ö appeared some time in 1888. The stock of 1ö stamps with the "shaded posthorn" lasted until November, 1891, when the first of the "unshaded" stamps was issued in the "20mm type," there having been none in the "21mm type" or "large die." These stamps were in the "black-brown" shade and the issue was only 500,000 which lasted until March, 1893, when the gray shade appeared, having been printed to the number of 839,000. Two different plates were used as is shown by the fact that the black-brown stamp has the small figure without serifs while the gray stamp has it with serifs.

By a law which took effect on July 1, 1888, the rate for letters left at postoffices where there was no local delivery, that is on "drop letters," as we call them, was made 2 öre and to provide stamps for this rate the discontinued 12ö stamps were surcharged with the new value.

The total issue was 2,405,000 and they are in both the yellow-brown and bistre-brown shades. The regular 2ö stamp was prepared and made its appearance in April, 1892, in the "20mm type" or "small die" only. It also comes in two shades, red-brown and yellow-brown.

The manager of the Central Printing Office, in a letter dated December 20, 1892, had called the attention of the Postal Department to the fact that the original steel die, which had been in use since 1876, had become so worn that a re-engraving or an entirely new die would be necessary. The Department decided upon a re-engraving and entrusted the work to Trondsen, the engraver to the mint who, on March 12, 1893, returned it with the lettering all in Roman instead of Egyptian (*sans-serif*) capitals and some alterations in the crown. This re-engraved die was made use of by the Central Printing Office for supplies of the 1, 3, 5, 10, 20 and 50ö stamps from August, 1893, to January, 1895. Their contract with the Government closed on June 30, 1895, and the new one, dating from July 1st was with Chr. H. Knudsen's Printing Works of Kristiania, who began printing from his own plates made from the same re-engraved die in October, 1895. It is possible to distinguish between the plates made by each printer in the six values mentioned, but the differences are small. Earliest cancelled copies of the various values show the dates: 3ö October, 1893; 5ö and 20ö December, 1893; 10ö April, 1894; 50ö July, 1894; and 1ö January, 1896.

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United States

Air Mail Stamps

Since my remarks of last week relative to the issuing of the 5-cent Air Mail stamp on July 25th, I have had an opportunity of inspecting most carefully sheets from the first printing and find that four plates were used for the borders which are in red, and four plates for the blue centers. The blue plates bear Numbers 19545, 19546, 19547 and 19548, and over the seventh stamp have the word "TOP" in capitals. Over the third and eighth stamp, we find the plate numbers. The engravers initials are in the lower corners, but there are no plate numbers, except at the top. The plates for printing the blue centers, show no guide lines.

The plates for printing the red borders are similar to the blue plates in size, namely, one hundred subjects, 10x10. These plates bear Numbers 19549, 19550, 19551 and 19552. The word "TOP" appears over the fourth stamp, and the plate numbers are over the second and ninth stamps.

When the complete sheet has been printed, it is divided into post office panes of fifty with straight edge on one side. From the arrangement, it will be seen that it is possible to obtain blocks of eight showing the two plate numbers in the two colors with one word "TOP." The plates for printing the red borders have guide lines both vertically and horizontally, but it is impossible to get a center line block, due to the fact that the sheet is separated vertically, through the line. Supplies are being sent to all of the air mail stations, which I believe number just about ninety-nine, at the present time.

The first order for air mail stamps called for twenty-five million, and it is expected that these bicolored stamps will cost the post office in the neighborhood of fifty cents per thousand, although the bicolored Norse-Americans ran to eighty-three cents. Flat plate single color stamps are printed at a cost of 8.6 per thousand, whereas rotary stamps are produced at 6.5 per thousand. In view of the enormous discrepancies in costs, it can almost be predicted with certainty that a single colored stamp will in time make its appearance.

The 10-cent Lindbergh stamp will be used to pay postage on a double rate letter and the supply on hand is, no doubt, sufficiently large to take care of requirements for many months to come. As the booklets have not been selling as fast as was expected, the Department has decided not to issue the 5c air mail booklets, at the present time.

New Envelope Contract

I have had an opportunity of reading a copy of the specifications submitted to contractors calling for the furnishing of stamped envelopes for the four years beginning January first, next. Under the new contract, we will not only have blue and white envelopes, but there has been such a demand for amber, that an envelope in this color will be available after January first. At the present time, we have the extra quality envelope and the standard envelope. Under the new contract, we will have extra quality, a first quality and a second quality. The second quality will be similar to what is known as the standard envelope today, and the first quality which is something new, will be something between the extra and the second. A new size variety will appear and will be designated as No. 6. This envelope will measure 3 5/8 x 8 5/8 and is designed to take the standard dividend check used by so many corporations and which has been recommended by the Bureau of Efficiency.

The air mail envelope will be printed on white only, and in three sizes, 5, 8 and 13. The embossed stamp will be blue in color with the figure "5" the outstanding feature. In addition, there will be "U. S. Postage" and "Via Air Mail." One of the designs proposed shows two wings on one side, while a second design proposed has an air plane in flight intertwined with the lettering just mentioned. The envelopes will show the blue and red edging and the imprint when applied, will be in blue instead of in black, as is the case with the stamped envelopes today.

The contractors are instructed to change the watermark under the new contract and be prepared to start deliveries on January first, in the case of all sizes and covers.

Hawaiian Issue

The Department has ordered from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing 5,200,000 of the new 2-cent stamps overprinted "Hawaii 1778-1928," and 1,200,000 of the 5-cent. Practically the entire supply is being sent to the Islands for local use, but the Philatelic Agency will have on hand a supply to take care of local dealers and collectors. In ordering these stamps from the Agency, it is suggested that the order call for Hawaiian stamps only, as this will facilitate the furnishing of the varieties, which go on sale August 13, the first day of the Washington Convention of the S. P. A. It is not expected that a second supply will be overprinted.

In view of the fact that these stamps are surcharged the same time they are printed and on the same press, does away with the possibility of any inverted or double overprints. If there are any errors, it will be entirely in the surcharging itself, or it is possible that something may fall upon the sheet preventing some of the stamps receiving surcharges, thus giving us pairs one with and one without overprint.

Curacao.—Whitfield King & Co. send for mention the 20c grey-black, in a new design. The type carries the same portrait as in the 1923 series, but with a modified frame and having a view of Netherlands East Indies liner at the foot. The word "Cent" is at the top with figures of value in each upper corner, and name of the colony vertically at each side. The stamps are perf. 11½, engraved and beside the value mentioned above there is a 25c deep purple and a 30c green.

Estonia.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us of the appearance of a 10mk grey, Reval Exhibition stamp.

Falkland Islands.—Provisional 2½d on 2d purple. Having at last received information concerning this very scarce and short-lived provisional, Mr. B. S. H. Grant, F.R.P.S.L., kindly gives us the appended particulars:—

"Number surcharged: 1,180, or possibly 1,200.

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"Cause was due to exhaustion of ½d and 2½d stamps.

"The sudden shortage took Stanley by surprise and fresh supplies were sent almost at once to S. Georgia from Stanley with instructions that upon arrival the surcharging was to stop.

"Very few copies reached Great Britain as postage is 1d and there was no shortage of that value. S. Georgia consists largely of Norwegians, and the majority of stamps went to Norway or to other foreign countries, the rate for which is 2½d."

Nothing definite has yet been arranged about the proposed pictorial stamps for this Colony, although a design has been submitted.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Germany.—Extract from official circular of Reichspostministerium, June 22, 1928, kindly sent by Major D. R. Bennett:—

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Netherlands.—Whitfield King ... inform us of a 9c vermilion and ... watermarked circles.

Peru.—Mr. R. Roberts sends ... copy of the 50c green, Air Post ... the work of the American Bank ... Co. It is perf. 12 and line eng... with portrait in medallion surm... by an aeroplane in flight on the fi... of which is inscribed "Correos ... Whitfield King & Co. have also ... us the 2c pale blue-green, Pro Ta... Arica stamp, same design as befor...

Southern Rhodesia.—Mr. L. H... ers writes: "I have just received ... value in a vertical strip of six a... perforate between." Several rema... shades have recently been seen ... stamps of this country. The gr... variety is to be found in the 2d, ... and 5/- denominations.—*South A... Philatelist.*

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France.—A new Sinking Fund ... was issued towards the end of Ma... 8.50 + Fr. 1.50, which shows two ... representing Industry and Agric... This stamp was on sale for about te... only, when it was withdrawn and ... likely to prove a good stamp.

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Lebanon Republic.—All denomin... of the current issue have been add... ally overprinted "Libanaise Republ... Arabic, so that this now appears in... French and Arabic on each stamp. ... are two varieties of the 7½ piastre a... 15 piastres, one showing both the Fr... and Arabic overprints in red and ... other showing the French overpri... black and Arabic in red. There are ... two sets of Air Post stamps, one ... print entirely in red and the oth... black. Our agent has fortunately ... able to obtain for us sufficient of all ... overprints, with the exception of t... piastres overprinted in red and blac... the Air Post stamps overprinted in bl...

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of oblong shape, similar to the 1914 issue, and the values are 1, 2 and 3 cents, all of the same type, showing three palm trees on an open stretch of land. These stamps are very nicely engraved by the American Bank Note Company. We have also seen a used copy of the 10 cents in this new set, which is of a smaller size and shows a portrait of the President. We have no doubt that a complete new set has been issued. We have also seen the 2 cents and 3 cents stamps overprinted "Official Service" in two lines, in red on the 2 cents and in black on the 3 cents.

LUXEMBOURG.—We have received two new values in the permanent design, 35 centimes lilac, 60 centimes green. We have also received a complete new set of Official stamps, overprinted horizontally with the word "Officiel," but the stamps are printed on a new paper watermarked wavy lines. The denominations are as follow:—5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60, 75, 90 centimes, 1 franc, 1½ francs.

MEXICO.—A new 25c Air post stamp has been issued in the same type as the 50c and printed in red and sepia. This stamp has been issued for use in the newly opened air mail route from Mexico City to the Mexican Gulf port Tampico.

ST. HELENA.—For some reason or other the rumour has been about for the past few months that the 7/6 denomination of the current issue had been withdrawn from use, and in consequence high prices have been asked for this stamp. We have received an official notification informing us that there is no intention of withdrawing the 7/6 denomination.

SIAM.—Seven values of the long expected new issue have appeared, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25 and 50 satangs, higher denominations of the set will be issued as soon as the old stocks are exhausted. The stamps show a portrait of the King of Siam and have been very well engraved by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—On each sheet of the new 4d brown rectangular stamps overprinted "S.W.A." there is one stamp with no stop after "A." These stamps are printed in sheets of 120, made up of two panes of 60, and the error occurs on the ninth stamp in the right-hand pane.

URUGUAY.—A new set of stamps has arrived from this country, of which the following are the denominations:—5 milesimos, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 24, 50 centesimos, 1, 2 and 3 pesos. The denominations from 5 milesimos to 1 peso show a portrait of General Artigas; these stamps being of unusually small size, the actual design being 17mm by 15mm. The 2 and 3 pesos are of large size and bear a reproduction of the Monument to Artigas in Paysandu. The denominations up to 1 peso are printed in single colours, whilst the 2 and 3 pesos are printed in two colours. These stamps have been printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., and have their imprint at the base of each stamp.

YUGO-SLAVIA.—Two provisional Postage Due stamps have been issued by surcharging the current 25 dinars rose and 50 dinars green Postage Due stamps, type D2 in our catalogue, with the numerals "10." In each sheet of 100 stamps there are eleven showing a distinct variety with long serif to the numeral "1", all the others on the sheet have a short serif. The long serif variety occurs on each stamp in the sixth vertical row and the first stamp on the seventh vertical row.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

A VOICE FROM THE PAST

(G. A. Hunt informs us that the following matter was taken from an early stamp magazine published in 1867. It will be interesting reading. Mr. Hunt considers the new 5c airmail one of the most artistic stamps the U. S. has ever issued. He calls it the "king of stamps" and says it is eminently fit to wing through the air with the king of birds, the American eagle.—W. O. W.)

From *Mason's Coin and Stamp Collectors Magazine*, Vol. 1, 1867.

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A REMARKABLE STAMP COLLECTION

Mr. J. Faaet commenced collecting early in June last (date magazine is April, 1867), and succeeded in gathering together about (700) seven hundred different stamps uncancelled, and this month purchased the well known and valuable stamp collection of Prof. Wyman of Burlington, N. J., numbering 3,000 (three thousand). Mr. Faaet can now be termed the champion collector of the U. S.

(This man was the pioneer of Worthington, Hind and Green of today.)

In same magazine, same date: Mr. Stewart, merchant of N. Y. City, is said to possess a complete collection of uncancelled stamps of all the nations in the world. It is rumored among "stamp collectors" that this gentleman purchased his valuable collection in France for $5,000. Mr. A. C. Kline, of Philadelphia, has a collection said to be nearly complete valued at $1,000.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

Newfoundland.—The latest sensation in Newfoundland is the exhaustion, after only a few months' issue, of the 9c value of the new set. This stamp was issued in larger numbers than the 9c of the previous issue, which was also the subject of comment in these notes recently, and yet it only lasted about one-tenth of the time. It seems probable that only about a tenth of the number that had been used postally, of the previous issue, would have been used of this new stamp in so short a time, which means that the vast proportion of the original issue of 50,000 exist unused. This new issue was at first sold only in sets, and sales are reported to have been good, nevertheless a large number were probably bought up speculatively when it was put on sale separately.

It is rumoured it will not be reprinted, in which case I reckon its ultimate value will not be more than half that of the 1923 9c, of which many were used up and lost.

Falkland Is.—The provisional issued about the beginning of the year is still shrouded in mystery. According to a note in the last *P.M.*, only about 1,200 were issued and these were quickly exhausted. Very few have been seen used, and it is to be presumed someone has bought up the bulk of the issue and that they are in the hands of one or more speculators.

The population of South Georgia is extremely small and largely composed of Norwegian whalers, and it is to be presumed the 2½d provisional was issued for their home letters. Owing to the great length of time that communications take with this distant outpost, especially during their winter (our summer), it will probably be some time before supplies come on the market. I should not be surprised if we have to wait until next winter for supplies, and collectors should beware of paying too high prices in the meantime.

It is some time since we have had such a small issue of a low value British Colonial, but the 1/- Bahamas (1st War) of 1918 was issued to almost the same number, viz., 1,200. This gives us a guide to what is a reasonable figure. This stamp first appeared at about 3/6, later rose to 15/-, market value, and now stands rather lower than this.

In buying a new provisional, those keen on the investment side should always endeavor to buy at much less than what may be computed as the eventual value, but there is sometimes a tendency, when a limited issue gets into the hands of speculators, for it to be offered at the full price one would expect it to realise some years after issue. The stamp that appears at ordinary rates and afterwards goes out of issue suddenly is generally the most profitable to the collector.

The first 1/- War Stamp (local) of Falkland Islands was also issued in similar restricted numbers, and 1,200 has also been given as the figure here, but because of the poor demand, owing to its similarity to the subsequent issue, and possibly to forgeries, the price has kept disappointingly low.

Malta.—I should not be surprised if the new issue of Maltese stamps, announced recently in the *P.M.*, will arouse interest in these stamps which was beginning to wane slightly. I foresee an upward trend in prices of almost all the obsolete issues which have been distinctly lower of late, and most of which are well worth picking up at to-day's prices. The 10/- MCA is still one of the highest valued of all regular Georgians of reasonable face value, and has recently fetched more at auction than that other rarity, except the 50r script of E. Africa.

Irish.—I recently commented in these notes on the market value of the 10d Irish Thom. Since then my words have been justified, as this stamp has fallen about 30/- in value during the last few weeks. I recommend the various printings of the high value Saorstats as worthy of study. Once the long rumoured permanent issue is issued, the other will show more rapid increase. The first issue of the I.F.S. was issued in

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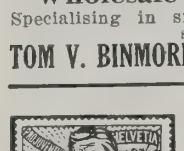

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A great many of this first issue must have been used up on telegraph forms, some of which were once offered for tender, but for various reasons have never been actually disposed of.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

WEDNESDAY THE LAST DAY

Wednesday is the last day for the receipt of copy for the issue to be published twelve days later. Advertisers will please bear this in mind. Copy received on Thursday will be too late for the issue for which it is intended.

WASHINGTON STATE PRECANCELS

By E. J. Newcomer.

The state of Washington produces more lumber and more apples, and cans more salmon than any other state in the Union. It has one-seventh of the potential electric power in the United States. It also has large areas of gray sagebrush and windblown sand, and many picturesque Indians, and at least one lively, though more or less domesticated, herd of buffaloes. Also two airmail terminals, and a few enthusiastic precancel collectors, most of whom have helped me in getting information for this article. Among them are A. A. Johnson and Benj. J. Weeks, of Tacoma, E. W. Osier of Seattle, Leo K. Couch and Mark S. Woodin, of Olympia, Ellsworth Lumley of Bellingham, Marshall Miller of Puyallup, and E. O. Roberts of Yapato, and my thanks are due to all of these gentlemen for their help. In all, about 1700 major varieties of precancels have been issued in Washington State, and these are distributed among 25 cities and towns.

Aberdeen is a lumbering and fishing center on Grays Harbor. The post office has used precancels since 1923, using a one-at-a-time handstamp the first two or three years, and a U-51 handstamp since then. The catalog listing is essentially correct, but according to one of the clerks in the Aberdeen post office, Nos. 2, 5, 14 and 57 to 59 probably do not exist. In addition to those in the catalog, he lists under Type II the 1917 issue 6c, 30c and $1, and the new issue 3c, and 20c Special. It is also stated that two copies exist of the 5c Norse in Type II. Aberdeen is one of the two Washington post offices that precanceled the black Harding imperf., Walla Walla being the other. Needless to say, this was not done as a postal necessity, and the stamps were imported for that purpose.

If you will look on an old map of Washington, you will not find Bellingham. I have a map 30 years old which shows instead the towns of New Whatcom and Fairhaven close together. In 1903, these were united and called Bellingham. The city is said to be the salmon canning center of the world, sometimes canning 100,000 salmon in a day. It is called the "City of Beautiful Sunsets," and anyone who has driven along the wonderful Chuckanut Drive at evening, with the sun setting over Puget Sound will say it is well-named.

Bellingham is one of the oldest and most consistent users of precancels in the state, and its various handstamps have been rather promiscuously used on special issues. With the advent of the electro, it is to be hoped there will be less of this in future. This post office is one of the few in the state using precancels on all parcel post the year around, hence they are commoner than those from other places with a similar population. Type I seems to have had a short life. In this type, the word "Bellingham" is similar to U-53, while "Wash." is more like U-54. Type II is much like U-76, without lines, and with "Wash." in lower case letters. The parcel post series seems to be quite scarce, and as a matter of fact I have never seen any parcel posts from Bellingham at all.

Type III is much commoner than the first two types, probably having been used much more. It was resurrected for the 3c offset, and I have a poor copy of this that evidently has seen postal use. Type IV, U-53, has had the longest life of any of them, having been first used about 1913 or 1914, and being used at least until 1926. The perf. 12's seem to be scarcer in this type than in Type III. Type V is the most recent handstamp, and this and Type IV came in about equal numbers before the electro was used. Type V is still in use for odds and ends, having been used early in 1927 to reduce the stock of 15c Airmails when the airmail rate was changed. As Bellingham uses precans on practically all parcel post, this value could not easily be disposed of except by precancelling. I have a copy of the new issue 4c showing both U-53 and U-74 on the same stamp, the U-74 being rather faint.

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The electro (U-8) was first used in 1926, after all 1917 issue stamps had been disposed of. The printing is done locally, and inverts are common, normals of some values apparently not existing yet.

Benton City is not in the catalog, neither is it on very many maps, never having attained the dignity of its name. It once had promise of becoming an important railroad junction, but the railroads changed their minds, and it is now a one-street town, if such ever existed. Nevertheless, it used precancels for Christmas, 1926, and no one was more surprised than I when I ran across a few specimens, for I live within 75 miles of the place and have been through there many times. The last time, I interviewed the postmaster. Yes, he had used precancels. You see, they save a lot of time at Christmas. He had to handle everything himself and he wasn't as young as he used to be. But a fire last June burned down the P. O. and the handstamp was lost. Would he get another? He didn't know. It takes a long time and a lot of trouble to get one. And if he did, the type might be different. He did not. So hang on to your Benton City's, if you have any. The type is the new U-62. I have seen only two or three values, but the P. M. says he precancelled everything up to the 10c, also the 12c, 15c, 20c, 30c and 50c. He couldn't tell me whether they were old or new, but of those I have seen, the 12c is the old issue, and the 1½c the 10 x 10 rotary.

Centralia and Chehalis, side by side in the catalog are side by side in fact. They are the twin cities of the west, four miles apart, in a rich farming section of western Washington, with much valuable timber not far away. Twin-like they began using precancels for the Christmas rush at the same time, about three years ago, but the P. O. D. gave them different types of handstamps, probably for the same reason a mother puts a blue ribbon on one twin and a pink ribbon on the other. The Centralia handstamp has one subject on the right edge reading "Cent alia." The old 13c from Chehalis is good property, not having been artificially produced.

Colfax is in the famous wheat country of eastern Washington, where they raise more wheat to the acre than anywhere else on earth. But then, most of their land is pretty much on edge, so they can farm both sides of it. The post office used a U-6 electro apparently for about eight years, but discontinued its use some years ago, possibly because of a change in postmasters. The 2, 5, and 10 seem to be commonest. This electro was resurrected for the 1927 Christmas business, and I have seen the ½, 1, 1½, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 11, some of them rotaries and the 1½ and 4 inverts. Dayton, also in the wheat country, has used a handstamp for four years. The catalog's lengthy description of this handstamp, boiled down, is equal to U-73. The precancels are for holiday use only, and at Christmas, 1926, the old issues 8, 20 and 30 were still in use.

Ellensburg is an old timer as a town and as a user of precancels. It is in the fertile irrigated Kittitas Valley, and some recent work of the Bureau of Reclamation will increase its farming acreage. The former postmaster tells me that he printed precancels in Types I and II in his printing office, having a set-up for a sheet of 100 stamps. The two types were made at different times, the type face being the same but the lines different. These were used about 1914 to 1916. I also have the 2c and 4c perf. 10, and the 3c, 5c, 10c and 50c perf. 11 in the same printed type but with no sign of lines, which I recently got from the Kringel collection. The postmaster does n member anything about these, and be questioned whether they are ex in which the lines became depress so did not print, or are from a without lines. Probably the latte cause most of them are perf. 11, no elevens have been recorded in I or II. Type III seems to hav used temporarily within the la years. I have only the 3c offset, st in magenta ink. Type IV is an which was used for about ten Precancels have not been used duri last year or two. They were prac never used except at Christma thereafter until the stock was used

Everett, the fourth largest city state, worried along without pre until 1926, and then blossomed with two handstamps at once. formation I can get indicates th order was filled twice by mista with two different types; which g Washington specialists a lot to g at once. Fortunately, none of t series was in stock when precan began. The stamps are used chi December, though there are a co permit holders, and the stamps ar sionally used on other large m All of the new issue, up to the $ been precancelled with one type other, and some of them with both, not on the same stamp. The Com while not strictly necessary, were ported. For Christmas 1927, used a U-12 electro on most den tions, and the 25c Special Handl peared in Type II. The handstan still used for emergencies.

Hoquiam, a lumbering town o 15,000 near Aberdeen, began usi cancels at Christmas 1927. The similar to U-56, but between very lines. All values, from the 1c to 2 also the 50c, were precancelled, r the lower values being rotaries *cancel Gazette.*

CANAL ZONE AIR ENVELOPE

(*Continued from page 478*

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By JOHN L. STROUB, 686 Academy St., N. Y. City.

Last month (June, 1928) a new provisional issue, having a violet "indelible ink" surcharge in two horizontal lines with "Correos" above and "1928" below, appeared and now supersedes the "Resello 1928," in use prior to this time. A complete article can now be written on the "Revolutionary stamps of 1927-1928." The writer having been in close touch with these stamps, predicts that their future popularity with collectors will act as reminders of the event. Their unexpected ending will allow many questions, requests for information, data, etc., to be answered earlier than had been anticipated.

Nicaraguan Situation 1925-1928

No doubt, many readers have already heard or read about the "Sacasa Revolution" in magazines, newspapers, etc. (I recall the *Saturday Evening Post, World's Work,* Sunday editions of the N. Y. *Times* and N. Y. *American*) which carried thrilling accounts of one of the bloodiest, yet quickest revolutions of recent years. To those who may not be acquainted with this subject, I will give, as briefly as possible, a chronological review of the most important events surrounding Nicaragua from 1925 to 1928.

The start of the national disorder can be traced to August 3rd, 1925, when our country withdrew its marines from Nicaragua. Continuously for thirteen years, U. S. Marines had maintained a guard service at the American Legation in Managua, the Capital of Nicaragua.

Two months later, native politicians testing out their prestige and power, caused changes in the Ministry, Senate and Congress of the country. The resignation of Dr. Solorzano, the President of Nicaragua, followed on January 17th, 1926. The Vice President, and lawful successor, Dr. Juan B. Sacasa, a Liberal, had already been banished by a hostile Conservative Congress. General Emiliano Chamorro, the Commander in Chief of the Army, assumed executive power. The nations of the world refused to recognize him as President, due to force exerted in his obtaining this position.

These political changes started armed strife, when on May 7th, 1926, the Liberals captured Bluefields, the chief seaport on the East coast of Nicaragua. U. S. Marines, landed from the U. S. S. Cleveland, declared Bluefields a neutral zone or open port. They withdrew early in June. Other outbreaks of minor importance occurred during the summer.

The Conservative Congress elected Senator Adolfo Diaz, President of Nicaragua on November 14th, 1926, to fill the unexpired term ending December 31st, 1928. All countries of the world, except Mexico, recognized Diaz as the Constitutional President.

About this time, Dr. Sacasa, returning to Nicaragua, was elected President of Nicaragua by the Liberal party. The Liberal headquarters were established in Puerto Cabezas on the East Coast. Mexico being the only nation to recognize his Government. Long before this, Mexico had been accused of trying to start Bolshevist propaganda in Nicaragua.

With two Governments and two Presidents in one Republic, civil war started in earnest. Up to about May, 1927, large losses of life and property existed on both sides. The fast and furious fighting with the rapid advance of the Liberal armies had laid waste to many villages, towns and smaller cities. The larger city of Chinendega had been pillaged and burnt; while Managua, the Conservative seat of Government was being threatened. Within a short time, the entire country would have been destroyed.

The United States finally intervened, when on May 5th, 1927, Ex-Secretary, Henry Stimson, the personal representative of President Coolidge, delivered an ultimatum of disarmament by force of U. S. Marines, together with the supervision and holding of an honest election to be held on November 4th, 1928. A general pardon was to be offered to all Liberals laying down their arms.

General Jose Moncada, the Liberal Commander, called his aides into consultation, and a general order for all Liberal armies to disarm and disband effective May 12th, 1927, resulted. One Liberal general, Sandino, refused to disarm and is still carrying on a guerilla campaign for the cause of Liberalism. The press of the world is featuring his activities almost daily.

Reconstruction, Its Effects on Stamps

With peace, reconstruction set in after the man power of the Republic returned to its peaceful pursuits. During the short period of the "Sacasa Revolution" (November, 1926 to May, 1927), and among the war time disorders and irregularities, may be mentioned the looting of post offices and mail, stealing and washing of stamps for re-use, defrauding the Government of postal revenue, etc. Through lack of time and facilities, the regular unsurcharged "palace" issue (1914-1922) remained in continuous service throughout the Revolution. These stamps consequently franked both the domestic and

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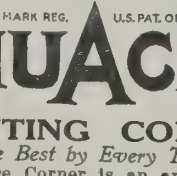

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foreign mails whether of Conservative or Liberal origin.

The Liberals, obliged to use "Conservative" stamps (there being no others) adopted ways of showing their hatred and also advertised their Government on them. Sympathetic cancellations, crude covers, and odd handstamps, such as *"Original"* etc., were the extent of their postal accomplishments. In Puerto Cabezas, at least two values, the 1 and 2 centavo received a surcharge "G. C." with crossed swords and then specially cancelled. All such passed through the mails.

The short unrecognized life of the "Sacasa" Government and its reliance on "Conservative" stamps for carrying "Liberal" mail did not offset the worldly popularity of the Palace stamps (with or without Liberal surcharges) for the universal franking of all Nicaraguan mail. These Liberal stamps, to my mind, cannot be termed as legitimate in any sense of the word. Placed in a "novelty" collection of Nicaraguan stamps, the "Sacasa" emissions would have their greatest value, or maybe in Mexico.

Resello Issues, 1927-1928

Just before the end of the Revolution, in April, 1927, the Conservative Government were taking steps to change the above postal conditions. Had the Revolution continued longer "Local issues" would no doubt have come into existence and use. We stamp collectors have something to be thankful for that a repetition of our own "Confederates" and "Russian Bolshevists" with their high prices was prevented. All wide-a-wake collectors can get these "revolutionary" stamps,—the sooner, the better.

On April 28th, 1927, President Diaz signed the following decree (a literal translation of the Spanish).

"ALL STAMPS OF ANY KIND MUST BE SURCHARGED."

The President of the Republic;

Considering;

"That it has been noticed, that telegraph, fiscal, and postal stamps are being taken off documents, covers, etc., washed and used, orders;

No. 1. That all telegraph, fiscal and postal stamps will be surcharged with RESELLO 1927.'

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No. 2. Since the 15th of May, stamps which do not bear this surcharge will be without value.

No. 3. The Government Inspector in charge of this line is ordered to supervise the work of surcharging at the Government Printing Office and to see that the old remaining stock at the offices throughout the Republic is returned and exchanged for the ones with surcharge.

Given in Managua, at the Executive Palace,

A. DIAZ.
Minister of Finance,
F. GUZMAN.

The day of 28th of April, 1927."

Three important points should not be overlooked in this decree: — (a) all stamps must be surcharged—yet the officials, wrappers, envelopes, and post cards were exceptions, (b) the losses incurred by washing and re-use of stamps were much smaller than the seized and stolen stamps during the Revolution and (c) the demonetization of the famous "Palace" stamps, the only unsurcharged postal issue for fourteen years, and the opening up of a new period in the postal history of Nicaragua. The expression "Resello" means to re-stamp or re-value.

Philately has divided the "decreed" stamps into four separate issues; the first three formed by changes in the kind and color of ink for the surcharging; and the fourth, dated "1928" instead of "1927."

First Issue, Resello 1927 Stamps

On May 3rd, 1927, five days after the decree, Senor V. Quadro, the Supervising Inspector reported that the following quantities of the various telegraph, fiscal and postal values had been surcharged with "Resello" above and "1927" below in two horizontal lines. (I will omit from this article the telegraph and fiscal quantities.) He also reported that the stamps had been surcharged with black copying ink, with the exceptions of the 1 and 5 centavo, with red. He failed to state that part of the 3 centavo and all the 10 centavo values had actually been surcharged in blue copying ink (he evidently considered them black). Let us call this issue, for convenience the "black Resellos."

Quantities of First Issue

½ centavo,		30,000 stamps
1 "		250,000 "
1 "	R de C,	250,000 "
2 centavos,		250,000 "
3 "		13,000 "
4 "		1,200 "
5 "		50,000 "
6 "		1,500 "
10 "		30,000 "
15 "		2,400 "
20 "		2,500 "
25 "		3,000 "
50 "		2,500 "
$1 cordoba,		1,000 "

The above quantities of this issue were published in the official journal, and have since appeared in philatelic publications. The ½, 1, 2, 5, 10 centavo postage and 1 centavo R de C stamps were printed in generous quantities. The 3 centavo, a combined postal and tax value, was surcharged in reduced numbers. A shortage of 4 and 6 centavo unsurcharged Palace stamps existed at this time. The remaining higher values were surcharged sparingly to allow for the quick distribution ordered.

The hurry in the surcharging of the "black Resellos" is told best by their minor print varieties, or "errors of surcharge" and "shifts." My check list shows, to date, that all values, except the 25, 50 centavo and 1 cordoba, have at least one or more of the inverted, double, double one inverted and triple surcharges. Two settings were employed in their printing. One setting used for the 1, 2 and 5 centavo postal and 1 centavo R de C values showed one stamp in sheet of 100 stamps (No. 20) with a prominent minor sheet variety of an "inverted s in Resello." The second setting surcharged the ½, 3, 4, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 centavo and 1 cordoba values, and likewise one stamp (No. 17) showed a large "1" in 1927. The total number of these two minor varieties can be figured by dividing the above quantities by 100. Very few of these are in stamp collections. I doubt whether any collector has them all (I lack two).

Inquiries have been received by me about the variety "Resello—1927" found only on the 2 and 3 centavo values. Two complete sheets of 100 stamps each, were discovered in the general stock in Managua. I consider them trial settings and as such they should not have been stocked but destroyed. Part sheets examined by me prove this setting must have been done after the first issue and before the second printing of the "Resello 1927" stamps; on account of the absence of the "inverted s in Resello" on the 2 centavo and the "large 1 in 1927" on the 3 centavo stamps. No one accepts responsibility and their existence is denied. The "trial setting" and "errors of surcharge" of these stamps are genuine, nevertheless. The writer accepts them as minor varieties of the first issue in setting of second issue.

The "black Resellos" were distributed and exchanged for the unsurcharged stamps as per decree. Speculation, that ginger necessary to philately, started immediately on the two low faced and short surcharged values, i.e., 4 and 6 centavo. Small quantities of the whole issue, except these two values, reached this country. Such were sold at p tage over face or at "low" pr prices. Nothing was known of status, and were considered a co issue. Their present day philateli ues still have to be determined rately. My observation, irrespecti surcharged quantities, would lead valuate them in the following orde scarcest first, etc.): the 1c with surcharge instead of red (one sh 100 stamps only), 25c, $1.00, 50c, 3c (black), 20c, 15c and 3c (blue). placing of the three highest value in front is due to their usage as re stamps at this time. A shortage high fiscal values, from 25 centav 100 cordobas, existed. Such p stamps would be specially cancell else punched. Most of these three values were used on samples of c sugar, etc.

Unfounded rumors of "remain of the "black Resellos" can be p nently dispelled when the speed o issue is known:—decreed April surcharged May 3rd, distributed b May 15th, and replaced May 19th

Second Issue, Resello 1927 Stam

The short life of the "black Res was because the wrong ink (cop had been used in their printing. these stamps were washed, the surch was not effected. Special precau were needed badly at this time. A n new ink, of sticky and heavy com tion had been approved for the f surcharging. This ink was no other violet indelible and when the st were wet or tampered with, the surch became visibly effected and rendere fit for postal duty. The first issu "black Resellos" could be considere "error" issue whereby the new ink

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gh approved for use had not actually placed into printing service. The days intervening being the loose of the printing system.

ie delivery of the Second issue oc-ed on May 19, 1927, which consisted dditional quantities of the 3, 4, 6, 20, 25, 50 centavo and 1 cordoba es, now in the same surcharge but ie new ink, as described above. Six ional deliveries rounded out the plete "Palace" postal set and like-increased the quantities of the vari-other values, mostly commoner ones, o and including September 1, 1927.

: of space prevents individual tabu-n of quantities so the total number ach value will be listed of the Sec-issue or "violet" Resello stamps.

Quantities of Second Issue

½	centavo,	150,000	stamps
1	"	300,000	"
1	" R de C,	204,800	"
2	centavos,	507,000	"
3	"	65,000	"
4	"	1,000	"
5	"	60,000	"
6	"	1,000	"
10	"	60,000	"
15	"	11,000	"
20	"	21,000	"
25	"	20,400	"
50	"	21,500	"
$1	cordoba,	21,500	"

hird Issue, Resello 1927 Stamps

ie writer will discuss the remaining issues of the Resello stamps at the lusion of this article, and after they been listed, etc.

ie remaining documentary advice in ile, relative to the printings or de-ies of the "Resello 1927" stamps is l September 26, 1927. This, with 's unknown but of later dates in ear, support the Third and last of ear's issues. The legitimacy of the e issue is not disputed at all, but orders, quantities, and dates of de-ies of part of same make the article what incomplete at this time.

ie delivery of September 26, 1927, e mentioned, consisted only of 150,-of the 1 centavo R de C stamps sur-ged (in error) in blue copying ink. r deliveries consisted of unknown tities of the regular R de C (with-late) and R de C dated 1925 of the ntavo value and also the 5 centavo l value (replacing the sold out vio-all surcharged (in error) in black ing ink with "Resello 1927" as be-

Apparently the question of which should have been used, copying or t indelible had been decided ad-ly or else somebody disobeyed or-

And so our major varieties are ed, the story in each country being rent I would imagine.

der date of November 11, 1927, ragua published in the official jour-he receipt of a shipment of stamps

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

August 1st certainly was a Big Day for Air Mail collectors all over the country, and if the amount of mail that accumulated on my desk the past few days is any criterion, record loads must have been carried by every route in operation. Figures are not available as yet, but I have one report where 300,000 letters, weighing over 1,000 lbs. all sent out by one company in New York on August 1st, were carried by the N. A. T., Inc.!

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Mr. Charles Boyer informs me that the Tulsa, Okla., cachet was secured through the efforts of The Valley Forge Philatelic Society of Norristown, Pa.

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My coöperators worked hard at the job the past week and while the list of names is a long one, I feel that you all deserve individual thanks for your efforts in getting information, covers and clippings into my hands; so at the expense of getting a "call down" from the editors for using too much space, am going to put your names on the roll. If you don't find your name here it is not my fault!

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In connection with the foregoing, I wish to thank a great many of you for the complimentary letters you have written about the Air Mail News Column. It is highly gratifying to learn that the column is of assistance to you in building up your collections and by your continued coöperation it will automatically reflect to your benefit.

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Here is a partial list of 1st day cachets used on August 1st: Oakland, Des Moines, Lansing, Chicago, Springfield, Peoria, St. Louis, Boston, Hartford, New York, McKeesport, Pittsburgh, Galveston, San Antonio, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Moline, Buffalo, Albany, Schenectady, Syracuse and Dallas. There must be many others not yet received—all unofficial, of course.

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C. A. M. 16 broke loose August 1st after a lapse of over a year and a half. The cachet used was diamond shaped and very clearly applied, the design being neat and attractive.

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On August 1st C. A. M. 26 also made its initial Flight from Salt Lake City to Great Falls. The cachets applied at Ogden were four in number, one official and three unofficial. The official cachet is a triangle, double lined and enclosed in a square, airplane in flight over mountains and being watched by an Indian. Between the inside and outside triangle "First Flight — Town — State." Below in square, "Air Mail—C. A. M. 26—August 1st, 1928." Helena used as a backstamp a large pictorial cachet and Boise a reproduction of the state capitol.

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A highly interesting article on Air Mail operations appeared in the August 5th edition of the "New York Tribune," written by Francis D. Walton. The article carries some startling facts. Two examples are—that C. A. M. 2 operated 12,231 miles flown, out of 12,232 scheduled for May, and C. A. M. 5, 32,860 miles flown on a schedule of 32,860!

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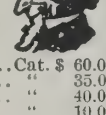

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Newark, N. J., will dedicate her new Airport early in September, and the Atlanta-Miami route will open around January 1st. Make note of the above.

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The Post Office at Pittsburgh, through the Superintendent of Mails, refused to handle or despatch the mail bearing the special August 1st cachet applied by the Air Mail contractor of C. A. M. No. 11, Mr. Clifford Ball. No reason for such refusal was given and we are informed by Mr. J. C. Penning that the matter will be subject to investigation. Covers that had accumulated for despatch from Pittsburgh were carried to McKeesport and cancelled there. As a result, covers cacheted "Pittsburgh" were mailed at McKeesport. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time where a Post Office at any point on a C. A. M. has refused to coöperate with the contractor in the matter of despatching specially prepared covers, and we await the outcome with interest.

Efficiency

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By G. A. Hunt.

With the advent of 5c air mail postage two friends of mine desired to secure a flown cover from *every* air mail station in the U. S. flown on Aug. 1, 1928.

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Some 1,150 in all were sent out from Woburn, Mass., previous to Aug. 1.

As a result on August 2, they began coming back, first the nearby stations, next the midwest and south, and then the far western, by August 5th, *every one* of the *1,150* sent out arrived safely back in Woburn. *Not one was lost, not one was mutilated,* they all arrived in perfect condition.

This shows that all the P. M.'s were right on the job, all air mail pilots on time, and the three judges of this test here in Woburn, after checking up, credit the P. O. Department 100%. In addition thanks is extended to all who cooperated in the event.

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Mr. Empty Dome has submitted an unusual cover in that it is a go ment envelope of the ordinary v with printed instructions on the fac reverse sides. The face tells us o Sidney Short Route or Clarke's tennial Express to the Black More than that, it tells us that "in sideration of the 10 cents paid fo envelope and of which payment it session bears evidence, the unders agrees to carry it from the Unio cific Railroad at Sidney, Neb., to City and Deadwood, Dakota (and other places as his route may suppl from above places to the Union Railroad at Sidney, without addi charge. H. T. Clarke."

On the reverse is a detailed de tion of the Sidney Short Route, *in ing us of* The New 61 Span Bridge *over the* Platte, *guarde United States Troops. "Owing t difficulty of getting mail through t from the Black Hills, I have had p and placed on sale at Sidney and in the Hills, Government Envelopes ilar to the old Pony Express, in all mail must be enclosed to be for ed by* Clark's Letter Express to *City, Deadwood, and other points. 10 cts."*

Is this the old Deadwood Ex driven by Deadwood Dick of we read in our earlier days? W call with a somewhat reluctant ory the Buffalo Bill shows, the wood Express wagon circling hippodrome, and on its second horses lashed to a gallop, careeni its near wheels, the black pa wagon spitting forth resounding of murderous fire at so called red who always were repulsed. How hearts fluttered with invective an vocation that the Deadwood Ex might get thru, that the Indians be killed, that the mail might get And with rejoicings, the marks ship of the heroic riders mowed the thin ranks of the jazz si aborigines, who even in death, w hatred into our enthusiasm. there always was that funny preacher sitting on top of the w doing the wrong things, and ge tremendously scared over it all, so we had to laugh even in our exulting moods. And if you h poor seat, you could see the In get up and light cigarettes and water with a "one-arm Jake" fr horse bucket. We weren't stamp lectors then, or perhaps we'd more about the "Sidney Short R now.

EMPTY DOME PAIRS THE ABOVE WITH ONE FROM WASHINGTON, I DATED APRIL 14, 1897, WHICH BEA CANCEL "COLLECTION AND DISTRIBU WAGON, NO. 1 TRIP 3, WASHINGTON." RECALL THAT THE CANCEL WAS ON WAGON, AND ONE COULD MAIL LETTE A SLOT IN THE FORWARD PART OF WAGON. DO YOU RECALL THE OLD CARTS, THE TWO WHEELED KIND, WI BOX IN FRONT UNDER THE HORSE'S AND A STEP IN BACK ON WHICH COLLECTOR STOOD? HIS RAINCOAT AL COVERED THE BOX, SO THAT WHE RAINED, HE COULD PUT ON HIS RAI AND LET THE LETTERS GET WET?

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he following translation of a recent decree
ng the Correos 1928 stamps of Nicaragua
een sent us by John L. Stroub. It was
at the Executive Palace in Managua by
linister of Finance, May 24.—Ed.)

nsidering that the postage stamps
n exist now surcharged "1927" and
" do not offer the proper financial
ntees to the Government and in or-
o safeguard the postal revenue it
nes necessary to withdrawn them
circulation.

Decree

) From the 15th day of next June,
ssues above mentioned will be with-
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which the Government will place
e General Treasury and Postal de-
nent. Those agents who have stocks
ese stamps are obliged to present
selves at their respective offices to
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ot prove the legitimate source of
will suffer the penalty prescribed by
aw of 1927 covering fraud of Gov-
ent paper and stamps.
) The Minister of Finance will
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ble at the National Printing Office
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h are described as follows; with the
iption of "Correos 1928." The fol-
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on 4c	58,014	20c	20,900
	30,000	25c	31,200
	30,000	50c	40,000
	120,000	$1 cordoba	3,000

) The postage stamps which re-
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REVIEW OF THE NEW U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS

(Mason's Coin and Stamp Collectors Magazine, June, 1869, by L. W. Durbin)
Courtesy of G. A. HUNT.

Our generous "Uncle Samuel" wishing to favor his proteges with something fresh in the national way, has kindly furnished us with nine diminutive scraps of colored paper yeleped "U. S. Postage Stamps." These specimens of a new issue, so like the tiny advertising cards, of circulating libraries, local express companies and decalcomanies pictures, have already appeared in public on the right hand corners of love billets, mercantile correspondence and other important mail matter. Upon first acquaintance, these little square Government advertising appliances look odd, and the observer is at a loss to know whether the wee bits of a print, with a blue locomotive and a big 3 is a local stamp or a new advertising dodge of some enterprising R. R. corporations.

Upon better acquaintance the unequivocal fact that it is a veritable U. S. postage stamp stares him full in the face. Now that we are compelled to bid farewell to the "old issue" and sever the attachments that exist for the good old national stamps that once adorned and beautified our letter wrappers, let us become better acquainted with the little strangers and speak of them as we find them, with the hope that our prejudices may be toned down sufficiently in the future to command our respect and esteem.

One Cent Stamp

This, the lowest denomination of U. S. postage stamps, is in color a dirty yellow-brown, having a head very like our dear old Benny Franklin in respect to the bald head and flaming locks; while in the profile it resembles any other kind and good old gentleman who does not resemble Franklin. The bust is surrounded by a defective broken band, hoop or any other circular thing, whose proportions lack uniformity. The lettering "U. S. Postage" and "one cent" appear to be the work of an apprentice to the art of engraving, whose style has not been fully perfected—the letters being of unequal size. There is a piece of No. 1 court plaster fixed upon the left breast of Franklin, which interrupts the view of our departed philosopher, and gives to the head an appearance similar to that of a policeman, or fireman, as the badge with the figure "one" is in about the right place for either.

Two Cent Stamp

Now the color changes from dirty yellow-brown to a dingy dark brown, and here we have a beautiful frame work, or banner, such as carried in processions, with pictures in the field of a 2.40 horse going over a race course, well fenced in with a Dutch cavalry soldier, having his canteen or beer keg strapped in his rear. The large letters of "postage" and "two cents" are very irregular in size, and the letters T and C in lower line seem to be hurriedly executed and left unfinished. It was a happy idea of the engraver to affix the big "2" between the words "two" and "cents" as no mistake can now possibly occur in giving this stamp its proper denomination. The scroll work and lace on the upper curtain are very neat and would make a fair sign for a country carver painter, or a city dry goods store. The rail fence at the left in rear of the field is slightly inaccurate, there being but two rails between the posts. This portion of the stamp seems to have been half finished.

Three Cent Stamp

This stamp is an improvement on the two cent issue, as here the horse and rider in the field is displaced by the locomotive, and therefore it is better in regard to "time" than the previous stamp.

The color is also better, it being a "true blue" or a "marine blue," or an "ultra marine" (no doubt an error in design, as the ultra marine ought to have been a sailing vessel, and not a locomotive) either will designate its tint when not blurred in the printing. This stamp has the same faulty lettering, with an improvement in the label containing the word "postage." As the 3c stamp will be more used than others of the new series we will not give a more detailed description of its beauties until time has toned down our prejudices and caused us to forget the former 3c stamp with its good color and its portrait of the glorious and God-like Washington.

Six Cent Stamp

The six cent stamp has a well executed portrait of Washington in a dotted circle surrounded with a pattern of checkered calico, conveniently cornered at the four angles of the frame—this latter is well surrounded with labels, making it utterly impossible to mistake it for a "gum sticker" or bottle label.

Washington is bounded on the north by U. S. and Postage, on the east by "United States," on the south by "six 6 cents" and the capital is "indigo." The same objection exists against the use of this stamp as all others of the new issue TOO SMALL. Had the stamps been oblong, with same width as at present, there would have been one improvement, with room for several more.

Ten Cent Stamp

Ah! here comes the Bird of Freedom—the Eagle—mounted upon a shield, a novel design for a postage stamp, but rather common for an advertising label; something similar having been used rather extensively for that purpose by the Metropolitan Express Co. of N. Y. This stamp would be beautiful if the color were any other than orange. It would be a pleasing picture if the stars, which form a semi circle above the eagle were printed bolder, so that the observer could count the full number of 13 without seeing more stars than necessary to complete the National Emblem. A wavy label or scroll, containing the value is situated at the lower end of the stamp. An additional stroke of policy on the part of the designer is exhibited in the big 10 which is boldly printed on lower center of the shield. The "United States" on this stamp appears very small and a good sight of the retreating "states" can only be had with a magnifier.

Twelve Cent Stamp

This bright, green, distinct and handsomely designed stamp deserves appropriate praise. The steamer in the centre, is a regular Cunarder, is plowing the green white crested waves like a thing of life. The lettering is all distinct and artistically executed. Oh! that this pretty stamp were a quarter of an inch longer; we could send it over the ocean it represents with a proper patriotic pride, and feel confident it would be received by our "early relatives" o'er the seas with as much respect as the letter it ornaments.

Fifteen Cent Stamp

This stamp commences the series of the larger denominations by an improvement in size; tho so slight as scarcely to

(Continued on page 496)

GRENADA Per 10: #49, 20c; #48,80c; #49,10c; #79, 18c; #80, 20c; #80a, 40c; #82, 60c; #92, 40c; #97, 8c; #309, $1.00; #310, 1.75.
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Between Ourselves

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

A "Distinguished Philatelist" comes to Town.

It was a great pleasure to drop by chance across Mr. Charles Severn during his first and very brief visit to London. He is the most popular stamp man in the States, and edits from Chicago, the widely-circulated MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS. Well over six foot, with a surprisingly soft silvery voice, with none of the strident noisiness many folks here attribute to Americans, Mr. Severn has been a leader in organised philately in the States for the greater part of his 56 years.

37 Years of "Mekeel's."

It is difficult to realise just from the public record of Charlie Severn that he is only 56. He was one of the first Americans to be inscribed upon the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, and few active workers in philately could show anything like his record. He was contributing to MEKEEL'S from about 1891, and became editor jointly with S. B. Hopkins in June, 1898, shortly afterwards becoming sole editor in the literary sense. He has seen 1,569 numbers put to press since then, and has served the journal with credit for thirty-seven years, thirty of which have been in the capacity of editor.

London's Loss.

When Mr. Severn left Chicago for his first trip across the water a brief announcement that he was going to Europe and would be absent for a few weeks was all MEKEEL'S WEEKLY told us of his programme. He has been in France, Belgium, and Holland, and came to London all unannounced about ten days ago. It was our good fortune to be in the rooms of the London Stamp Club when he dropped in, and we found many things to talk about. No one is more familiar with the current of philatelic history in America than Mr. Severn. It was a thousand pities he did not give philatelic London the chance of meeting and getting to know the man who has been the genial centre of attraction at scores of philatelic conventions on the other side.

Continental Visitors.

During Congress week there were several prominent foreign collectors in London we should have liked to have seen at the Congress meetings. But apparently they knew nothing of the big philatelic event that was on during their visit, and our unofficial invitations came too late for them to fit in any of the functions. The most prominent of Swedish collectors, Consul F. Benziger, of Stockholm, was in London all the week attending the World's Dairy Congress which was being held at the Central Hall, Westminster. Mr. Benziger's collection of Sweden is now probably the finest extant.

The leading amateur collector in Gothenburg was also in London for a few days. He is our old friend Frederick d'Orchimont, whom we had not seen since the merry week of the Swedish Philatelic Society's celebrations at Malmo a few days before the war cloud broke over Europe in 1914.

The New Catalogues.

The new editions of the standard priced catalogues for 1929 are all in active preparation, and will be issued in the autumn. The Gibbons' work is expected in October, price unchanged, although the cost of postage may be slightly more owing to extensive additions. The new retail price for Messrs. Whitfield King and Co.'s, catalogue will be 7/-. The Yvert-Tellier Champion book will be 7/6 in England, but only the French edition will be issued. Scott's catalogue will be 8s6d.

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"Hon. Press Secretary."

An article in the *Star* on July 21st discussing "Stamp Finds by Boys" is stated to be "By the Hon. Press Secretary, Royal Philatelic Society." The Society does not appear to have introduced its new honorary officer to the philatelic press.

Malta at it Again.

Our good friend and correspondent, Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley, of Malta, is at present in England on holiday, but he is in the forefront with the latest stamp news from Malta, as usual. He reports:

The quarterly Journal of the Crown Agents for the Colonies of June, 1928, has the following notice regarding Maltese stamps:—

On Order. ½d, 1d, 3d, 4d, 4½d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 5/- and 10/-. Existing issue of Postage series overprinted "Postage and Revenue."—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

P. O. D. History

—Early Developments of the Department as seen by Dr. Bernstein.

(This clipping is taken from the Detroit "Free Press." It is a communication from Dr. Edward Bernstein of the Detroit Philatelic Society, and will be of interest to our many readers. Clipping from H. W. Boers.—Ed.)

I read in yesterday's paper a reference to the first postmaster generalship of the United States in which Benjamin Franklin is mentioned as our first postmaster-general. Franklin is so intimately tied up with the early history and development of this country and the United States owes him a great deal of homage for the many other things he has done, but it will do no harm to correct a historical error which takes from him the honor of being our first postmaster-general.

It was in 1710 that the British government passed an act authorizing the British postmaster-general to "keep one chief letter office in New York and the other chief offices in each of her majesty's provinces in America." Deputy postmaster-generals were thereupon appointed from London, Benjamin Franklin receiving such an appointment in 1755, which he held until removed in 1774.

At the beginning of the struggle for independence, there were two rival postal systems—the British parliament system operated by John Foxcraft and the other by Hugh Finlay.

Benjamin Franklin was appointed by the Continental congress in 1775, and was succeeded by his son-in-law, Richard Bache on November 7, 1776; he in turn was succeeded by Ebenezer Hazard, who had been postmaster at New York in 1782.

On September 22, 1789, the United States postal system was inaugurated with Samuel Osgood of Massachusetts as our first postmaster-general and he appointed as assistant postmaster-general, Jonathan Burrel and they appointed Sebastian Baumann as first United States postmaster at New York and Robert Patten for Philadelphia. The postmaster-general was not a cabinet officer, but was under the treasury department, and Samuel Osgood made his first report to Alexander Hamilton as secretary of the treasury.

The records show that the entire receipts for the year 1789-90 were less than $235,000 and it was not till 1810 that the receipts of the whole department touched the million dollar point. We contrast this with the report of the last fiscal year when the revenue from postage reached the stupendous sum of 637 million dollars.

Detroit, alone last year, handled 10 millions. It was not Franklin either who broadened out our service. Governor Lovelace of New York did the most to extend it through Philadelphia to Maryland, Virginia, and the Carolinas.

I am an ardent philatelist and especially interested in the story of the development of our postal service and have just finished a rather lengthy review which will be published in the Journal of the American Philatelic Society, which makes me rather keen about these data.

WEDNESDAY THE LAST DAY

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NOTES ON FRENCH COVE

By R. D. EVERARD.

French stamps are deservedly po with a larger number of collectors in making these notes it is to be e sised that the following remark only the observations on the w own cover collection.

Covers from the 1853-60 on seem fairly plentiful, owing no doubt t large foreign trade done with B U. S. A., etc., and which were ge kept and filed away. There a seems to be a number of somewha ond-rate covers on the market first and succeeding issues, viz., s with no margins, badly creased covers stained and torn.

To begin with the first issue 50). The 10c, No. 1, is rather sca cover, seems to be a little scarce 15c, No. 2. Both these values are property on covers. The 20c black to be the commonest on cover o issue. 25c blue is also fairly comm cover. The 40c is occasionally me on cover (the writer has a fine p cover in his collection).

No. 8—The 1 franc vermilion course, a great rarity on cover. N The 1 franc carmine seems to be s than the 1 franc (1853-60), alt catalogued at much less. The 10c Scott's No. 10, is a very elusive it cover and No. 11 25c is quite scar cover.

The 1c and 5c (1853-60) are hard to find on cover; the 1c seems a little the scarcer. The 10c, 20 40c of this issue are common on in singles and pairs; strips are occ ally found, but blocks are very rare 20c and 25c are "scarce birds" on (the writer has a pair of each va cover).

The 80c 1853-60 is fairly comm cover, but is a rather nice item writer has three of this value used a 40c and a 20c of the same issue, a cover addressed to Australia). C used to Australia seem to be ra have also an 80c, 40c, 10c and 20c to a miner at Mariposa City, Calif and various others.

The higher values of the earlier would seem to be a little better pro if used on domestic covers, as they more often used on foreign covers.

The 1 franc 1853-60 is rather goo covers, but seems to be a little comm than the 1 franc value of the first I have a 1 franc, No. 21, used with of three of 10c same issue on cov New York, etc.

The 1862 and 1863-70 are comm covers, but the 4c, No. 29, is rather item. I have a number of covers o value used with others of the succe

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; of 1870. All the tête-bêche items his and preceding issues are, of e, classical rarities, especially on . The 1862-1870 issues are even r common in strips, but blocks are scarce.

e 5 franc 1863-1870 is, of course, a *desirable* item on cover. I have seen two genuine covers with this , but have been occasionally offered e up" covers. Nos. 37-41 1c to 10c issue are quite desirable on covers. 2c and 4c, of course, being the best, c being, I think, a bit harder to get the 4c (amongst others the writer a 1c, 4c and 25c, No. 58, on one).

e 20c Type I is scarce on cover, and II does not seem to be as common might be. Type III is often met

The 30c is a desirable item on , though occasionally met with (the r has a single on cover and a single one of 40c 1863-70 issue on another '). The 80c 1870 is a little com- r than the 30c but is desirable on (I have several singles on cover single used with 20c, No. 44).

th of above values can be secured ry reasonable prices and will in the e turn out to be "good buys." I ve the 40c value is rather hard to on covers and seems to be a little er than the other two values (30c 30c).

vers used during the Franco-Prus- War and from parts of France oc- d by the Prussians seem to be scarce. ve three of these covers. They are 1870-73, No. 58, used with German ire 2gr 1872, No. 18. I have two s with this combination, one used Metz and the other from Mulhouse railroad cancellation in addition). ve also a 25c France, No. 58, used two of German Empire 192, No. 17, from Metz.

continue my original notes, the 75 issues Nos. 50-63 are common vers. The 30c, No. 62; 5c, No. 53; No. 58; and 40c, No. 59, seem to e commonest. The 4c grey and 10c, 52 and 54 are fairly good on covers. stamps are common in single and ; strips are met with but blocks scarce (on covers).

76-1900 issues are mostly common the exception of 1c, 2c and 4c. Type os. 64, 65 and 66, 72 and 79. No. 87, Prussian blue is, of course, a very e and desirable item on cover, and ncs, No. 96, is fairly good on cover. hall close these notes with the issues e 1900, as the succeeding issues with nany "made for collectors" items do eem to possess the same interest for as the earlier issues. — *Philatelic azine.*

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

By Statutory Rules and Orders No. 5 of 1926, made March 1, 1926, the rates on foreign letters, and those for the British Empire and the United States, from all the Presidencies of the Leeward Islands Federation, were reduced from 3d and 2d to 2½d and 1½d respectively. The post card rate of 1½d remained unchanged.

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Statutory Rules and Orders
1926—No. 10
Stamps

The Stamp Order, 1926, dated May 17, 1926, made by the Governor-in-Council, under the provisions of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act, 1890 (Leeward Islands No. 3 of 1890).

At an Extraordinary meeting of the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands, held at the Council Chamber, Antigua, on Monday, the 17th May, 1926.

Whereas by an Order-in-Council dated the 3rd day of September, 1901, and published in the *Leeward Islands Gazette* No. 46 of the 5th September, 1901, the several values of stamps for use throughout the Colony were fixed at a ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2/6 and 5s;

And whereas by an Order-in-Council dated the 20th day of February, 1909, and published in the *Leeward Islands Gazette* No. 11 of the 11th March, 1909, a stamp of the value of ¼d was added to the value of stamps before mentioned;

And whereas by an Order-in-Council dated the 9th day of January, 1922, and published in the *Leeward Islands Gazette* No. 2 of the 12th of January, 1922, stamps of the value of 4d, 5d, 2s, 3s and 4s were added to the value of the stamps before mentioned;

And whereas it is expedient to add to these values a stamp of the value of 1½d;

Now it is hereby ordered by the Governor-in-Council under the authority of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act, 1890, as follows:—

1. *Additional stamp.*—On and after the 1st day of July, 1926, there shall be in addition to the several values of stamps fixed by the hereinbefore recited Orders, a stamp of the value of one penny and the half of another penny.

2. *Provision for dies.*—The proper dies and other implements to be used in connection with the said new stamp be provided accordingly.

3. *Short title.*—This Order may be cited as the Stamp Order, 1926.

Made by the Governor-in-Council this 17th day of May, 1926.

Signed, E. D'A. TIBBITS,
Clerk of the Council."

The Crown Agents Bulletin of April-June, 1926, makes mention of the fact that the 1d violet, and 1½d red, are on order, to be printed from plate 11; and in the following issue, as having been dispatched, along with another printing of the 2d.

To produce these 1½d stamps use was made of DLR-1888, King George V, Postage & Revenue keyplate No. 11, die 2 (introduced about September, 1923), in sheets of 120, 2 panes of 60 each, separated by a narrow gutter. Multiple Crown and script CA paper was used, and the perforation is comb 14. The plate number (11) in colorless on a solid circle of color, with a narrow band surrounding it, appears in the usual positions, twice in the upper and lower margins, over and under the 2nd and 5th stamps of the left and right panes respectively.

The figures and letters of the value tablet are in color on a plain ground, within a hexagonal frame. The duty plate was provided with a marginal line, so that completed sheets have a double marginal line, the inner one belonging to the keyplate, and that on the outside, to the duty plate.

The stamps were placed on sale at St. John's, Antigua, on September 10, 1926, and in the other Presidencies of the Federation either on or about that date.

Sept. 10, 1926. King George V (DLR-1888, Postage & Revenue). Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. Plate 11. Comb perforated 14.

1½d rose-carmine.

The postage rates on letters, post cards, parcels, etc., passing within, and to destinations beyond the Colony, as set forth in Statutory Rules and Orders No. 5 of 1926, made by the Governor-in-Council on March 1, 1926, with effect from 1st April, 1926, were slightly modified by Orders No. 21 of 1926, made October 8, 1926, effective October 11, 1926.

In these Orders the rates on post cards "to the United Kingdom and Ireland," and the other countries named in the second section under "Letters" of the Orders No. 5 of 1926, were reduced to 1d single and 2d reply; those to "all other places," remaining 1½d and 3d.

Section 8 "Short title and commencement" of Orders 21 of 1926, reads as follows:—

"These Rules may be cited as the Rates of Postage Rules, 1926, and shall come into operation on the eleventh day of October, 1926, Provided that the rate of postage on post cards authorised by paragraph 1 (2) of Schedule 'A' hereto shall come into operation on the first day of December, 1926."

Following the issue of the 1½d red, the 1d red, Roman CA watermarked, was ordered destroyed. This stamp was on sale at Antigua, and in some of the other Presidencies, concurrently, with the 1d violet, script CA.

The 1½d red of the British Virgins, in the King's head and Presidential Seal type, was placed on sale at Roadtown, Tortola, on January 24, 1927, along with the 1d violet, and a reprinting of the 2½d in blue.

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St. Kitts-Nevis,	6.15.1920	*	8.15.1925
Br. Virgins,	*	*	1.24.1927
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Definitions

Latgale or Lettgallen Issue.—An issue of two stamps by Latvia in March, 1920, to celebrate the re-conquest of the territory of this name from the Bolsheviks.

Latvija (Latwija) Pasta or Latwijas Pasts.—An inscription on the stamps of Latvia or Lettland meaning "Lettish Post" or "Posts."

Lemberg Issue. — Four alleged stamps of Western Ukrainia, cataloged under Nos. 5 to 8, in use only one day, and considered by European authorities to be a bogus issue.

Liberation of Courland Issue.—Four stamps of Latvia, Nos. 64 to 67, issued in 1920, to commemorate the expulsion of the Bolsheviks from Courland, the southern province of Latvia. The design by Sarrinsch probably represents the conflict of Beowulf with the dragon, instead of St. George, as usually stated.

Staempel.—(The plural form of "stampel.") Shown on the 1863 newspaper stamps of Austria.

Stampel. — This word meaning "stamp" is found on some of the newspaper stamps of Austria.

Stamp Bourse. — The name applied to a place where postage stamps are sold or exchanged by collectors. The Paris stamp bourse is a notable example and has acquired world-wide publicity from its unique open air merchandizing of postage stamps.

Stamped Paper.—A general name that is applicable to envelopes, newspaper bands, etc., that are impressed by a postal design, also to paper used for revenue purposes, bearing a revenue printing.

Stampalia.—One of the Aegean islands which has been supplied with special stamps by the Italian government since 1913.

Stamp Booklets.—Many countries now issue their low value stamps bound up in booklet form for the convenience of people wishing to carry stamps with them. As a rule these books consist of a few sheets or leaves of six or eight stamps, separated by grease proof paper to prevent their sticking together, the whole being bound in thin card covers.

Ship-to-Shore

—Attempt by the Ile de France to Establish Air Mail Service.

The steamship Ile de France, which will attempt to establish a regular ship-to-shore air mail service over the Atlantic, sailed for New York August 8.

On the upper deck under a specially built windproof tent, the liner carried a large catapult airplane which will be hurled in the air with its burden of mail, when the ship is 24 hours sailing from New York. A similar experiment will be made on the return off the European coast and regularly thereafter when the weather permits.

On this trip, the plane will carry mail only, but subsequently it was expected that service would be offered passengers with the idea of bringing Paris within five days travel of New York.

The letters destined to be taken off the steamer by plane bore 10 francs additional postage and to those marked to continue the journey westward from New York by the American air mail another two francs was added.

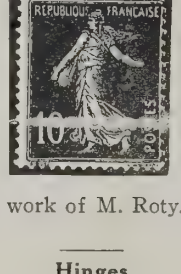
Junior Dictionary

K. G. C. A.—These letters surcharged on stamps of Jugo Slavia stand for "Koruska Glasoona Cona A" and mean in English "Carinthian Plebiscite, Zone A." They were issued October 10, 1920, and were sold for three times the face value.

La Aguera.—A colony of Spain on the west coast of Africa, south of Cape Juby, and in the northern part of Rio de Oro. The inscription above is found on the stamps of Rio de Oro, issue of 1920.

La Croix Freres.—Parts of these letters found in the 1872 issue of Mexico, as watermarks, indicate the name of the firm that made the paper.

La Semeuse (The Sower).—A name applied to the design of certain French



stamps, the work of M. Roty. First used in 1903.

Hinges

Stamp hinges can be divided into two groups, namely—poor ones and good ones. There was a time when it was necessary to use glue or paste of some kind to keep stamps in place in an album. Some old collections come on the market nowadays which show that the old time collector did all sorts of things to hold his stamps; nearly everything being tried but hammer and nails. Even today, some collectors use pieces of gummed paper that are cut from the flaps of envelopes. I have actually seen small pieces of adhesive surgical tape used as hinges!

When it comes to stamp hinges, made for the sole purpose of holding stamps on sheets or in an album, the best are none too good. When you pay out good money for a stamp, whether it be the penny apiece variety or several dollars per copy, treat it the way it deserves to be treated. Don't get the idea it has a pain in the back and needs an adhesive plaster as a support. Use a good quality hinge and only stick a very small portion of it to the stamp. Place the hinge close to the top of the stamp and in this way it can be easily examined after being placed in its proper space in the album.—A. C. LeDuc.

Procrastination

A few days ago I received an approval selection that had been out for 21 months. The customer said he was "sorry" to have kept it so long, but that he had been sick. Poor fellow! If most of us had been sick all that time we wouldn't be able to ever write even that much. He probably really expected his story to be believed!

Here is an actual case that came to my attention this spring. As a young man Mr. X collected stamps, but for some reason or other he lost interest in the hobby. The war came on and he enlisted for service. When the big show was over and he returned home to this country he shifted around awhile for regular work. Finally settling down to routine work his interest in stamps did not come back. The stamps had been laid away in books, boxes and envelopes, and were practically forgotten. One day this spring he happened to see an advertisement in a magazine about someone wanting to buy old stamps. That set him to thinking and he hunted thru his effects and dug up his collection and duplicates that had laid idle all this time. What was his dismay to find among his stamps, a forgotten selection of stamps on approval from a midwestern dealer. These had been lying there for nearly 20 years. He promptly mailed them to the address given on the return envelope little thinking that they would ever reach the original dealer-owner. Within a week, he received a nice long letter from the dealer thanking him for the belated return of his stamps.—A. C. LeDuc.

Georgia Peach Stamp

We have received a very interesting letter from Waldemar Wurts in which he enclosed a specimen of a ½c Georgia state revenue stamp which Mr. Wurts feels may well be called a peach stamp if not a "peach of a stamp." Each crate of peaches coming north recently has been bearing one of these stamps fixed tightly to the crate and they are removed with great difficulty. The stamp shows the seal of the state and the signature of the Commissioner of Agriculture with the words "Graded and packed in conformity with the 1927 standardization law." The stamp is printed in red. Quite recently we published for Mr. Wurts an exchange request in which the word "foreign" was omitted. He has received a number of letters which he could not answer as desired. Collectors who desire an exchange for foreign revenue, telegraph or local stamps should correspond with Mr. Wurts at 161 Williams St., East Orange, N. J.

Goliad

A small town in Texas, with a population of little more than 2,000, which is famous philatelically from the fact that in

1861 Mr. J. A. Clarke, the postmaster at that time, issued 5c and 10c stamps previous to the introduction of the general issue for the Confederate States.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

REVIEW OF THE NEW POSTAGE STAMPS

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be noticed by the casual observer. for a change, thought our worthy Office Dept." and presto appears semi oval, quarto-octagonal blue of Columbus discovering Amer should be ("Landing in America" take pleasure in giving the sub diminutive engraving for our cousins, who will be sadly perple find date or name over or und narrow, little but excellently en picture. We think the interesting pictured out on this 15c stamp o about 1492. The view of Columb his adherants is in the centre of a orately engraved brown frame. the stamp is too small for the pict the latter too large for the stam a *postage stamp* we consider the article a failure, as a pretty pict an illuminated A. B. C. book, a success.

Twenty-four Cent Stamp

This stamp is open to same obj as the last, excepting in one (the date) under the representation Declaration of Independence, whi cupies the centre of the stamp. T ture should have been named over or beneath it. It is true th 1776 is there, but what does that si Strangers, especially foreigners, stare at the group of stately Quakers, and wonder whether the enjoying a peep of Congress, or into the President's House at Wash The color of the picture is either ple, lilac or brown, we cannot de which and the octagonal view "Signing of the Declaration" is surr by a highly ornamented green lettered and figured appropriately.

Thirty Cent Stamp

This like the ten cent stamp, in has the inevitable eagle and shiel the usual admixtures of stars an found on many of our national em The eagle mounted on a shield, in vermilion, occupies the center stamp, while upon either side depe of our national flags printed in A semi circle composed of thirteen in white, ornament the blue backg thus blending the red, white an harmoniously. A large 30 is prin lower portion of shield, while the a of "Thirty Cents" in a waved line lower end of stamp, fully sets fo value as a letter carrier.

Ninety Cent Stamp

A very correct portrait of th President Lincoln, in oval frame, oc the centre of this stamp; althou beauty of the picture is greatly by the harrow like cross bars imp on the back and it is harrowing to feelings to see all that we hold d our patriotic hearts, compelled to through the prison bars so unfe impressed upon the centre of al pretty little postage stamps. No such action on Uncle Sam's par raised our ire and our backs, and not all—it has raised even the bac the stamps. Lincoln is printed in very appropriately, and surrounded handsomely labeled carmine frame, value in figures at upper corners letters at lower corners. This is a neatly arranged stamp and conclud series.

NOTE.—Tho written 59 yrs. ago Durbin notes the difference in size 15c value. How many collectors day know this? Note also his com regarding the grill on the 90c This shows that even in the old collectors were pretty keen observe what passed thru their hands.

LOOKING AROUND

By "MARQUETTE".

m inclined to doubt whether the t advance in the price of the 4d 6d Ascension, as notified by our shers, is really justified. Many judges consider the figures quoted recent supplement are on the high so it would be advisable to regard as distinctly *not* stamps for a des- gamble at anything like a high At the same time, the rise in has not brought any large parcels the market, so the stamps may be rter supply than I think.

m continually getting reminders South Africa of the shortage of h-Wests" out there. Even when s are advertised by local dealers, ads are not backed by very much and some of them are trying to in England, though there is not surplus stock. I am inclined to this country a better purchase for than either Rhodesians or Irish, at t prices, though there is still scope ppreciation in all three.

roup which will, in my opinion, re- more attention in the near future it has done in the past, is that of ustralian states, New South Wales, sland, Victoria, etc. The rather me catalogue lists scare off many tors, but even during the period these countries have been regarded ead" for all but super-specialists, has been steady buying, and stocks eing depleted. There should be bargains still obtainable by those vill take the trouble to learn a little these stamps (I refer particularly middle and later issues), as I am s getting letters from Australian spondents pointing out that such uch an item is fetching three times gue at the Antipodes and that sup- are unobtainable.

the present Commonwealth stamp r manages to secure uniformity of manship in his output, so that the of flaws, retouches, and other va- definitely abates, the craze for monwealths" in Australia will give to a demand for the pre-federation , and as there is real buying power ere, there will be a rapid absorption maining stocks when the change . Not that I disbelieve in the fu- f Commonwealth issues. They are al interest to collectors; but once sues of a country become more or table, interest is apt to wane, as ance of picking up varieties at face becomes less.

ed on an Australian demand, I also recommend attention being o the stamps of Tonga, Fiji, and Islands. These are most interest- nd Tonga, at least, has not been stively studied. Here, again, there yers quietly at work picking up the which are getting scarce, and when ush comes, as it surely will, the mers will get left.

factor which is not given sufficient leration when buying stamps for ment, is the financial position of the in the country concerned. In many ries stamp dealers have not suffi- capital to lay down stocks of new rrent stamps. Consequently the earance of a stamp usually entails rp rise in value, save in those ries where there are individual ators, or where the Government stocks of obsolete stamps for sale local trade, as in Italy.

rest charges are very high in many ies since the War (a correspondent oned 5 per cent per month as a ate charge in one of the new Eu- n states), and this makes it neces- to buy only for immediate needs. the big dealers in the large stamp s now have to cover so wide a hat the amount available for "lay- own" stocks is nothing like what it n the early days, but the new issue es of course bring a definite sup- all obtainable stamps into circula- There are more chances of making in modern stamps today than were before the War, but sound nation and good judgment are d.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

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The advent of air mail brought in its wake a new phase of the hobby of philately, which is simply an erudite term for stamp collecting.

Incidentally, the Postoffice Department is not averse to the new form of stamp collecting, for it increases revenue and encourages the spread of air mail.

The devotees of aerial philately are eagerly awaiting the opening within the next three months of three new mail routes, for the most highly prized air mail stamps are those with the cancellation dated on the opening date of a new route.

It has been estimated by postal authorities that collectors have sent from 50,000 to 85,000 pieces of mail on inaugural flights in order to obtain the cancelled stamps.

One of the new routes, which the philatelists are waiting to flood with mail on the opening day, is from Atlanta to Miami, via Macon and Jacksonville. Another is from Atlanta to Chicago, branching off at Evansville to connect with St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha. The third is from New Orleans to Galveston, with one leg to Brownsville and another to San Antonio to connect with air routes to Mexico City, Central and South America.

Thirty-five of the cities on air mail routes in the United States have special cancellation stamps, or cachets. The aim of the collectors is to own a cancelled stamp from each of these cities.

These cachets are designed with the idea of giving the city publicity. Galveston, for example, has a cachet celebrating its seacoast position, Peoria's cachet illustrates progress from the pony express to the airplane. Des Moines vaunts itself upon being the "crossroads" of air mail travel.

The modern, up-to-date philatelist, according to postal officials, is of all citizens of these United States the most air minded.

ITEMS—

WE are in receipt of a new wholesale list issued by W. H. Avery, Obispo 55, Havana, Cuba. He has an interesting lot of packets, and especially Cuban. The list is for dealers exclusively. Our readers will kindly note Mr. Avery's change of address as given.

SEVERAL additional first flight 5c airmail covers are at hand. One from San Francisco comes from F. C. Lawrence, one from Dallas, Texas from J. E. Guest, another Ogden, Utah from Bradie Buchanan, and two from A. E. Gorham, postmarked Great Falls, Mont., and Salt Lake City, Utah.

NORWAY 1854-1924

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The remaining values of the series, viz., the 2, 25, 35 and 60ö, were not required until after Knudsen took the contract. Their appearance was approximately: 35ö October, 1895; 25ö February, 1898; 2ö May, 1899; and 60ö August, 1900.

We have already spoken of the 5ö stamp of the previous type with the 13½x12½ perforation, which must have occurred as a trial with a new machine. This new machine was regularly put into use about December, 1893, and employed upon the stamps of the Roman lettering type until December, 1897, when another new machine just purchased in England was employed which reverted to the former gauge of 14½x13½. All the values with the exception of the 2 and 60ö come with the 13½x12½ perforation.

With the dissolution of the union with Sweden and the deposition of King Oscar the Norwegians quickly retired the three stamps that bore his portrait and substituted three surcharged stamps, using remainders of the 2sk yellow of 1867. The overprinting was done by the printers of the regular stamps and there are no varieties except that the 2kr occurs inverted, but is extremely rare thus. The numbers printed were 1kr 139,300, 1.50kr 68,400 and 2kr 67,300. They were issued June 26, 1905.

Because of a reduction in the inland parcel rates on July 1, 1906, a 30ö stamp was deemed necessary and the first supplies of the new value were made by overprinting remainders of the 7sk of

1872. The work was done by the Knudsen firm as before and there are no varieties. The number overprinted was 449,500. A permanent stamp of the same value was soon prepared and issued in the regular type on April 2, 1907. Again on April 9, 1908, a provisional stamp of 15ö was issued overprinted on the 4sk remainders of 1872 to the number of 720,000. The permanent value followed on October 3, 1908.

Meanwhile preparations had been made to replace the provisional kronen stamps with permanent ones showing the portrait of the new King Haakon VII. A competition was held in 1905 for a new design for Norwegian stamps, and one by the painter Halfdan Wiberg was chosen and the dies prepared by Wilhelm Scheel & Co. of Kristiania. It is understood that the original intention was to have them line engraved, but as Knudsen's firm was not accustomed to work from engraved plates they were prepared for surface printing from electrotypes as with the öre values. The results were not wholly satisfactory to the Postal Department and the numbers printed varied little from those of the provisional issue, viz., 1kr 138,300, 1½kr 65,600 and 2kr 62,800. They were issued on August 10, 1907, on thick watermarked paper, perforated 14½x13½ and the size of the impression is 16x20mm. Meanwhile the dies were ordered to be re-engraved and the first stamp issued from these was the 2kr which was printed by the Mallings Printing Company of Kristiania and issued on March 16, 1909. The number printed was 273,600. The 1kr was the next stamp to be issued on December 23, 1909, to the number of 51,200 and the 1½kr on April 15, 1910, to the number of 22,300, both stamps being printed this time by Fabritius & Sons of Kristiania. The perforation and paper are as before. The principal difference between the two dies is in the size of the impression, the re-engraved one measuring 17x21½mm, thus being slightly larger. The head is noticeably larger in the re-engraving and the shading on the forehead is different, being extended to the middle of the forehead and ending in dots. The scrolls at the sides of the stamp are ornamented with large white dots and dashes on the re-engraved stamps instead of the small white dots of the first die.

—New England Stamp Monthly.

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By A. KOUINDJY, Sov. Phil. Assn.

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OUR BOOK REVIEW

We have received from the Harris Publications, 112 Strand, London W.C.2, England, a review copy of "Who's Who in Philately" for 1928. It is a very pretentious book of 184 pages and furnishes a great deal of useful information. The publishers state that none of the matter in the text is paid for and that various offers of this nature for this and past editions have been consistently declined. There are some supplementary features including an obituary page and a specialists' index. The price of the book is 84c.

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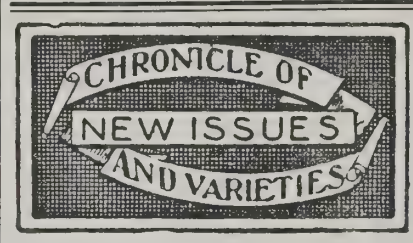

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United States

Early Covers

In a recent Chronicle, mention was made of two covers bearing humorous markings due to the fact that the stamps in the early days were not sticking very well to the letters. Mr. W. R. King now writes that he has a further cover bearing the 3c 1857 perforated, cancelled "Nebraska City, N. T. May 10th" with the following notation, "This is paid if the darn thing sticks."

Mr. W. F. Goerner sends for inspection two equally interesting covers, one bearing a 3c 1851 cancelled "Johnstown, N. Y., June 22, 1857." Around the stamp we find in manuscript, "Paid if the thing sticks."

A second cover cancelled, "Van Buren, Ark", shows that the stamp had fallen from the cover after the cover had been postmarked, and the postmaster writes where the stamp belongs, "Paid—stamp off." These curious covers which are indicative of the early troubles with postage stamps, make an interesting addition to any collection.

5c Air Mail

In inspecting a number of copies of this stamp, I note that three distinct shades are to be found. One the normal variety on the white paper in the blue and red, the second shade shows a deeper red, the paper having a reddish tinge due to the fact that the plate for printing the red border is somewhat new. The third shade shows the paper with a bluish tinge, due to the blue plate being new. When the three are together, they are very distinct.

Mr. H. H. Benners calls attention to a small spot found in the upper portion of the left figure "5" on the first stamp in the right pane from Plate 19550. I have checked this variety and find that it is constant, so that the defect is, no doubt, on the plate.

Several other correspondents call attention to the fact that they have found copies wherein the blue printing is over the red and mention the plate positions. Such a variety is not due to a plate defect, but they occur just the same as in the case of the Pan-American issue of 1901. These stamps are printed in two operations and if the second printing does not register exactly with the first printing, the center runs into the border. These stamps are not printed by the single process, such as the case with numerous foreign varieties, but they are printed on a hand-press, the center being printed first and later the border. In the case of the early issue of 1901, at times the center was fully a quarter of an inch out of register, but I have seen no such varieties in the current air mail variety.

The stamp came into extensive use on August first, at which time the air mail rate was reduced and since that date, the Philadelphia office has more than doubled its air mail business. No doubt, the new low rate will vastly increase the use of this service on long distance letters.

On the first day several postmasters applied special postmarks commemorating the change and I wish to thank Messrs. O. C. Rittenhouse, S. Dreyer, S. M., J. H. Brackett, M. A. Vogel, J. E. Guest, V. H. Ford, A. A. Leve, George E. Virden, and Charles F. Becker, for first day covers which are appreciated.

Envelopes

The bids calling for the printing of the new envelopes beginning with January first next, have been opened and it is found that one bid is lower than that of the present contractors. Of course, before the bid can be awarded, the Department must naturally investigate the facilities of the new concern for turning out the covers required. It takes not only capital, but an equipped organization to supply the many post offices with the millions of stamped envelopes required and as the present contractors have had great experience, it is to be regretted if it is found advisable to place the contract elsewhere. The Department has sixty days to make its decision which will give the contractors three months to prepare and make deliveries.

While speaking of envelopes, the precancelled collector may have something new to add to his album before long. In accordance with Section 435½ of the new postal regulations, it is possible to send two hundred identical pieces of third class mail, and as most of the mail of this type is in stamped envelopes, it has been thought that it might be advisable to have these envelopes pre-cancelled by the manufacturers for use in the numerous cities that are at present using pre-cancelled postage stamps. The marking would, no doubt, include the name of the town and state, as well as mention of the fact that it is in ance with Section 435½ P. L. & I

Collectors have, no doubt, notic many of the circulars now bein out under permit bear this number.

It is also possible under the new lations for business firms and oth enclose special postals or envelope out stamps, which when used by t dressee may go free of all post himself, the amount being co from the receiver of the commun This prevents the waste of nu stamps by enclosing a stamped en or postal for reply. In such a ca firm sending out the circulars pay for those actually returned, altho excess charge is made for the serv

Full details as to necessary ma quantities, etc., are given in the Bulletin of July 21st.

Alaouites.—Whitfield King report the appearance of the stamp of Syria with the sur "Alaouites and 2p" in red and al tive characters above and below th of the country.

Also the 25c olive-green has be charged for use as a 4p. The ov of the country's name is in small and not capitals as heretofore.

Czecho Slovakia.—Whitfield K Co. send for note the 5h posta stamp in red.

France.—Mr. Ralph Lesgor that he is informed that the d'Amortissement" stamps of 1fr5 8fr50c recently issued by the Government were for the purp giving stamp collectors a chance France pay her debts, and will pr be surcharged to be used for p About 2,000,000 were printed and the time of its suspension only 400,000 were sold, according to in tion printed by *L'Echo de la T logie.*

Gold Coast.—New Pictorial has now been despatched, the colo the values being as under. For of the design see our last refere *P. M.* for April 28. ½d gree brown, 1½d red, 2d grey, 2½d oran blue, 6d black and purple, 1/- bla salmon, 2/- black and violet, 5/- r sage-green.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Great Britain.—*British Comme tive Issue.*—According to the *Telegraph,* a set of commem stamps is being prepared for iss connection with the ninth Congr the Universal Postal Union, which be held in London next year.—*Ph Magazine.*

Lebanon Republic.—Whitfield & Co. advise of a 15p on 25c red print and 50c postage due stamp w red surcharge.

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Mexico.—*Air Post.*—The 25c and lake Air Mail, chronicled or Francis J. Field's authority in our 5th issue, has apparently had a very life, for Messrs. Bright & Son repo ceipt of the same value, for the purpose, the border now being in instead of lake (or carmine, as tioned in Messrs. Bright's corres ent's letter covering the stamp). reason for the change, it is explain that there have been cases where, in ing letters, air stamps have been

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Niue.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 2sh bright blue, Admiral type, on thick chalky Cowan paper.

Russia.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle a copy of the new 18 kop blue with portrait of Lenin, on chalky paper.

Syria.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the following new provisionals with red surcharge: 2p on 1.25c, 4p on 25c and 7p50c on 2.50c.

Uruguay.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us copies of the Air Mail stamps of this country watermarked "Republica O. del Uruguay" the inscription "Nacional" at the foot is the same as before. The values and colors are: 10c green, 20c orange, 30c deep blue, 38c green, 40c yellow, 50c violet, 76c red-orange, all perf. 12x11, 1P scarlet, 1P14c deep blue, 1P52c yellow, 1P90c violet, 3P80c scarlet, all perf. 11.

PRECANCEL POTPOURRI

By Frederick W. Allen.

Bureau Prints are without question the best buy in precancels—at Mitchell prices—Dr. Mitchell has very fairly deduced the valuations, which collectors should remember are *net* for *perfect* copies. Of course there are some items that have cause to fluctuate, such as 1½c Atchison coil—75c being too high now for the number on the market.

It seems that just as soon as you boost a Bureau item into the dollar class, a supply comes to light. Scarce items deserve a good price but prices must be subject to frequent revision because of this factor. To cite specific instances that have occurred, bear in mind: 1c Frenchtown coil, 1c New Britain coil, 2c Schenectady coil, 1c Berea coil, 1c, 1½c Macon coils, etc. But the one item that will never drop is the 1½c Liberty, Mo., coil for the dope has it that the major portion of the stock was destroyed when the Federal authorities closed up the patent medicine mail order business in which they were used.

What happens to all the 6c Saint Louis Bureaus? There is the best "sleeper" among the lower priced items.

The Dallas 4c perf. 10 is going to be mighty good. If you haven't it you had better secure the other perf. 10 Dallas before the market supply is exhausted.

We unearthed a 1c Manville coil the other day. Talk about precancel thrills—where are they more frequently experienced than hunting through unpicked lots for the items nearly everyone has on his Bureau Print want list?

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San Rafael, Calif., breaks into the U-12 circle with its initial precancelling device.

It is rather difficult to keep up with the various new handstamped styles that are constantly appearing, yet there is not an overabundance of them, for advanced state specialists need a constant whetting of their interest.

The oddest Minneapolis precancel to appear for many months is the current 10c coil in the U-13 electro. This is a Savage Co. variety. As has been explained before, the Savage Co. is allowed the privilege of having stamps received as remittances, precancelled by the plate at the main office. In the reconstruction of the sheets (the stamps are lightly attached to a paper, the size of a sheet of stamps), odd varieties such as coils are included. This explains the coils in the U-3 style, the Huguenot-Walloon series, etc., but does not explain two 5c red errors that exist in the U-13 style. The latter have never been offered for sale, but if they are—bear in mind that they are absolutely not legitimate.—*Precancel Gazette.*

RESELLO ISSUES OF NICARAGUA

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from the American Bank Note Co., which included among others, the 4 and 6 centavo postal values. These were laid aside for preparation of the "Resello 1928," the issue for the ensuing year. I therefore estimate that the date or dates of the three varieties in black copying ink to have been made in October or early part of November, 1927.

On December 31, 1927, all "1927" Resello stamps were declared void for postal duty. The remaining stocks on hand in the post offices throughout the Republic had or were being exchanged for the new "Resello 1928" surcharges. The new surcharged stamps were the same as the violet issue, except the date. The stamps of the fourth issue automatically became current without further decree. The changing of the year being a matter of common sense, so that the terms of the "Revolutionary Decree" of April 28th were still in force. There were two deliveries of these stamps, the first being December 31, although its distribution occurred to allow the sale of stamps to take place on January 3, 1928, and the second on March 6, 1928. The writer will tabulate the quantities of each printing separate in this instance.

Quantities of Fourth Issue

First Delivery

½ centavo,	200,000	stamps
1 "	250,000	"
1 " R de C,	250,000	"
2 centavos,	250,000	"
3 "	54,600	"
4 "	50,000	"
5 "	100,000	"
6 "	22,600	"
10 "	111,600	"
15 "	61,300	"
20 "	50,000	"
25 "	50,000	"
50 "	51,600	"
$1 cordoba,	11,600	"

Second Delivery

1 centavo,	193,800	stamps
1 " R de C,	150,000	"
2 centavos,	232,897	"

There were two settings for the surcharging of the issue, that used for the March 6th delivery showed two minor varieties on each value. Stamp No. 10 shows a Roman "1" in 1928, and Stamp No. 30 the "1" missing or "928." I understand that these varieties were corrected before the surcharging was finished.

Discussion of Resello Stamps

Second and Third Issues

The philatelic sages could describe the first issue as being "too small" and consequently the second and possibly the third as being "too large" when the time for their combined usage was only seven and a half months, or May 15th to December 31, 1927. The problem of anticipating stamp quantities was complex at this time. The happy medium was missed under the conditions governing these stamps.

The second and third issues exceeded the quantities of the first, with the known exceptions of the 4 and 6 centavo (violet surcharge). Again speculation attached itself to these two scantily surcharged values. It differed from that of the 4 and 6 centavo black surcharges in as much as the control of the "violets" was vested in one person. Many were used on "mails" and the remainder held for stamp collectors. The present balance is limited and await the demands of a certain number of collectors, and when absorbed, the "curtain" falls on two rare stamps of Nicaragua. The "lucky" purchaser has been more than fair in the price in proportion to quantities and demand for these values.

The setting of the second and third issues lacked minor sheet varieties. The stamps when seen appeared to be roughly printed. The later printings showed "worn type" and defective variations. Again, errors of surcharge are found on all values, except the 5 (violet), 20 and 25 centavo values. Shifted surcharges are more plentiful on them. These stamps are easily identified and classified from those of the first printing.

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the commoner values used largely because the "hated" ink (violet indelible) could spoil a higher valued stamp before usage. The cancelled "violet Resellos" are often in such poor condition that the quantities suitable for philately will be reduced materially. So on December 31, 1927 "remainder" stocks of the second and third issues were on hand.

Early in 1928, the Government took immediate steps to dispose of these "remainders" by having them cancelled individually and in sheet form, so as to destroy their original postal and face value and then to be sold "as is" at $2.00 per thousand stamps. This plan was perfectly proper, but the actual sale of them was made too quickly without good inspection. Skips and "leaks" occurred in the cancelling of the stamps and sheets when stamps of all the "remainder" values appeared uncancelled.

The remainders were sold in two large lots, which we can number in order of service as No. 1 and 2. Lot No. 2 may be considered as the balance of the stock, while lot No. 1 may have been more "regular." The writer has inspected lot No. 2, the largest of the two in number of stamps which up to date (July 15, 1928) is still intact and in original containers. In other words no stamps had been disposed of.

From this examination I will make the following statements in an effort to clear up the "remainder" situation and to explain the entire transaction of the sale, which has already been crudely featured in philatelic publications. These statements are made and to the best of my knowledge to be truthful.

No. 1—No "black Resellos" were in the lot.

No. 2—There were no 4c, 5c (violet), 6c or any "Resello R de C" in the lot.

No. 3—Omitting items mentioned in No. 2, the unused other values do not allow for complete sets and is even limited in cancelled sets.

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Fourth Issue

The setting for the first delivery (second delivery already discussed) was with new type and free of minor sheet varieties. Fewer "shifts" and "errors of surcharge" were found in the latter, only the ½c, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c and 25c values were affected. The issue can be considered as being well executed and of good appearance.

This issue was unexpectedly withdrawn for further postal duty due to the confusion of the "1927 remainders" being used in conjunction with them. All stocks were ordered back to Managua and they are sealed in the Treasury of the Republic. The writer and his correspondents will use their best efforts to have the entire stock "as is" burned up before witnesses, rather than a duplication of "remainder" trouble experienced with the "1927" issues.

Conclusion

From May 3, 1927 to June 15, 1928, appeared a large number of different Resello stamps, the real Revolutionary stamps of Nicaragua. I have tried to tell all collectors the whole story as I have learned it. If there still remains anything "hazy" in the minds of anyone, the writer implores them to write to him, Box 16, Station L, New York City, enclosing self addressed and stamped envelope, have a little patience and I will try to clear up the trouble. I might add that this article will be sent to a prominent official in Nicaragua so that a repetition of the "remainder" evil will never occur again. I hope that my readers have not let the grass grow under their feet, but will get these stamps before they are gone. The cancelled violets will naturally fill a want of those collectors whose pocket books are thinner than others.

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On August 13th, the first section of the Advance Sheets of the new 1929 catalogue, published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, were received. This covers the entire listing of the United and Confederate States. I do not recall ever checking a lot of Advance Sheets where the changes were so numerous, for most of the early varieties advance, and in the case from 1890 on, there is only a stamp here and there, which remains at the former figure.

These new prices reflect the large number of advanced specialists coming in the market for fine early items, and shows that numerous collectors who heretofore have been collecting the country as a whole, have decided that they can make the best showing on the amount that they care to expend by starting in with the Bureau Issues, or say the issue of 1890. These later varieties still offer a wonderful opportunity for investment, and as they have shown the greatest increases in the past five years, I believe that in five years hence today's prices will look as if they had been presented to the collector as a present.

In checking the catalogue, please note that the prices are for good average specimens. The demand for the superb copy is becoming greater year by year, and these naturally command a larger premium.

The postmasters, as usual, stand still with a few very minor exceptions, such as the Providence varieties and one or two St. Louis. Fine copies are practically bringing the same prices that they brought five or ten years back and will, no doubt, be bringing the same figures as many years hence. Those who are really interested in postmasters, may be counted on the fingers of the two hands, and even then, I am making a liberal allowance. Most are old line collectors who started years past, for the man coming into the field today who can afford to buy such varieties, usually passes them by. The 5c New York seems to be the only exception. A number of years back, one of the active dealers of the time was instrumental in interesting a number of collectors in these issues, but as his philatelic activities in United States issues lessened, the postmasters have been, more or less, dropped so that the current prices reflect current values.

In the general issues, the 1847 varieties stand still, with the exception of the horizontal half of the 10c used as 5c. There is only one copy of this variety known, that being in the B. K. Miller Collection, so that the advance means little. The two reprints are now priced at $8.00 and $10.00. As one or two are plating these, the small available stock is gradually becoming absorbed.

The 1851 series from the 1c to the 10c Type I inclusive, move forward in almost every case. The 1c Type I used goes to $400 and is still reasonable at this figure. The imperforate 24c, 30c and 90c stood still, although they are readily bringing in the open market full catalog or more, so that an advance would not have been out of the way.

In the 1857 series several stamps increase, the 1c Type III unused now listing $150.00, the 5c brick-red used at $32.50 and its red-brown side-partner $27.50. The 10c Type I, like the imperforate stamps increase both unused and used. In this issue, we find one of the few varieties that has decreased in value, namely the 1c Type IV unused, which drops to $100.00 This is still too high for a fresh unused copy which usually comes without gum, but I would gladly pay twice this figure for a perfection, well centered unused copy with full gum.

All of the reprints have advanced, the set now listing $193.50. These advances in the reissues are well warranted, for dealers have been paying in New York auctions nearly full catalog or more for good copies, for some months and they are still reasonable at the prevailing quotations, when one considers the few that were issued.

The August issue, with the exception of the 5c, which goes to $1,200.00, still stands at the old figures, in spite of the fact that many of them have changed hands in the last couple years at greatly increased quotations. If anyone has available, or can obtain, mint copies of the 12c, 30c, and 90c at full catalog prices, I would be glad to purchase them at very handsome increases, as the present quotations are practically the only ones in the 1929 catalogue that I would classify as "away out of the way."

The September issue of the same series increases in the case of the 3c pink and lake, as well as the 30c and 90c, the latter being priced at $50.00 unused and $15.00 used. In the following, 1862 series, the 15c used and the 24c unused, make slight increases.

The 1867 grills, the most difficult series of United States stamps to complete in fine condition, move up in many cases, the 3c grilled all over unused going to $100 and is still cheap, if fine. The two varieties grilled 12x14, always difficult stamps to obtain and generally missing in all stocks, go to new high ground in both conditions. Of the 11x13, the 2c increases

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and the diagonal half used as 1c moved to $100.00. I have always found this several times rarer than the ungrilled split, although it is priced one third cheaper. The same remarks apply to the split with the smaller grill. The 12c and 15c of the same issue move to $30 and $40 unused, and $5 and $6 used. Of the smaller grills 9x13, the 5c, 30c and 90c unused are now priced at $40, $50 and $125 respectively, while the 5c, 12c, 15c, 30c and 40c move slightly higher in cancelled condition. The reissues from 2c to 15c inclusive, have been increased. The 1c which is fairly plentiful remaining as heretofore. Why the three high denominations were left standing still, I cannot say, as these command around full catalog from dealers and naturally are sold at a profit.

The scarcer lower values of the 1869 issue, namely the 1c, 2c, 10c and 12c are increased in both conditions. The rare 15c unused is now priced at $60.00 and is a most difficult stamp to obtain. Of the reissues the 10c and 30c are now listed at $16 and $25 respectively.

In the Bank Note issues, numerous changes here and there are to be found. In the grilled varieties the 1c unused and the 30c in both conditions move higher. Of the "without grill" issue, all of the higher values take very fair increases and anyone who has endeavored to complete this set in superb condition, either used or unused, will have to do some hunting. In the Continental set two or three changes are made of minor importance. All of the special prints without exception in the case of the soft paper and all of the hard paper with the exception of the 2c vermilion and 5c blue, take very substantial increases and rightly so, for there has been quite a demand in the last several years for these two issues with practically no stock available. The two 1875 on hard paper, as well as all of the 1879 from 3c up, are increasing.

From this point on, there are few stamps that have stood still, this being particularly so of the higher denominations which are always most desirable and are seldom if ever found in the general collections that come to a dealer's hands, so that in order to obtain them he must compete with the collector at auction or else purchase the larger collections. I am pleased to see that the 4c green, special printing, has had the former price of $85.00 deleted, for the stamp has been worth many times this amount for several years. All of the 1888-1890 and the Columbian issue of 1893 have increased, with the exception of one or two of the cheaper stamps. The five high value Columbians in unused condition now being priced at $7, $6, $12.50, $15 and $17.50 respectively. The 1895 issue all difficult to obtain in nice condition will cost the collector more and this includes the imperforates which are still most reasonable at $8.50 per stamp. The $2 and $5 are now priced at $25 and $60 unused, and $15 and $40 in cancelled condition. The same remarks apply to the 1895 and 1898 issue, of which the available supply is becoming smaller.

All of the Omahas increase, the $2 going to $15 in unused condition. They have priced the 8c imperf. horizontally at $100.00, and if anyone has a pair or two that they want to sell at a handsome increase over catalog, please send them on.

The 1901 bi-colored, always a popular issue, especially with the younger collector because of its beauty, increases in almost every case. The errors take a well warranted jump, the 1c now being priced at $150 mint and $125 used, the 2c at $1,200.00, and the 4c at $250 and $100 with "Specimen" overprint.

The 1902 series from 3c to $5 inclusive, along with the coils, have advanced the three high values now being priced, unused at $7, $10 and $25. I can hardly note an instant either used or unused where there has not been an increase in the issues of 1904, 1907, 1908, 1909 and 1910.

All of the 1909 blue papers advance the 4c and 8c being priced at $300, the 5c at $100 and the 10c and 13c at $15 and $70 respectively. The rare 10c coil now lists $40.00

The Panama-Pacific all increase, as well as the issue of 1912-1915, the 10c perf. 10 listing at $6 still slightly low in my estimation. The 50c single line watermark moved to $8.50 and the same variety with double line watermark to $5.00, the $1 now being priced at $8.00. In the watermarked perf. 10, series of 1914, every unused stamp and most of the used ones from the 4c to $1 inclusive, is priced higher, the 50c and $1 being listed at $7 and $9.

All of the coils with few exceptions move forward, and I am glad to see that the 3c rotary moves to $2.50, as this is an excessively scarce stamp and it seems to be one of the coils where no stock of any importance is available. I am glad to see that this year the Scott Company lists the different types of the later issues which heretofore have been mentioned in the specialized catalogue only. I note No. 449, Type I, a very rare stamp, is priced at $20, which is fair. The Type II is still very cheap at $12 and I would like to buy a few pairs and strips at fair advances over this figure. The rare imperforate 2c rotary No. 459, always a scarce stamp reflects the price that it has been bringing during the last year, namely $25.00. Needless to mention, the entire 1916 unwatermarked perf. 10 series, with the exception of the 5c error and the two high values which are still fairly plentiful, are increased, the 3c going to $6, the 50c to $50 and the $1 to $9.00. This issue just goes to show how much is to be gained by collecting the current stamps in unused condition. No dealer can possibly afford to put away a sufficient supply to last indefinitely, and just as soon as the few that he has stored away are sold, prices are bound to advance as it is necessary for him to go into the market and buy in competition with collectors. Only a few years back, the of this series was selling at $2 and I recall just about a year or s that collectors were refusing them as they were only catalogued at $7.

While the catalog is a most efficient and one that none of us could mak strides without, it must be remem that it is only published every yea new information becomes availab most daily, so that the collector really wants the fine things must guided entirely by the catalog, but

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ave noticed several lengthy articles our magazine upon the subject of sefulness and educational value of collecting. I am inclosing the wing article which seems so short o concise and yet very complete in arison with longer articles. It is from "Everybody's Book on Col-g" by Dr. George C. Williamson, shed in 1924 by Herbert Jenkins, ., London. You may or may not received this paragraph before, but, y rate, here it is:

ke the collecting of butterflies, collecting has been sneered at as a lboy's hobby, but there are no lboys that I have ever heard of are in a position to pay thousands unds for fine stamps, and moreover, the point of view of education, collections can rival that of stamps. w, when I was collecting years ago, s taught a great deal about various te places that I knew little of, and various persons that I knew even of, by reason of the portraits that r on certain stamps, that I learned currency and its varieties, about es of dynasty, about delicate shades olor, about the existence of small olics and states of which I knew little, and about rulers and colonies postmasters and founders, of whom gnorance was sublime. Ornitholo- and students of natural history can a pleasure in stamps from the ani- and birds finely drawn upon them, artist can often appreciate their y, the historian gains facts from as to the foundation and life of ful colonies, the orientalist finds ge inscriptions to decipher, and that was at one time thought to be or less a harmless craze, should be considered as a serious scientific with a great many advantages to mend it."

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Partial Report A. P. S. Secretary

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY NOW NUMBER OVER 4100 IN GOOD STANDING

H. A. DAVIS, *Secretary.*

This, my 12th annual report, will show that intensive campaigns for members and the living up strictly to the letter of our By-Laws relative to dropping members at a specified time has, if not lost a few members, left us in practically the same place in point of membership that we were in a year ago.

Perhaps a few words of explanation of this assumption gained by an experience in society work for twenty years or more will not be out of place.

First, let me say that I believe intensive campaign for new members, where large or valuable prizes are offered for recruiting is a mistake. Collectors and others are admitted thru their friendship or other inducement for or by the recruiting members who do not continue their membership and have little interest in our society. Without any other instances, which are many, this is shown to be true during the last two years in which we have dropped for non-payment of dues over 500 members. Tracing these applications from their source it was found they were induced to join our society thru the efforts of members who were working for a prize.

Our Recruiting Committee as now organized by Mr. Martin is doing fine work, new members are being admitted who I believe will stay with us. The growth will not be large each year, but I believe it will be a steady growth and one which can be maintained each year. Of course there will always be a certain number dropped each year for one reason or another; having lost interest in the hobby being the predominating factor.

Secondly, in the past, we have carried our members on the roll, sending them several notices of dues payable, soliciting their continued membership for several months prior to dropping them, disregarding our By-Laws on this point, and as a result saving many members who would otherwise have dropped out.

At the St. Louis convention a certain member (not during the sessions) made a decided objection to this method. He was right in saying the By-Laws had not been followed to the letter. It was decided at that time by several members of the Board in consultation, that in future we would observe the By-Laws strictly on this point, with a result which we all knew would be a large number of members dropped. The By-Laws were followed strictly, cutting off the *American Philatelist* to delinquent members and dropping them 30 days later. Hereafter the By-Laws will be followed strictly to the letter in anything which your secretary has anything to do with.

Credit is given the following for recruiting during the past fiscal year, for applications sent in from Sept. 1, 1927 to August 1, 1928, inc. Applicants have not yet been admitted whose applications were received and published after my June 1st report.

J. E. Guest, 88; H. A. Davis, 48; R. L. Hustis, 13; D. W. Martin, 12; A. D. Fennel, 9; Eugene Klein, 8; P. M. Wolsieffer, 7; Leslie Davenport, 6; A. H. Wilhelm, 5.

(We omit the names of those who sent in fewer than five. The list is a long one.—ED.)

A total of 38 deaths have been reported during the year.

Life Membership.—We have added 34 Life Members, expelled two and lost seven by death, making our total 414.

Chapters.—We have added seven new chapters during the year. Located at Augusta, Maine; Jersey City, N. J.; Springfield, Ill.; Yonkers, N. Y.; Dayton, Ohio; Cicero, Ill., and Long Beach, Calif. Four chapters were dropped for non-payment of dues: Pasadena, Calif.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Chicago, Ill.; and North Dakota Stamp Collectors Club. We now have 53 Chapters, 12 of which are Life Chapters.

Units.—There are now three Units in practical working order. The Revenue Stamp Unit, Precancel Stamp Unit and the Stampless Cover Unit. There are four others in process of organizing, which bid fair to be consummated and in working order during the next year. The Exchange Unit, Air Mail Stamp Unit, Plate Number Unit, and Postage Stamp Unit. Notices are being published monthly relative to membership in these Units. It is hoped that our members interested in certain specialties will give their support to these organizations.

The Council has rejected 9 applicants during the year and expelled 14 members. 368 were dropped for non-payment of dues. There are 77 applications pending to be admitted in September and October. Our gain for the year in numbers has been but 40.

The following is the summary of membership:

Total membership August 1, 1927,		4143
New members admitted,		417
Reinstated,		26
Replaced on roll,		30
		4616
Dropped for non-payment of dues,	368	
Resignations accepted,	90	
Deceased,	38	
Expelled,	14	
		510
Total membership August 1, 1928,		4106

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581-591	—11 vars., good	.34	.14
547	—$2.00 Red & Black Initial	.65	.12
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1st Day flight 10c Aero, Boston-N. Y.			.35
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CHICAGO PRECANCEL CONVENTION

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A four days' convention has just been held in Chicago that shows that precanceled stamps have a following whose enthusiasm and loyalty to their specialty are such as to amaze the one who has not followed precanceled stamps in their stride to the front. Not alone was the convention a real success, but the exhibition held in the convention room in the Sherman Hotel was of unusual merit.

On the evening of August 14th, a registration of local and visiting delegates showed that any misgivings as to the attendance were unfounded and by the time the convention was called to order on the morning of August 15th, the West Room where the sessions were held was well filled with collectors of both sexes and all ages. While the local representation was very large, the out-of-town members were in sufficient number to make an impression and the presence of men such as the president, Dr. W. I. Mitchell of Berkeley, Cal., Prof. A. F. Gamber, Valley City, N. D., Victor W. Rotnem, Minneapolis, J. A. Cook, Waterloo, Iowa, and many outsiders added to the interest of the occasion.

As the convention got under way, interest in it increased and as the well-arranged program was unfolded, it was seen that the meetings compared favorably with those of the great national philatelic conventions. There were special efforts made to entertain the ladies, and the usual picture was taken of the delegates. The auction sale of precanceled held on the night of August 16th was a lively one, despite the heat that prevailed. In fact, it happened that the weather was unusually warm during the convention period and so, all the more reason to congratulate the managers of the meetings.

The annual banquet was held on the night of August 17th and was a fitting close to a most enjoyable occasion and all in all, the convention was a creditable undertaking that reflected most favorably on the Chicago Precancel Stamp Club and its members who labored so unstintedly for the success of the "meet."

The work done by the delegates consisted in passing legislation that was calculated to improve precancel collecting standards and was of particular moment to us who are anxious to present these stamps in the best light. The idea is to frown down on irregularities and prevent imposition. The exhibition held concurrently with the convention was of special interest to precancel folks, although there were some frames of air-mail covers included in it as well as a few other specialties. The arrangement of the stamps in frames was most suitable, and it is safe to say that thousands of people in the aggregate examined the displays with more or less attention. It was regretted that some of the Chicago philatelists were not in town to help entertain the visitors, but nevertheless, the convention was a striking example of telling work done in behalf of a class of stamps that certainly are on the upgrade. In being the subject of the Chicago convention, precancels have proved their right to a place in the philatelic sun. There was much buying and selling during the convention and many friendships were made that will last for years. After a time, I feel sure that Chicago will again ask for the privilege of having the convention, so successful in every way was the sixth annual convention of the Precancel Stamp Society.

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New Approval Books

The following new books have just been remade and priced moderately for the summer season. Shall be glad to send on approval to collectors known to me, or to others on receipt of satisfactory references.

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Pence Issues, 1st type only, 1855-1867. A nice lot of the early issues, imperf. and perforated.

DUTCH INDIES AND CHINA

A moderate lot of early issues only. In the Dutch Indies a few of the first issue, Imperf. and Perf., and in the 1870-74 some of the scarce perforations unused, such as the 11½ x 12, etc. etc. In China some nice single copies of the 1st type both unused and used.

FALKLAND ISLES

A little lot of early issues, including some nice strips of four with imprints, and a few early blocks.

NEW SOUTH WALES

1856-1886, a nice little lot of these issues, also a good lot of fine copies of Registered, both imperf. and perf.

SERVIA

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UNITED STATES

"OFFICIAL" OR "DEPARTMENT" STAMPS

I have just made up six new books, three of unused and three of used, the latter containing many scarce cancellations.

MEXICO

I have again had to re-arrange the whole of my approval books of Mexico owing to the old set having sold out so freely that they were not in a condition to send out, and further, owing to the purchase of a rather nice collection of Mexico. I have combined all recent purchases and now have a really good series of **twenty-six** new books ready to send out. These include stamps up to about 1882 with a few later issues in scarce values and varieties, also a few extra fine Guadalajara.

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SALVADOR

A good lot of early issues all from the "Ferrary" collection. In the 1874 issue, there are pairs with and without the overprint and a number with double overprint. In the 1879 issue a number of used Imperf. varieties and other interesting items.

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("International Paper Monthly".)

The Postal Department of Newfoundland employs a mail carrier in win whose duty it is to meet each exp train and take the mails across cou to settlements not served by a branch the railway. A glance at the map Newfoundland will show that Hamp is somewhat isolated in winter, be situated in the bottom of White Bay, about thirty-five miles from the nea railway station.

The coastal boats, plying between John's and the outports, are taken off service in winter, necessitating the m being carried overland. Navigation ally closes about the middle of Janu and the service is again resumed in M weather and ice conditions permittin

In 1927 White Bay was blocked v ice during the whole month of May, our first boat did not arrive till about middle of June. This ice is a great n ace to navigation, and is not what termed "harbor ice," which is formed bays and harbors by local frost. comes south from the Arctic in the sp floes, and causes great danger to ship off the Newfoundland coast. Even summer large icebergs are to be near the shore. We witnessed sights in the summer of 1927, but bergs were not distinctly visible as determine their size.

In the summer of 1903—fortunately were not located here in those days— entrance to White Bay was blocked ice on June 13th and was not clear July 6th.

The foregoing will perhaps give those who know little of the island idea of the conditions to which we subject in regard to transportation. to return to the matter of mail.

This winter, our mailman, Elijah G leaves Hampden every Tuesday morn with his team of dogs and "kome (Eskimo name for sled) and carries outgoing mail from here and other W Bay settlements, across country to railway, thirty-five miles. He picks up incoming mail and returns to Hamp

If the going is good "on San (Sandy Lake), he makes the round in two days. But the "wintry wi sure do blow on Sandy. And then t are sometimes "glitter" storms— which freezes when it strikes the sn making a sharp, brittle crust which the dogs' feet.

And so there are trips when Eli doesn't return Wednesday night. we leave to your imagination—you are accustomed to express trains ev few minutes—the excitement and when Elijah with his fifteen or sixt huskies strikes town loaded with a th sand to fifteen hundred pounds of n and other things from the outside wo

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

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an Order in Council of January 9, effective February 1, 1922, the rates etters to all destinations beyond the ard Islands Colony were increased ½d—i.e., British Empire and U. S. rs from 1½d to 2d; foreign letters 2½d to 3d, and the registration fee 2d to 3d. The 5d denomination ps therefore were issued to take care e combined letter rate and the regis- on fee to the British Empire and the ed States, just as the 6d served on rs to other foreign countries.

hen the rates on foreign letters, and to the British Empire and the ed States were reduced ½d (from ıd 2d to 2½d and 1½d respectively), tatutory Rules and Orders No. 5 of made March 1, 1926, and effective 1, 1926, the need for these 5d ps disappeared, but they were not drawn from sale as reported in the telic press.

Statutory Rules and Orders No. f 1928, made April 26, 1928, stamps d denomination were dropped from Federal series, and from the Presi- al series of Montserrat and the Brit- Virgins. Section 7 of these Orders that ". . . . . (these) stamps . . . . continue to be used unless or until wise ordered, *and such stamps may nue to be sold until the existing s are exhausted.*"

e 5d British Virgins exhausted on 12, 1926, and the 5d of Montserrat July, 1927, but the 5d Leewards was in good supply in many if not all he Presidencies in January, 1928. ough not sent to the British Virgins ally, it was obtainable at Roadtown, ola, in July, 1928.

e original lot of Federal stamps to Tortola between 1912 and 1913, ed from plate 1, and Roman CA rmarked, was so large (for the de- l), that it was not until March, 1925, that Tortola indented on the Crown Agents for a small supply of the 1d Federal series, which was printed from plate 11, in violet, on script CA paper. The other denominations, on script CA, were never requisitioned by the British Virgins from the Crown Agents in London (nor were the 4d, 5d, 2s, 3s and 4s ever indented for), and it was not until June, 1927, that the Post Office at Roadtown, Tortola, began to stock all denominations of the Leeward Federal series (in addition to the British Virgins Presidential series), securing small lots, frequently, from the one central stock at the Federal Treasury, St. John's, Antigua. Previous to the fall of 1926, it had been necessary for each Presidency to indent on the Crown Agents in London for needed or desired supplies of Federal, as well as Presidential stamps.

The 1d red, 2½d blue, and 3d on yellow, Roman CA, plate 1, Federal stamps at Tortola were withdrawn from sale, and destroyed, subsequent to the receipt of supplies from Antigua, and issue, of the 1½d red (October, 1926), 2½d blue (Mar. 7, 1927), and 3d on yellow (July 1, 1927) script CA. The ½d green, plate 1, Roman CA, was still to be had in July, 1928.

Tortola is only four hours distant (40 miles) from St. Thomas in the American Virgins, and mails are exchanged almost daily, by the Government auxiliary schooner "St. Ursula," motor boats, or sailing vessels of small tonnage. Consequently, there are more frequent mail dispatches to the United States, via Porto Rico and the direct steamers, than from the islands further down the line.

Last summer in going to Trinidad, I sailed on the Furness s.s. "Dominica," from New York, on Thursday, September 22nd. We reached St. Thomas (1658 miles) on Tuesday morning, the 27th, and St. Croix (45 miles) that afternoon. The next morning early we were off Basseterre, St. Kitts (149 miles), leaving before noon for Antigua (67 miles), where we arrived at the end of the afternoon, having passed Nevis, Redonda and Montserrat en route. Nevis and Montserrat were not ports of call, being served through St. Kitts and Antigua respectively. Pointe a Pitre, Guadeloupe (116 miles), was our next port of call, the following morning, Thursday the 29th, and shortly before 5 o'clock that afternoon, anchor was dropped off Roseau, Dominica (the most southern of the Federal Presidencies), 67 miles distant from Guadeloupe, and almost 500 miles from the British Virgins.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—With an attendance of about 100 representatives of its 400 members the Society of Philatelic Americans opened its thirty-fourth annual convention here to-day with an address by Robert S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General, who welcomed the delegates to Washington, and at the same time told of the value of postage stamp collecting as it is advanced by the organization.

Mr. Regar recounted that the collection of stamps indicated the soundness of a republic. Following his address A. W. Hall, director of the United States Bureau of Printing and Engraving, told of the extensive work of his department in carrying on permanence in engraving of stamps. He invited the delegates to visit the engraving plant to-morrow.

The principal address of welcome was delivered by William A. Johnson, president of the Washington Philatelic Society, while James F. Duhamel, president of the Washington branch of the Society of Philatelic Americans, told the delegates of the broad possibilities of stamp-collecting study in Washington.

At the brief business meeting during the morning hours the officers for 1929 were named by the election board. All officers who have served in the last year were re-elected. These included G. W. A. Camp, president, and William Lycett, of Cape May, N. J., secretary. Mr. Camp's report showed a membership of 1,433 from all parts of the world.

After the business session the delegates visited Mount Vernon, where the president placed a wreath on the tomb of George Washington. The rest of the afternoon was occupied with a sightseeing of Alexandria and other nearby Virginia points of historical interest.

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RETURN OF MR. SEVERN

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL

ON June 7, 1928, the editor of the WEEKLY sailed for France and on June 15th landed at Cherbourg, where our treasured school-book French collapsed beyond recovery and that flattering illusion that we would converse airily, if somewhat quaintly, with the French people was shattered. The natives love their language and do not throw out the life-line to the stranger whose tongue will not behave,—they let him sink. After staying over-night at Cherbourg, our little party proceeded by auto to Paris, which was reached in the evening, after a ride through beautiful Normandy. The following day, Sunday, a first visit was paid to the Stamp Bourse and for nearly two weeks thereafter, Paris was the center of our universe.

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WHILE our trip primarily was a vacation from stamps yet it was not devoid of philatelic flavor and some pleasant contacts were established. An interview with Mr. Champion in his imposing quarters was enjoyed. Mr. Champion was at work on the new edition of his catalogue and with the recent stabilization of the franc, we predicted that the value of the work would be emphasized in this country. The fluctuation of the French franc is now a vexation of the past and an obstacle to easy interchange has been removed. The Champion stamp stock is a huge one and the business done by the famous house is large. Every provision is made for the convenience of customers and it is readily seen that the firm has a select clientele. Evidence of stamp activity in Paris was not lacking, and stores and shops were not hard to find; and many places included stamps in their displays although not exclusively stamp houses. It would be absurd to pretend that a few experiences were even an index to the real condition of the stamp market in Paris, but our guess is that the best class of stamps is as elusive there as elsewhere, such is the swelling demand for the fine examples. French colonials naturally are in favor and there is a great volume of business in them, and the issues of France are held in the esteem that embraces the stamps of a home country. The flitting tourist cannot hope to penetrate into the heart of philatelic Paris, and if he get prizes in U. S., he must credit chance to his good fortune. A consistent hunt for special things requires the expenditure of time and the bargain in a U. S. variant, for instance, does not fall into one's lap.

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THE book-stalls along the bank of the Seine often include stamps among their stock, but the selections are somewhat bedraggled, as a rule. Sometimes, the proprietor, man or woman, will bring forth a book containing better stamps when the stamps on display are rejected. Packets of stamps are commonly shown in the windows of many stores such as stationery, tobacco and toy shops. The big dealers are found on some of the principal streets and their establishments are such as to give an air of substance to stamps as a merchantable commodity. It is apparent that there are many collectors who pursue collecting in an individual way in Paris who are removed from affiliation with stamp societies and that their purchases in the aggregate do much to sustain a relatively large number of dealers.

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THE Stamp Bourse is interesting rather than impressive as a testimonial to the perpetuity of the philatelic flame. Twice a week, on Sunday and Thursday afternoons, collectors and dealers of all ages and both sexes congregate under the trees in a beautiful spot and enter into transactions that while in the total summing must make a considerable showing are apt to be of modest proportions singly. The idea of a stamp bourse is not without its fascinations and is stimulating to the imagination, but in reality, even the kindly critic must say that it does not picture philately with heroic strokes. In fact, there are critics of the scheme who say that it is a somewhat dubious procedure for reasons that are not without their sinister suggestion. On the contrary, it may be said that it affords opportunities for communion that appeal to many stamp folks, and its fame is such that it is listed as one of the sights of Paris in different guide-books. The sharp-shooter who frequents the mart may be rewarded, but passing observation would indicate that those who enter into its business have their eye-teeth cut both as buyers and sellers. There seems to be more sellers than buyers and the vendors have portable stands and chairs on which they display their goods. Stamps on sheets and in albums are displayed and the sellers are quick to sense the approach of a good buyer. Respectable dealers and collectors attend the sessions of the Bourse, and in their train, there must be numbers of those who do not fall under this category. A hopeful sign is the presence of young collectors alone or with their parents who make their purchases in this oasis of stamps.

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IN speaking of the Stamp Bourse, one of the brokers who was selling out of a good collection, spoke about as follows, in answer to questions that were put to him. No, opportunities for plucking the goose were not common as everybody nowadays had a catalogue. Yes, one had to keep his wits about him or he would be imposed upon by a seller now and then. Again, the tendency was to be fair and he told how a small dealer went to expense and inconvenience to return a small packet of stamps that the buyer had forgotten to take with him. While the attendance was somewhat variable, yet there was always a good number of philatelists on hand from a few dozen to a few hundred. The understanding is that no importunate action on the part of those offering stamps for sale is counternanced. "My friend, the Bourse has an existence beginning with philatelic time and nowhere but in Paris could it flourish out in the open and under the trees. That is one thing that you Americans in your riches cannot have." The comment of our amiable informant was characteristic as he looked upon the institution, not alone as a creature of the present, but as a tradition of the past. He added for the benefit of the Americans: "The first thing you do is to want U. S., and you want them so fast. The first question is: 'Have you any U. S.?'"

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THE Stamp Bourse has been the subject of more publicity than any other philatelic theme. It was first noticed in 1864, when from two to four hundred people, half of whom were adults, met every Thursday and Saturday in the Tuilleries garden. Complaints against the assemblages were acted upon by the police: as a consequence of the somewhat motley appearance of the habitués, the undiscerning might be excused for imputing sinister motives to them. They then settled in the Luxembourg garden where they again were frowned upon officially, but in time, the peregrinations of the philatelists ceased when they descended on the Rue Marigny behind the marionette shows where on Sundays the patrons of the Bourse may hear at times the excited trills of the children who are following the adventures of the puppets. We understand that there is some understanding among certain of the sellers to pass along the liberal or careless buyer. Since attending the Bourse, the recollection of a sentence that we read decades ago comes to mind; it was to the effect that neither prominent collectors or established dealers habitually frequented the Bourse. This remark still has its application fairly.

THE VIENNA MEETING

The Congress of the European Philatelists which was held in Vienna on July 5th to July 10th, 1928, was held in conjunction with a meeting of the Philatelic Aero Clubs International and the Societee Philatelic Internationale. The convention attracted from eight to nine hundred philatelists from all parts of the world almost and was the grandest success that the writer ever had the pleasure to witness, philatelically and socially.

The meetings of the Congress were presided over by Colonel Hessheimer, one of Austria's foremost philatelists and a speaker of wonderful eloquence who possessed a fine sense of humor.

The meeting of the Aero Club was directed by the able President Director Plass, while the sessions of the Societee Philatelic Internationale were under the guidance of the Belgian President Bidgewood, assisted by the secretary, P. J. Maingay.

The important resolutions adopted, recommended that work be instituted to the end that all countries would make it a punishable offense to counterfeit stamps or surcharges on them and not to allow the circulation or use on letters of any unofficial or private stamps, aero or otherwise; and that all post offices publ list of the number of pieces of mail ca on first flights and to allow only air a stamps to be used on mail sent by ai

The social features of the Cong such as outings, banquets, etc., seem be almost without end and they we the hands of a capable committee, he by Mr. Franz Ammonn of Vienna. were carried out to perfection and wondered how so much entertain could be given in return for the fee charged for the pleasures. Pa pants from all countries as well a writer left Vienna well satisfied and a hearty "Auf Wiedersehen."

JULIUS LOEFFLER, *President*
German Collectors Club, Chicago,

PHILANTHROPY AND PHILAT

From Mr. Leonard Michael, an o of the American Can Company, York, we have received the follo letter which has come to him from L tenstein with some of the new sta "The principality of Liechtenstein lie tween Switzerland and Austria, wi population of 10,000. Last fall, the broke through its dams and floode adjacent country, Liechtenstein on right and Switzerland on the left a miniature of your Mississippi fl but as the current was very rapid, th was washed away, leaving nothing land covered with rocks and gravel. population is comprised of farmers; is no manufacturing.

Switzerland assisted their suffere fine shape. Liechtenstein was overlo The American consul here, Mr. Rao realizing this condition and having nessed the suffering, cabled to the Cross in the United States and rec by cable for distribution the sum of $8 which later was increased by an $5,000. He bought food and other plies and distributed most of it perso The Liechtenstein farmer now puts consul general here, almost in the class as Jesus Christ, he being the tical, modern saviour. You may ima that we think a whole lot of our c here. The stamps are of a higher nomination than the regular ones, the cess amount going to the relief of farmers. I thought that this little might be of interest to you."

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By TH. BERG.

ve read with interest the comments recent Falkland Is. 2½d on 2d ional, reprinted in your Aug. 13th from the *Philatelic Magazine*.

contributor does not seem to be fully on this stamp—which really ot surprise me because it is only days ago that my London repre- ve advised me that as far as he ascertain no unused copies had as me on the London market. How- t is now already some time ago had copies offered to me. The was a huge one, and it is quite that the entire remainders were up by local speculators—some- hat is suggested by my agent and your contributor.

r I had been dickering about the or some time, and found that I at or the time being would find my- able to get a reduction, I offered ew Issue Service subscribers the unity of buying the few copies I cated. So as not to cause any mpression let me record the fact e price was a very high one—al- the future can only show whether too high or not. If the stamp is ed, the future price of the stamp questionably depend on how badly sent holders wish to realize. Much course, also depend on how many are to be marketed—although it e ridiculous to suggest that the g numbers of a certain stamp is ciding factor in establishing the price. Such a claim does not good even for stamps that are distributed. Any competent mar- server will, therefore, smile by the comparison of this stamp tamps like the Bahamas 1/- and nd Is., 1/- Local overprint war ! Why not rather compare it with alta 10/- MCA—a stamp printed e considerably larger quantity?

ever, I shall not discuss the ques- value further for fear that I may pected of complicity in any corner- t may have taken place!

her particulars in reference to the itself may be of interest:—I do ow how many days the stamp was ue, but 1,179 copies were over- , a single hand-stamp was used e overprinting, and the printing topped already in February. I fficial assurance to the effect that nd-stamp was destroyed so that no copies could or can be produced. rstand that a considerable portion ed for mail, and practically all of ave undoubtedly gone to Norway, that most of the people down there orwegian whale hunting expedi- The letter rate to U. K. is 1d, so ew copies are likely to have been n correspondence for that desti-

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An airplane was hurled from a catapult on the deck of the liner Ile de France, 450 miles at sea August 13, swung its nose toward New York and dropped down at Quarantine five hours later with a crew of three, a passenger, and a cargo of mail.

The liner, plunging ahead at her normal 23 knots, is scheduled to dock some time before noon today. Those aboard the plane had cut nearly 18 hours off the transatlantic voyage.

Their flight was the first in which a plane ever was catapulted from a moving steamer's deck and it inaugurated a ship-to-shore service which will be made from the Ile de France on both east and west journeys hereafter and which the French Line proposes eventually to extend to regular passengers.

A catapult weighing 60 tons and an amphibian plane of nearly four tons were loaded aboard the Ile de France when she sailed from Havre last Wednesday. Commander Louis DeMougeot went along as pilot. With him on the experimental flight yesterday were B. Monrouzeau, radio operator, and A. Sarzach, mechanic.

A radiogram from the master of the liner reported

The Take-off Was Perfect

The plane carried fuel sufficient only for the 450-mile flight to quarantine, but in the future the steamship company plans to load more fuel for longer flights that will cut a full day from the time of transporting important transatlantic mail.

At quarantine the plane and its crew went through the usual examinations to which all incoming steamship passengers and personnel are submitted, but these formalities were completed in less than an hour and the plane took the air once more for a short hop to the French Line pier at the foot of West 14th street.

There the mail sacks were unloaded and transferred to the foreign mail division of the post office. Commander DeMougeot filed his report at the company offices and went ashore.

It was a little more than a year ago that the first commercial ship-to-shore flight was

Made by Clarence Chamberlin

pilot of the monoplane Columbia on its flight from New York to Germany.

Chamberlin soared from an improvised runway on the deck of the Leviathan when the liner was a little beyond Ambrose channel.

When French Line officials and customs inspectors came alongside the plane at quarantine in a fast motorboat it was disclosed that Pierre de Maglaive, an official of the line, had made the flight from the liner as a passenger.

An immigration inspector learned that in the flurry of the take-off, Commander DeMougeot had neglected to provide himself with a certified list, which is essential in the proper arrival of a foreign vessel.

For a time it was indicated that the three fliers would have to remain aboard the plane until the arrival of the Ile de France today, but the commander was permitted to go ashore, leaving his radio man and mechanic with the plane.

The pilot said the flight to quarantine was "uneventful" and expressed belief that his flight had demonstrated the practicability of regular ship-to-shore service for mail and passengers.

Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
40 Wilshire Park, Needham, Mass.

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

From Mr. Fred B. Harrison comes word that the American Legion is working hard to get a special cachet applied to mail from Waukegan, Ill., for the convention dates, Sept. 10th and 11th, and that the postmaster of Waukegan has asked the CAM contractors of route No. 9 to make a special stop on the above dates. I suggest putting covers in the postmaster's hands in case the flight occurs.

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I am advised that the new 5c Air Mail stamp was not put on sale in the Canal Zone on August 1st.

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From Mr. George H. Jaeger of Riga, Lettland, comes three Air Mail covers carried from Riga to Berlin, Moscow and Leningrad. The covers carry the blue air mail label of Latvia and the semi-official cachet of the German-Russian Air Corp. in red. The Moscow cover has a special cachet, in Russian, which reads, "Arrived per Air Mail." Mr. Jaeger states that these are First Trips, the Riga-Berlin and Riga-Moscow flights having taken place on May 10th and the Riga-Leningrad flight on June 7th.

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The question of straight edges on the new 5c Air Mail stamps placed on covers for First Flights seems to be bobbing up. I'll take 'em with one, two, three or four straight edges. BUT—the cancellation or cachet is what counts! Don't ever turn down a properly cancelled cover just because the stamp has a straight edge, for you may lose out on the deal!

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The special anniversary cards used at Des Moines, Ia., on August 10th are quite unique. Des Moines made the attempt to send 32,000 pieces of mail on the above date, but my correspondent, Mr. F. A. Brown, failed to state whether or not the record was attained.

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Keep these figures in mind. In May, the poundage of Air Mail carried was 199,284 lbs., June, 209,760, and July, 214,654. The P. O. D. reports their figures as showing a preliminary increase for August of between 25% and 30%.

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Mr. J. P. Penning sends through information to the effect that Youngstown, O., will soon be replaced on CAM No. 11, probably Sept. 1st., and not later than Oct. 1st. Youngstown was cut off because of a poor landing field some time ago and her return to the route will be celebrated with a special cachet. Covers can be sent to the contractor, Mr. Clifford Ball, % Bettis Field, McKeesport, Pa., who will see that the cachet is applied. Mr. Penning also writes that the McKeesport Aeronautic Association (N. A. A.) may use a special cachet on Air Mail leaving McKeesport on the date that the National Air Races makes Bettis Field a control stop.

Night flying on CAM No. 11 will probably commence about the first of the year and I am informed that a special cachet may be used.

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Ordinary Canadian postage stamps to the value of 5c, will carry an Air Mail letter to its destination in the U. S.

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Notwithstanding the hot weather and vacations, my coöperators continue to bat 'em out strong. This week we have Messrs. M. J. Friedman, C. A. Forster, Ben Delovage, W. S. Dochterman, Donald E. Dickson, H. W. Bodley, Gay E. Milius, Jr., Fred B. Harrison, Harry Leonard, James Farish, J. P. Penning, F. A. Brown, and G. H. Crouch. Although I have been trying to do a little vacating myself, this spirit of interest in Air Mail doings keeps me on the job—and the best part of it is—I Like It! So don't hold back on my account. Keep the information coming and I promise to do my share in getting it through for the benefit of others. Let's Keep Going!

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While on the subject of coöperators, how about some of our foreign readers coming through with news? You will note that two residents of over-seas countries have sent in details this week, Messrs. Jaeger and Leonard, but there is a growing interest in First Trips of other countries and readers abroad can be of material assistance in sending promptly the news of such flights. We will all be grateful for such information.

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The ship-to-shore attempt from the S. S. Ile de France was made on August 13, while the vessel was 450 miles at sea, and proved highly satisfactory from all angles. The mail was advanced 18 hours and letters addressed to Boston were delivered at 7:00 A. M., August 14, while the big liner was being docked in New York! On covers before me—sent by registered mail—appear a record of the flight, through the cancellations. I note a special six line cachet has been applied to a very few of my covers—in French, to the effect that this is the First Hydroplane flight from the Ile de France and giving the pilot's name.

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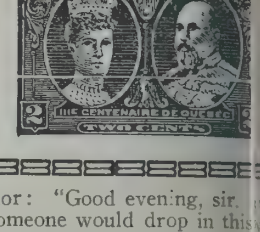

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U. S. Watermarks

The postage stamps of the United States were issued on watermarked paper from 1895 to 1915. The first design was large doubled lined letters—one letter to a stamp. The second and last design was the same U S P S, but in single line letters—one letter to a stamp. These latter are the ones that are likely to cause the collector no end of trouble as they are not readily disclosed even with benzine treatment.—A. C. LeDuc.

Junior Dictionary

Mayotte.—One of the Comoro Islands which became a French possession in 1843. Postage stamps were first issued in 1892.

Mazatlan.—An important town in the state of Sinaloa, Mexico, at which a number of the 10c, 15c and 20c stamps are said to have been specially overprinted in 1916.

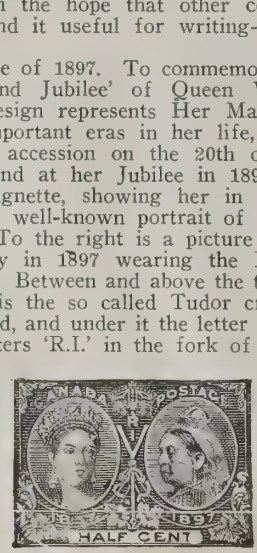
M. B.—An overprint found upon certain South Australian stamps used between 1868 and 1874 upon the correspondence of the Marine Board. These special stamps were superseded in 1874 by the set (overprinted "O. S") for general use in all the government departments.

McCormick, J.—The postmaster of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1861, who is known to philatelic fame from the fact that he caused 2c, 5c and 10c stamps to be issued for the prepayment of postal charges. These stamps were superseded, after a short life, by the general series for the Confederate States. Like many of his contemporaries, who were, about the same period, also moved to issue their own local stamps, he thoughtfully had his name printed on all the Baton Rouge labels.

Canada: Jubilee Issue

One of our readers writes to say that he has been collecting sets for several years, and mentions that of all the many sets he has, the one he considers the best as regards appearance is the Jubilee issue of Canada. He sends a copy of the writing-up which faces this set in his collection, and, although I seem to have met with it before, I reproduce it herewith in the hope that other collectors may find it useful for writing-up purposes.

"Issue of 1897. To commemorate the 'Diamond Jubilee' of Queen Victoria. The design represents Her Majesty at two important eras in her life, namely at her accession on the 20th of June, 1837, and at her Jubilee in 1897. The first vignette, showing her in 1837, is from a well-known portrait of that period. To the right is a picture of Her Majesty in 1897 wearing the Empress crown. Between and above the two vignettes is the so called Tudor crown of England, and under it the letter 'V' with the letters 'R.I.' in the fork of the 'V.'



The three letters meaning Victoria Regina (Queen), Imperatrix (Empress). Above the portraits in semi-circles are the words 'CANADA' and 'POSTAGE,' below the portraits the dates '1837-1897,' in the lower corners and between the dates are ornamentations of maple leaves, at the base the denomination in coloured letters on a white tablet. The portrait of 1837 is from a painting by Alfred Edward Chalon, R.A., which was ordered by the Queen for her mother, the Duchess of Kent, as a souvenir of Her Majesty's first visit to the House of Lords. The occasion was the prorogation of Parliament, on July 17, 1837. The portrait dated '1897' is from a painting made by Professor Von Angelo of Vienna in 1886. It represents Her Majesty as she appeared on the assumption of the title 'Empress of India'."

This set is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain complete and in perfect condition and, like most Canadian stamps of the period, it is well worth holding as an investment. When the Jubilee set appeared various critics in the world of stamps denounced it and made much of the seemingly unnecessary dollar values, and speculators lost no time in piling up stocks, but, in the thirty odd years that have gone since it was issued, the effects of this caustic commentary have been killed and, except for some values of low facial denomination, very few worthwhile stocks of this issue are held individually.—*West-End Philatelist.*

Greedy Collectors Have the Poorest Collections

It is a fact that greedy collectors have the worst collections, because they put in the rubbish we have described, not because they like it or find it interesting—nobody could find pleasure in contemplating an off-centre stamp with a disfiguring postmark or a chunk out of the side—but because they think it may be worth money. They defeat their own ends, because the general poor appearance of such a collection will positively reduce its value if they want to sell. Nobody goes in for photography, or fretwork, or any other hobby, and expect to get their money back if and when they stop. Why on earth should stamps be different?—*Junior Stamp Magazine.*

Stamps Twenty Years Ago

By Eugene Claghorn (Age 16).

The most interesting, the most fascinating, the most enjoyable, and the most educational hobby is stamp collecting. Besides all these things it is profitable. The other day while going through a library I came across an old Scott's stamp catalogue. It was not so old at that, as it was dated 1908, but it interested me very much so I decided to take the book out, which I did. That evening while looking it over I made a few interesting discoveries. I discovered that the 5 cent red-brown "Franklin," 1847, catalogued then 85 cents cancelled. As you undoubtedly know it is now worth $8. It had advanced nearly a thousand per cent in twenty years or fifty per cent in one year! Who anywheres can get fifty per cent on money invested? The 10 cent black "Washington" then catalogued $5. It is now $35! The New York stamp also made a surprising increase. It was then worth $7.50, and now it is worth $60! Many other stamps greatly increased in value. The official stamps, though they seem to have made little progress, have gained in value rapidly since 1908, especially the "Executive Stamps."

The old foreign stamps have risen in value more so than even some of the United States stamps. Those of Baden, Bahamas, Bavaria, British Guiana, Canada, Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, etc., have gained considerably in value. For example, 1kr black of Baden then catalogued $1.25, it is now $15. The 30kr orange was then $4, now $30. British Guiana also made surprising increases. The 12 cent blue of the first set was then $75, it is now $350. Many others that were high then are unrealistic now. The cheaper ones, the 4 cent blue of the third issue was then $5, it is now $35. The stamps of the Hawaiian Islands and those of the old German provinces have also increased greatly. The 1g gray-blue of Hanover was then 60 cents, whereas today it is $8. All the remaining sets of Hanover have increased the same amount or so. These are only a few quotations of the stamps that have made these great increases.

Stamps, as I have shown to you here, are profitable. There has been few stamps that have not doubled their value since 1908. That is 5% or so. In many cases they have increased more so than this. Besides this it is a good clean hobby, and I should suggest that every stamp collector get his friends started on it and encourage his children to save them.

A Place For Everything

Whether you buy a Ford or a Cadillac you would not expect it to keep looking good if it was not washed frequently nor was not put into a garage when not in use. Proper treatment of anything, whether it be an auto, a new suit of clothes, or a stamp album, is essential to get good service.

Put your stamps into their proper places in the album as soon as received. Don't drop them in between the pages and leave them for that day "when I have more time." If a stamp is worth buying it is worth keeping nicely. By dropping many stamps between the pages of an album, this causes an excessive bulge near the binding which will sooner or later cause the binding to break and ruin the album. Stamps thrown into an album often get stuck together or folded or torn.

The stamp album should have a definite place to be kept, a place that is handy to get at but always dry and out-of-the-way of little children. It seems ridiculous to call on a collector and have such conversation as this take place.

Collector: "Good evening, sir. I'm hoping someone would drop in this evening who could give me a little help with some stamps."

Visitor: "All right. I'll do the best I can."

Collector: "Have a chair. I will show my collection. (Pause) That's strange, I thought I left that book on the table last evening. Now where can it be? I bet the wife cleared everything off the top of the piano today."

Visitor: "What's that under the corner of the davenport?"

Collector: "Ah, there it is! I knew the boy was showing my album to one of his friends."

Visitor:——(Being a real gentleman he does not say what he thinks.)—Le Duc.

Don't Get a Wrong Idea

Collecting stamps can be made as expensive, or as costly, as you please, the man who spends least may have a more interesting collection than the man who has spent ten times as much. From it should be obvious that it will not be so valuable. Nobody can collect stamps satisfactorily while spending nothing at all, because he will then depend on gifts and while gifts are occasionally very welcome when they celebrate special occasions, the kind of stamps which are given to you year round for nothing are seldom worth much more than they cost.—*Stamp Magazine.*

How To Hinge Stamps

By Lewis A. McArthur.

The waste of good stamps due to improper mounting is very great. The writer almost never receives a selection either on approval or from a want list that does not contain at least one stamp that has been damaged by improper mounting or has so many remaining hinges attached that it is of questionable value.

Most of the damage due to improper mounting may be traced to the failure to directions that have been for many years considered standard by philatelists. The writer has been engaged in removing about 20,000 varieties and has found a technique that is much faster and much better than the old method. He has the satisfaction of knowing that there is hardly a stamp in his collection that cannot be removed from its hinge as suspected without the slightest damage. Several collectors have tried the new method and after the first hundred mountings, find that they too can work faster and with excellent results.

The old directions all order the use of third of the hinge, after folding, to be moistened with the tongue and then to be applied to the stamp, after which the tongue is applied to the other part of the hinge and the combination placed in the album. The new method calls for the opening of the album side of the hinge first. The hinge should then be moistened in the album. It is much better, in fact almost necessary, to carry on the application with tweezers. After the hinge has been placed in the album, the moistened finger of the right hand may be moistened on the tongue or on a sponge and the tip applied to the upper part of the hinge. Only a small part of the hinge, the part of the hinge need be moistened. With the tweezers, lay the stamp face down on the moistened hinge, center in the space and press down.

The advantages are manifest. In the first place the average hinge moistened on the tongue and applied to the album is generally too wet, and its entire surface adheres to the stamp. It can generally never be peeled off, for there is no hinge to get a start. This is particularly

used stamps. Secondly, when the f the hinge is being moistened, too moisture is apt to be applied to the . The stamp itself is generally ned, and if it be unused, it fre- y sticks to the album. It is very t to get proper centering for the ied stamp and hinge. By the new i the back of the hinge may be tely moistened and attached firmly album. In a few seconds the hinge and there is no danger of the sticking to the album at the edges hinge, a common trouble. When nt of the hinge is moistened with le finger, a much better job can e than with the tongue. The col- can see what he is doing and there surplus moisture. Only a small t the center of the exposed third hinge need be wet. The stamp ry easily be centered in the space being pressed against the hinge. he easiest thing in the world to stamp off the hinge any time with of tweezers, and here is no hinge to the stamps. It stays in the This makes watermark detection The whole scheme may seem com- l at first, but the writer has never a collector who was willing to a fair trial to go back to the old . With a little practice mounting e speeded up ten *per cent*, with perfect centering in album spaces. riter is willing to wager that he ke a thousand stamps from his with never a sign of a broken , or a piece of hinge remaining stamps. But a small part of the area of the hinge should be at- to the stamp, and this restriction every opportunity of getting s into action.

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A BURNING ISSUE

tter was received some time ago Dr. Walter Hess, Nassau, Bahama , describing the destruction by namian government of all the re- rs of the Peace issue of the Is- The issue literally went up in at the last as the stamps were with due ceremony and the pious as expressed of Peace to their The half-penny had been obso- some time, but of the remaining lues, the following numbers were ted: one penny, 559 stamps; 2 179,640; 3 pence, 170,819; and one , 29,398. Thus the stamps be- closed issue.

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lso thank Mr. H. Bedford Jones Arbor, Mich., for his member- the Honor Club.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

MALTA

correspondent, Mr. R. Forbes- Birchircara, Malta, has been in for some time, but he was to to Malta soon, he said, writing late of July 13, 1928. He says quarterly journal of the Crown for the Colonies of June, 1928, d the following notice regarding stamps: "On Order: ¼d, ½d, 4½d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 3/, 5/ and xisting issue of postage series, ted 'Postage & Revenue'."

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NORWAY 1854-1924

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But still the kronen stamps failed to please and further alterations were made, a new die being engraved by Mr. Rui of the Mint. This time the background was formed of solid color instead of being lined, which makes the whole design stand out more boldly; the King's portrait was altered somewhat and his coat formed of lines instead of solid color; then the scroll work was ornamented with lines instead of the white dots and dashes; and the letters and figures were made slightly larger. The 1 and 1½kr were issued in this third type about April, 1911, the 1kr being first printed to the number of a quarter million by Messrs. Kriste and Sieberth of Kristiania, and later supplies as well as those of the 1½kr by Knudsen as usual. Paper, watermark and perforation were as before. When the stock of the 2kr in the second type was finally used up, this value was at last issued in the third type in November, 1915, four years and a half after its companions. By 1918 the increase in postal business as well as increase in rates had shown the need of a stamp of higher value than 2kr, so a 5kr value was prepared and issued early in 1919. It conforms in all respects to the other krone values.

We must now retrace our steps some ten years and revert to the öre values once more. It seems that when the plates were prepared for the new 15ö stamp in 1908 it was found that the original die had become corroded and a somewhat unsatisfactory plate was the result. The die was given Mr. Rui, the engraver at the Mint, who tried to fix it up but finally suggested the preparation of a new one, which was agreed to, and proofs from this were taken in June, 1909. Minor changes were made in the lettering and the winged wheels in the spandrels, but the best distinguishing feature of the "re-engraved" die is the removal of the spot of color on the posthorn immediately beneath the crown, thus making a complete unshaded circle of white on the posthorn. On the 3 and 30ö values, also, the small figure "3" on the oval band has a rounded top instead of the previous flat top. The new type began to appear with the 2ö value in November, 1909, all the other values except the 35ö, which had been dropped, and the 25ö, which was not issued until September, 1911, appearing in 1910. The electrotypes for each value were especially prepared by the Printing Office of the Norwegian State Bank and are unusually clear in detail. The paper, watermark and perforation are as usual, the printing being done by Knudsen.

As the year 1914 was the centennial of its liberation from Denmark and of its becoming an independent kingdom, save for the union through the Crown with Sweden, Norway thought it fitting to commemorate the establishment of its own constitution by a small set of "jubilee stamps." These were engraved on steel and recess printed from copper plates by the Printing Works of the Norwegian State Bank. The design is the same for the series, being a reproduction of a painting by Oscar Wergeland showing the National Diet, assembled at Eidsvold, listening to Deputy Chr. Magnus Falsen reading the proposed Constitutional Law as presented by the committee which drew it up. The stamps were issued May 10, 1914, to be sold during the remainder of the year unless sooner exhausted. The numbers printed were: 5ö 10,275,000; 10ö 10,750,000; 20ö 1,662,000. They are printed in sheets of fifty, ten rows of five, on white wove paper watermarked posthorns and perforated 13½ all around.

Parcel post rates were raised on July 1, 1917, from 30 to 40ö for the first kilogram and a 40ö stamp in the re-engraved design was issued on June 27 in anticipation. On July 1, 1918, the letter rate between Norway, Sweden and Denmark was raised from 10 to 12ö, and a stamp of 12ö was issued in June for this new rate. On December 5, 1919, the 35ö stamp was added to the series, though in a different color from its predecessor. About September, 1920, the 15ö stamp was changed to a blue-violet.

On January 1, 1922, the printed matter rate of 5ö was raised to 10ö, the domestic letter rate was made 25ö, and the Postal Union letter rate raised from 20 to 40ö. This necessitated changes in color, and the 20 and 40ö exchanged, the 40ö thus getting the required Postal Union blue. The 25ö became carmine instead of red-lilac and the 10ö green, as required by Postal Union rules. The 5ö therefore dropped its green for the red-lilac of the old 25ö, while the remainders of the latter were surcharged 5ö to prevent confusion with the new carmine stamp. The 20ö olive-green was sent out in small quantity to some coast towns by mistake before the date of its intended issue (January 1, 1922) and has been found postmarked as early as September 21, 1921.

The long-talked-of new design for the stamps finally materialized in October, 1922, when the 20ö made its appearance in a very simple yet effective type, showing the "Lion of St. Olaf" on a ground of solid color with the inscriptions all at the bottom and right corner of the design. Two other values, the 10 and 25ö, followed on January 1, 1924, and a 45ö in dark blue in October, 1924, the Postal Union rate having been again raised from 40 to 45ö.

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The cumbrous method of "booking" insufficiently prepaid mail matter was done away with in 1889, and the more convenient method of collecting by means of postage due stamps went into effect on July 1st of that year. The original die was engraved by Mr. Trondsen of the Mint, and like the postage die was pierced for a movable plug which bore the figure of value. The first three values were the 1, 10 and 50ö, the first two being ready in time, but the 50ö was not delivered until July 18th. They were printed at the Central Printing Works and conform in all respects to the regular postage stamps. The circular prescribing their use requires the amount of deficiency to be written in blue pencil in the upper left corner of the missive; the due stamps of corresponding amount to be placed on the back of the missive, when received at destination, and cancelled by postmark; the amount then is to be collected from the receiver. The sale of the stamps was at first forbidden but was very soon permitted.

A further value of 20ö was issued about October 1, 1890, and of 4ö about the middle of September, 1893. The 20ö was supplied to the number of 1,009,000 during the period when the machine perforating 13½x12½ was in use, and this value is the only one occurring with that perforation. A 15ö value was added on June 6, 1914. The 10ö occurs printed in aniline red.

From July 1, 1895, the stamps were printed by Knudsen, as were the regular stamps.

In December, 1919, the original die for the postage due stamps was sent to the Mint to be altered, so that the word at the bottom should read PORTOMERKE, instead of with the diphthong "AE." The legend "at betale" was also altered to "à betale" and placed across the middle of the white tablet. The re-engraved design began to appear in 1922 and now includes the 4, 10, 20, 40, 100 and 200ö, the 1 and 50ö not having been issued thus far.—*New England Stamp Monthly.*

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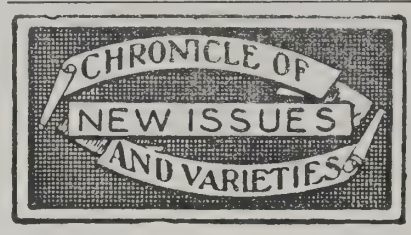

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

1870, National Prints

There has recently been found, and I have acquired, a complete set of the National prints of 1870, from 1c to 90c inclusive, in unhinged mint blocks of six. These had been purchased at the time of issue and put away all these years, only recently having come to light. The blocks were found in an official envelope reading, "Post Office Department, Office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Official Business," in three lines. Inside the envelope, with the blocks, there was a card 3¼" x 6", printed in black with red border, reading as follows:

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Description of
Adhesive Postage Stamps. Engraved on Steel. New Series
Issued April, 1870

One Cent—Franklin; profile bust, after Rubricht. Color: Imperial Ultramarine Blue.

Two Cents—Jackson; profile bust, after Powers. Color: Velvet-Brown.

Three Cents—Washington; profile bust, after Houdon. Color: Milori-Green.

Six Cents—Lincoln; profile bust, after Volk. Color: Cochineal Red.

Seven Cents—Stanton; profile bust, from photograph. Color: English Vermilion.

Ten Cents—Jefferson; profile bust, after Powers' Statue. Color: Chocolate.

Twelve Cents—Clay; profile bust, after Hart. Color: Neutral Tint (Purple).

Fifteen Cents—Webster; profile bust, after Clevenger. Color: Orange.

Twenty-four Cents—Scott; profile bust, after Coffee. Color: Pure Purple.

Thirty Cents—Hamilton; profile bust, after Cerrachi. Color: Black.

Ninety Cents—Commodore O. H. Perry; profile bust, after Wolcutt's Statue. Color: Carmine.

All of the stamps are in bright fresh unhinged condition, and have the dark gum peculiar to the National printing. The 24c is in the lighter shade which is sometimes classified as the Continental, but one familiar with the gum would never call it anything other than the National. The surprise piece, however, is the 30c black. Heretofore, most specialists have classified as National only the full black in the very deep color. This block, while dark black, is not in the very deep black, but has the dark gum which is only known on the National stamp, hence, there is not the slightest doubt but that it is the National printing. The 90c is, of course, in the lake shade, peculiar to the National issue, and is a magnificently centered piece. In this fresh condition, it is one of the most attractive engravings of the middle issues. While finds of old covers are quite frequently made, it is seldom that a new lot of mint blocks come upon the market.

Hawaiian Stamps Issued

The rotary print, 2c red Washington, and 5c blue Roosevelt, perforated 11 x 10½, and overprinted in small capital letters, in black in two lines, "Hawaii 1778-1928," were placed on sale in Washington, in accordance with previous announcement in this column, on August 13th. The stamps commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the islands by Captain James Cook, were also placed on sale at Honolulu at the same time, and will be available in the other post offices throughout the islands on the following day.

The type of overprint used is similar to the type used on the new pre-cancelled varieties, and was produced on the rotary press in the same manner. They will readily be taken for pre-cancelled stamps, and they will, no doubt, be found for many months to come among pre-cancelled mixtures, for the overprint in some cases is so poor that it looks nothing more than cancellation.

It is so far noted that they are from two plates, namely, 2c from No. 19054 and 19055, and the 5c from No. 18907 and 18908.

It was just one hundred and fifty years ago, that Captain Jim Cook, British sea-dog, who had sailed the Pacific from the Antarctic, and the South Sea Islands to Alaska, anchored his good ship "Resolution" in Kealakekua Bay, Hawaii. There was great joy among the natives, for the Great White God and his crew of Demi-Gods had come at last. We are told that the high-priests chewed the meat of cocoanuts and removed the juice from their mouths and rubbed it on the face and arms of Captain Cook. He was fed with the flesh of sacrificed animals, and washed down by the remains of the juice. No doubt, the Hula-Hula dancers were all on hand. Each day there were new ceremonies until several weeks later when the Captain sailed away. One of his crew died, which the Hawaiians thought to be rather peculiar. When the ship anchored a few weeks later, they were already convinced that he was no God, and trouble brewed. Early one morning, Captain Cook and his men tried to capture the King as hostage for a stolen cutter. The natives attacked, Captain Cook was stabbed and years later the breast bone of the old British sea-dog was found among the relics of one of the Hawaiian clans.

It is the coming of Captain Cook and not the going, which is being celebrated in Hawaii and for which the special issue of stamps have appeared. Hawaii must be one of the few Islands in the world that Great Britain has laid hands upon that got away.

Current Shades

The 1c green rotary, perforated 11 x 10½, is noticed coming upon the mails in a very pale washed-out light yellow-green shade, differing greatly from those first issued.

Mr. Frank E. Robbins, also calls attention to the fact that he has located the 10c Special Delivery in the red-violet shade, recently described.

Canal Zone

The Canal Zone Philatelic Agency is receiving numerous requests for the new Air Mail stamp overprinted "Canal Zone," but as explained in this column a few weeks back, Washington has decided not to issue the stamps at the present time, although there is a possibility of their appearance after January first next, when the Canal Zone is supposed to be placed on one of the new air mail routes. Collectors are requested not to send remittances to the Zone for these stamps, at the present time.

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The Government of Western A and the Commonwealth note print submit designs characteristic of the ern State, and preferably inclu black swan, and the choice will be by the Postmaster-General. Our to Mr. R. McAndrew, of Covent the news.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Dutch Indies.—Mr. R. Robert mits for chronicle the 4c green pale ultramarine, design as Scott perf. 12½.

Gold Coast.—We have receiv new set of stamps recently issue Mr. R. Roberts who sends the fol description:

New design, head in second Printed in unbroken sheets of 12 the exception of the 1d which is printed by Messrs. Harrison & Son London, on script wmk. paper by gravure process. Perforated comb machine.

The vignette portrait is supposed that of King George V, but it d flatter His Majesty, and the view is of Christiansborg Castle.

Christiansborg Castle. formerly as Elmina, was one of the early ments of the West Coast dating b the 13th or 14th Century, when from Dieppe landed there. The ment came into the hands of the guese 1471 and into the hands Dutch 1637.

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½d green, 1d brown, 1½d red, 2 2½d yellow-orange, 3d Reckitt's b lilac and black, 1/- red-orange and 2/- bright violet and black, 5/- green and carmine.

It will be observed that the colo not the standard Postal Union co which the 2½d value has now re to blue, whereas these are prin orange; the 3d is in blue where Postal Union colors have rever purple on yellow, and Gold Coast to have adopted a color scheme own as regards the 1/- and 5/-.

Hungary.—Whitfield King & report the appearance of the 16f with the new watermark.

Kenya & Uganda.—*Postage D* The Crown Agent reports the de of a series of postage due stam Kenya. The type is similar to t the Federated Malay States P. Watermark Script. Postage Du blue-purple, 10c red, 20c green, 40 —*Philatelic Magazine.*

Latvia.—Geo. H. Jaeger sends specimen of a new 20 santimu sta sued at Riga, July 26. Formerly b now appears in pink and with "swa watermark. One million have issued.

Netherlands.—Copies of the 9 ange and black, type of A23, marked cirlcle have been received Mr. R. Roberts.

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Penrhyn.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 1p carmine and black, on single N. Z. and Star watermarked paper.

Poland.—Whitfield King & Co. send us the following new items of this country: 50gr slate (Pilsudski); 1zl black on cream (Moscicki); and 25gr red (General J. Bem).

St. Vincent.—*£1 Script CA.*—This stamp is now on order for the first time and may be expected soon.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

South Georgia.—We read in the *South African Philatelist* that these islands which have hitherto used Falkland Island stamps are now, according to a correspondent, to have their own issue, which is due to make its appearance at once.

Spain.—25c blue of the current issue has been brought into use. This stamp was printed, says *The Times*, in 1923, but owing to a sudden change of rate in foreign postage, a carmine one was substituted. Only a few sheets have got into circulation, these probably unofficially.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF

BRITISH EMPIRE.

Apart from new printings of existing stamps (among which we note further supplies of the Cyprus Jubilee 4 and 6pi) there is not much of interest to cull from the latest issue of the *Crown Agents' Bulletin.*

We note the following:—

Gold Coast. The new issue has been sent out to the Colony, with the exception of the 2½d, 6d, 1s, 2s and 5s values which are still in preparation.

Kenya. Postage Dues in the Federated Malay type, and of the values of 5, 10, 20, and 40c, are on their way to the Colony.

Malta. The current issue is being overprinted "Postage and Revenue."

St. Vincent. The £1 is on order on Script paper.

AUSTRALIA.—Mr. D. Hogarth kindly sends us a cutting announcing that the centenary of Western Australia, which will be celebrated at the end of next year, will be commemorated by the issue of a special postage stamp, on which the popular Black Swan is expected to appear.

FIJI.—Mr. R. Roberts reports receipt of a new printing of the £1, from Plate 13, and in a very brilliant shade of colour. The first printing of the £1, Die II, was from Plate 10, in its very worn state, the frame lines being very thin, whereas in the present issue the lines are thick and bold.

GIBRALTAR.—Messrs. Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market Ltd. draw our attention to new shades of the current 2s6d, and £5. In the former the green is now yellower than in the first printing, while the rather violet shade of the first £5 has now become more purple.

GRENADA.—We are indebted to the Rev. W. G. Iremonger for the sight of some new shades of the current series, from the latest printings.

1d. A deeper brown than any of the three previous printings.
1½d. Carmine instead of pale carmine.
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2½d. Blue instead of the ultramarine shade of the second re-issue. The new colour is practically that of the original re-issue in blue.
5d. Deeper purple, and less yellow in the green. Double jubilee-lines instead of single.
2/-. Greyish purple and bright blue, not unlike the colour of the first printing, but without the oily appearance of the impression.

NYASALAND.—Mr. C. D. Twynam explains the absence of philatelic news from this colony by the fact that in outside stations the resident acts as postmaster, a native clerk doing the routine work. As the latter is usually only trusted with stamps up to 2d in face value, it is often difficult to get hold of higher values, except at Blantyre or Zomba.

Our correspondent adds that the supply of 1s stamps on the old CA paper seems practically inexhaustible. As there is no rate requiring a 2s6d stamp, ht regards this as likely to be the best of the set in used condition, apart from the very high values.

SEYCHELLES.—Mr. J. Harms and Mr. J. T. Bradley draw our attention to a variety occurring in the 2.25r Script, printed from Plate 11. The first stamp in the last row but one of the pane shows the letter "H" of "SEYCHELLES" with the right vertical stroke elongated, so that it almost touches the crown. The variety is constant in this value, but has not been noted in other values.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—It is officially stated that the 4d Triangular has never been perforated by authority. At the time when the 4d S.W.A. was perforated, reports were current that the Union stamp had been seen perforated, but such specimens were apparently produced with intent to deceive collectors.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

BOLIVIA.—Mr. A. H. Davis informs us that tenders have been called for the printing of the following supplies of stamps, including a new value, the 1c. The other values were those of which large stocks were stolen and which were issued with the "Octubre" control. (*Later.* We learn that new dies and plates are already being engraved by a well-known London firm, and that a new design will be used, at any rate for the three higher values here mentioned.)

1c, yellow, 300,000.
5c, dark green, 4,000,000.
10c, slate, 3,000,000.
15c, dark red, 4,000,000.

BRAZIL.—From Dr. Mario de Sanctis we have news of the following projected colour changes in the current postage stamps:—

100r, from orange to green.
200r, from red to sepia.
300r, from sepia to red.
400r, from blue to orange.
500r, from brown to blue.

BULGARIA.—While a few of the overprinted Air Mail stamps are affixed by postal clerks to correspondence, it is impossible to buy the stamps at the post offices. In effect, it appears that the right of exclusive sale of the Air stamps is part of the payment received by the Air Mail Company, and this right has been transferred to a German philatelic firm, so that anyone in Bulgaria who wishes to possess the Air Mail stamps of his own country must buy them at a premium from abroad.

Under these circumstances we consider that the stamps are those of a private company, and do not propose to catalogue them.

DENMARK.—*Iceland.* Lieut. J. R. A. Seymour, R. N., tells us that the so-called Air Mail only runs occasionally. There is only one seaplane, which carries mails from Reykjavik to outlying towns, and this machine is frequently under repair.

FRANCE.—Professor F. P. Renaut tells us that postal rates for letters and postcards between France and Luxemburg have been raised, in accordance with the postal convention of August-September, 1926.

PARAGUAY.—Mr. A. H. Davis is informed that a special set of aviation stamps is being prepared for use in connection with the projected Air Mail service between Buenos Aires and Asuncion.

PERU.—A cutting sent us by Mr. A. H. Davis states that the Peruvian Government has authorised a German company to establish an Air Mail service along the coast in connection with the service between Europe and South America. Another Air Mail concession has been given to a U. S. Company.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

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JUNE-JULY SUBSCRIPTIONS

The leaders in this report for the two months of June and July are the Ancher Stamp Co. with 34, W. W. Betts with 33, and Andrew R. Perry 30. On the record for the year the positions of the three leaders are unchanged, but Andrew R. Perry goes into fourth place with 136. Those having ten or more to their credit for the two months are:—

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be guided by reliable dealers, who are daily handling the varieties and are naturally posted as to demand and supply.

In the 1917 series, I regret to see that only the two high values increase. When these were priced, the Scott people were evidently under the impression that practically all of them were available at the Philatelic Agency, which is not the case.

The 1917 2c of the old design No. 519 moves to $10.00. It may be interesting to record that a further supply of 200 of these stamps, closely held heretofore, recently came upon the market.

Several of the surface prints and most of the rotaries from 1918 to 1920 have been increased. In the regular issue of 1922, the imperf. 5c and the imperf. and part-perf. 10c are now priced at $125 each, a figure which they have been bringing, net during the last year. The $2 used drops to 50c.

The two rotaries No. 578 and No. 579 are now priced at 60c and 35c each. These two could have been purchased just a year or so back at the Philatelic Agency for 1c and 2c each, showing what I had recently mentioned that dealers cannot put away everything. The 2c rotary perf. 11 moves to $3.00—still slightly low. Anything of the United States perforated 10 is desirable and these remarks apply in the case of the perforated 10 rotaries which will all prove good property. The 7c especially is likely to be desirable, as the stamp was only in use a short time.

One piece of news eagerly sought is the new price on the Norse-American. In the case of the 2c, they are priced at 12c and 6c, and the 5c at 30c and 25c. Personally, I feel that this stamp is overrated and one who pays $50 to $60 for sheets, is certainly not in line for any profit in the near future. I make these remarks having a good supply on hand.

This year the Departments in most cases take fair advances, which are well merited, for they are becoming more popular week by week. The collector who searches for superb mint or used copies has no easy work and the fact that many collectors are going in for cancellations and shades has taken much of the available supply from the market. The postal savings issues also increase. The Carriers stand still, without exception, for these like the postmasters are only collected by a limited few and the demand is not excessive.

One special delivery which I am glad to see increase is the 1894 issue, unwatermarked, which has always been scarce and is generally lacking in most collections and most dealers' stocks. I do not note a single increase in the Newspaper varieties, and only a few increases in the postage due, the 3c perf. 10 unused going to $1.50. It is odd that this stamp in unused condition is so evasive, and I warrant that I have it on twenty want lists and cannot pick up a single mint copy. I would gladly pay over catalog for a supply, as I still think it is underrated.

The catalogers still omit to price the perf. 11, 30c, and I regret to see this is the case, for I recently saw a block of four submitted to one of my clien $25.00, classed as a rarity because it not priced in the catalog. The sta fairly common and should be cata around 75c in unused condition around 10c or 15c cancelled. Mo the parcel post dues have increased

Among the envelopes, I see quite changes, but as I am but slightly ested in these issues, I have not the trouble to check them carefull do note that the 1½c on buff No. always a rare envelope, moved to $ The Shanghai have all been incre the $1 on 50c now being priced with the two local prints listed each.

The numerous increases in the nues reflect the increasing intere these issues during the last few It is becoming most difficult to pic fine items and this is especially so case of the imperforate issues. A the rare varieties imperforate, I see the $1.30 is now listed at $150.0 $1.60 at $35.00, the $1.90 at $175.0 $2 at $100.00, and the $2.50 at $150. am sorry to see the $3.50 stand stil this is equally deserving of an inc The $15 Mortgage imperf. is now at $50.00 and the $25 at $45.00.

The changes in the second issu few, and I especially note that the desirable $200 moves to $350.00, an $500, always a rare variety, to $7 Personally, I feel that some of t verts should have been increased.

In the third issue, the changes normal stamps are minor, with th ception of the $20, which goes to $ The $1 green and black inverted is at $800.00. I believe this variety almost as rare as the $2.50, which tainly should have been increased, have sold two copies at a higher than the catalog indicates, and I like to buy one or two more.

In the Proprietaries, the $5 on goes to $1,000.00, the price wh charged a year ago for the only that I have ever seen. These s really come on three colors of pape many confuse the medium shade the green. The real green is really and is not to be compared with so the so-called greens that are o from time to time. This is the that should not be purchased witho ing passed upon by a competent auth not that I mean that counterfeits for they do not, but 90% do not the green paper when they see it. 3c invert goes to $2,500.00, and w was ever lowered last year, I d know, for not a single extra cop been found, and as there are only four or probably five existing, the is not too high. In fact, there is a ket for several more on the basis current price.

The 1898 issues are left the throughout, and I must say this most uninteresting issue of revenues we have ever had. With very fe ceptions, they are all readily obta and most collectors buy them simp fill in the spaces.

From this point on, we find ch among the black Proprietary stamp higher values taking substantial adv The high value "Stock Transfer" rieties which have always been increase, while the "Future Deli again drop. I believe, however, these are about reaching the point the price will become stabilized. L cut and cut condition the $30 is priced at $20 and $5, the $50 at $6 a the $60 at $10 and $6, the $500 a and $15, and the $1,000 at $18 and

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Nevertheless we venture to call attention to a few short comings which if improved would add to the value of the work and be welcomed by the many thousands of its daily users.

The Advance Sheets have recently appeared covering all U. S. stamps and we will confine these notes for the present to the adhesive postal issues of our own country:—

Nos. 85a to 85c. There is no adequate description of this "Z Grill." No one could identify these numbers from the Scott Catalogue. Unless they are sufficiently different to stand a description they had better be omitted at least from the large catalogue.

Double Grills. Does it not seem that the inclusion of these should be left to the Specialized rather than burden the General Catalogue with them?

No. 133. 1880 1c, Special Printing. There were two quite distinct issues of this stamp, one a yellowish buff issued with gum and the other a brown shade issued ungummed. This calls for at least an "a" number.

Nos. 192-204. These and many other Special Printings and Reprints were issued ungummed. Notes designating all ungummed issues would be valuable information and not much trouble.

No. 216a. 1888, 5c on pinkish paper should certainly be dropped from the catalogue. The one copy from which this was listed is said to have been destroyed and others with a faint pinkish tint are not considered "it."

Nos. 248a, 250a, 252a. 1894—Part Perfs. were not regularly issued or sold at a postoffice. About one plate number strip of three of each which including also the 1c blue of same issue is all that ever got out. No. 260a it seems should be omitted as in this case only the bottom perforations below the tenth row in the sheet were omitted. It is therefore not really "Imperf. horizontally."

Nos. 253a, 254a, 255b, 258a, 2238a. 1894 Imperfs. were not regularly issued. An ungummed sheet of each was obtained in a manner never explained. These were gummed on the outside while the imperfs. of the 1895 issue were at least fully gummed and as worthy of separate listing as the above numbers. We recommend at least equal treatment in a foot note.

Nos. 279b and c. 1898 2c orange-red and rose-carmine. An error was made in including these in the 1898-99 issue and not as shades of No. 252. There was no intentional change on the part of the Bureau. Still other shades, a little less marked appeared in 1900 and later, but these seem to rank again as varieties of 252. We recommend this correction.

No. 400. 1912 10c Panama-Pacific. When the Department officially orders a change in color it would seem that the stamp is entitled to a full number in the catalogue. This stamp was printed at first in yellow which was found to be too indistinct and pale. The color was then ordered changed to orange.

No. 519. 1917 2c, doubled lined wmk., perf. 11. This stamp is steadily rising and now priced at $10. Collectors are still awaiting the release of something over forty full sheets which are being held apparently for a still greater increase in price. After placing these on the market what will happen?

No. 1545. Navy 2c green was never an "error" any more than the same stamp in black and should not be designated as such.

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Nos. 1605, 1616. Interior 30 and 90c, printed by American Bank Note Co. We claim that said company never printed any 30 or 90c Interiors and should be dropped from the catalogue. This error has now been carried along about 20 years. We admit that these stamps are occasionally found on a slightly softer paper, but the shades are not like the printings of the American B. N. Co. and they are "Continentals."

No. 1630. War 6c. This stamp exists in the dull vermilion the same as the 2c No. 1628a, and both should be listed. The 6c in this shade is much rarer and extremely so unused.

Postage Dues. A year or two ago the first printing in yellow-brown was dropped with the exception of the 3c which is now listed as 2213a. The 1, 2, 5 and 10c came also in this shade while the 30 and 50c do not. This is certainly a rather arbitrary procedure. The 3c happens to be much more common in yellow-brown than the other values, but they surely do exist and are as entitled to a separate listing now as they have been for the past 35 years or more. We feel that Nos. 2201 to 2205 should be reinstated.

No. 2265. Postage Due 1c, Perf. 10, no wmk. It is claimed that only 50 sheets were printed and we are still looking for the collector who owns an unused copy, once listed at 5c, now $5.00.

No. 27a. The Tuscumbia Envelope. For a number of years this has been listed in the catalogue and a space provided in the album. We believe a single copy was found, one over which an 1857 3c had been pasted, proving that at least this specimen never had served as a postage stamp. Whether or not any copy was ever actually used has not been established and if it had, should it even then be included in the catalogue? There are a number of other handstamped envelopes of equal merit. Some years ago we had a Cumberland, Md., an oval with town name and "PAID 3," rather attractive. This went into the Ackerman Collection, but no request was ever made for listing it (See *Philatelic Gazette*).

Recently the writer discovered an interesting cover of Woodstock, Conn., quite similar in design to the Tuscumbia. This copy was acquired and featured in the August issue of the *Am. Phil.* by Dr. Chase with the closing note: "I believe it should be listed in Scott's catalogue as No. 27b." If we are going to continue listing these there will be many others clamoring for recognition and the catalogue will be burdened in a very undesirable manner. Probably this will also mean more album spaces which not a single collector will ever fill. Such listing is not in the interest of stamp collecting and for our part would like to see No. 27a dropped and similar handstamps, which appeared while general issues were in use, not admitted to the catalogue.

Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
40 Wilshire Park, Needham, Mass.

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

San Diego, Calif., dedicated Lindbergh Field on Aug. 16th and a special cachet, —Lindbergh smiling, the ever-present horseshoe, etc.,—was applied to Air Mail.

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August 18th was the dedication date for the Hornell, N. Y., Airport and Towanda, Pa., celebrated a two day opening of her new Field. Special cachets were applied to Air Mail from these two points.

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It is regretted that some of the news I receive comes too late for publication. In the past two days I have received word that Colonial Western Airways, Inc., will apply a special cachet to Air Mail from Syracuse, N. Y., on August 22nd and 23rd, on which days there will be a great celebration in honor of the new Airfield. I also received word that Uniontown, Pa., formally dedicates Floyd Bennett Field on Aug. 23rd and Air Mail will receive a special cachet on that date.

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Coöperators the past week were:— Wm. J. Prinzing, Henry C. De Witt, Fred B. Harrison, Frank W. Wright, G. H. Kieley*, Anna M. Schafer, Claude C. Beals, Conrad Mook, C. A. Forster, Postmaster Kellogg of Detroit and two of the contractors, Boeing Air Transport and Western Air Express. Hereafter, a star following a name indicates the receipt of a cover from the coöperator.*

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Waukegan, Ill., will apply a special cachet to all Air Mail despatched on Sept. 10th during the American Legion State Convention. Mr. F. B. Harrison states that Postmaster Talcott is trying hard to have a special stop made on the above date, by the Chicago-Minneapolis mail plane. Whether or not Mr. Talcott succeeds in his attempt, the Waukegan Philatelic Club will see that something appropriate is applied to covers carried on this date. Covers can be sent to the Postmaster, who will turn them over to a representative of the Club in case the POD fails to give sanction to an official cachet, so get busy with yours!

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That low, rumbling noise that you have been hearing lately is not thunder, Big Berthas or an elephant's digestive apparatus in operation, but the mutterings of Air Mail cover collectors who are trying to decide just how far they want to follow these new Airport dedications! The way the cachets are coming in lately, the mutterings will increase

DID YOU GET YOURS?

When the Hawaiian commemoratives were announced it was too late for most of you to get first day covers mailed to you from Honolulu, the only city where the stamps were sold except Washington.

Members of my First Day Cover Club, however, had already been provided for and covers addressed to them and sent to Honolulu for mailing.

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C. E. NICKLES

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onder how many first class Air Mail rs the Ile de France carried back her when she sailed Aug. 17th? At per half ounce, it couldn't have many.

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ere is a partial list of coming events e special Air Mail cachets can be d for: —McKeesport, Pa.—Sept. Nat'l Air Race control. Youngs- , O.—Resumption of Air Mail, Sept. r 15th. Waukegan, Ill.—Sept. 10- lm. Legion Convention. New York- treal Service—Around Sept. 15th. official date given as yet. Newark, .—About Oct. 1st. Opening of Air Field. Defiance, O.—Sept. 3rd, ation of Airport. Hyannis, Mass.— 7-9th. Air Meet. New York- ico City—Sept. 15th. Still question- · Los Angeles, Cal.—Sept. 8-15th. onal Air Races. Albany, N. Y.— 3-6th, Airport dedication. Boston, .—Early in Oct., Radio and Air- Exposition.

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By HERMAN TOASPERN.

On Thursday evening, August 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Sloane, and the writer journeyed to the beautiful summer home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morgenthau at Woodmere, L. I. The occasion was the 70th birthday of Mr. Morgenthau, the Dean of American Philately.

The occasion was a most brilliant one, with some sixty-five guests seated at the festive board. Many of the guests were names well known to New York's financial and social world, and every guest a friend in the sincerest meaning of the word.

Upon our arrival we were met upon the verandah by Mr. and Mrs. Morgenthau with the heartiest of greetings. In acknowledging receipt of a congratulatory telegram from the Hot Stove League, Mr. Morgenthau remarked in passing that the telegram was one of sixty he had received. During dinner I personally signed for eight more.

After the collation had been served, many of the guests turned to bridge, mah jong and other games, others viewed the numerous gifts that had been received in profusion and strolled about the spacious grounds. As I sat on the lawn alone, the thought came to me of how rich and full Mr. Morgenthau's life has been and is. The cold cynicisms of ordinary business life fell away, truth remained—truth that virtue, honesty, honor and love are what makes life worth the living.

Mr. Morgenthau's knowledge of stamps and stamp collecting is second to none in our field. But it is not to his knowledge alone that the stamp trade gives its loving homage. It is because he stands out as the one man who has done more for the stamp hobby than any other man in America, living or dead! He has moulded as has no other, the ethics and customs of our hobby and business.

The basis of business is mutual confidence. In dealing with ordinary merchandise, the purchaser buys with expert knowledge or for his own consumption as a personal want. But in collecting fields the tyro must buy on the seller's judgement, and the ways of fraud are many and devious. Mr. Morgenthau early realized that the only way to create and maintain value in these tiny pieces of paper we call postage stamps, was to maintain liquid values.

For values to be liquid, they must be readily convertible into cash. The auction was the solution—*but* the auction had to be honest!

Other fields more or less closely allied to stamps had auctions, but the evils of price fixing and wash sales was a matter of public knowledge. Bids opened at $5 and were closed at $2.10, and the buyers rarely got a break, and many the sale that was slaughtered! And the sales without warranty—*caveat emptor!*

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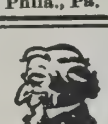

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Pages could be filled with Mr. Morgenthau's deeds and work in stamp circles. That is common knowledge. But could you have been with us at that party, and have seen the love and affection and even adoration that distinguished men and women, young and old poured on him, your heart would have swelled with pride at the sheer joy of knowing him. I feel perhaps, that I wax over-enthusiastic in print, but ask any member of the Collectors Club, or anyone of importance in the stamp field, and hear them tune in with their praises.

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As our little group stood around the punch bowl, having a farewell drink before leaving, George Sloane said, "I hope we are all here to drink to your good health, Mr. Morgenthau, on your 100th birthday." It was a remark that I am sure everyone who knows him will echo.

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I have just made up six new books, three of unused and three of used, the latter containing many scarce cancellations.

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I have again had to re-arrange the whole of my approval books of Mexico owing to the old set having sold out so freely that they were not in a condition to send out, and further, owing to the purchase of a rather nice collection of Mexico. I have combined all recent purchases and now have a really good series of **twenty-six** new books ready to send out. These include stamps up to about 1882 with a few later issues in scarce values and varieties, also a few extra fine Guadalajara.

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For this air mail, either the 5c blu red air mail stamp was used, and chine cancelled "Habana, Cuba, 1 within a single lined circle, 21mm, "FEB 23—9-AM" in the center in lines, and at the right the flag slo (58x18mm) first used on February (the day of Col. Lindbergh's arr from Port au Prince in "The Spirit St. Louis"), with the representation biplane in the left portion, and in right, in three lines, "Utilizando Servicio Aereo—Economiza Tiem i.e., "Using the air service saves time.

In the lower left corner is a do lined circular marking, 48mm, applie violet, lettered at the top, in two cur lines, "Habana—Santiago de Cuba—C reo Aereo," and at the bottom, "Pri Vuelo—Febrero 23—1928," in three h zontal lines. In the center is a cruc drawn airplane, whose wings touch outer circle at both left and right. marking was privately applied, seemin by means of a hectograph transfer rat than a rubber stamp.

On receipt at Santiago de Cuba, letters were electric machine ba stamped "Santiago de Cuba, 1928" w in a single lined circle, 21mm, "FEB 23—5.30 PM" in the center in lines, and at the right, a four line slo (55x21mm) "Fume Tabaco Cubano —es el mejor del mundo—Smoke Cu Cigars—The best in the world," with horizontal bar above and below each l

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AFTER a stay of over two weeks in Paris, the editor went to Ostend, Belgium, where philatelic indications were not lacking even though the season at this beautiful beach resort may be said to be compressed into two months, July and August. In consequence, some of the establishments at this popular place are of a temporary nature and the stamp shop or two is apt to be a branch of the firm in the larger city. At one of the stamp stores, the agreeable proprietor said that his stock while containing a number of interesting pieces did not compare with that he had at Antwerp, where his regular place of business was established. However, he showed pieces both straight and specialistic of Belgium, in particular that were worth attention. In explanation of his prices for fine things, he said that it was necessary for him to scour the market for them and pay increasing prices with the result that he had to charge accordingly. He told of the insatiable demand for scarce or unusual Belgians and said that there was no trouble in selling such goods, but he seemed to be somewhat concerned about the time when it would almost be impossible for him to restock them. Belgium and Belgian Congo were favorites and the albums for them seemed to be in demand. It is the same old story to the effect that the stamps of a country are best placed in it.

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OUR Ostend friend spoke English very well and a keen sense of the desirability of condition was his. In fact, he was more extreme in his critical appraisal of a stamp than many of the advanced precisians in our country and he seemed to price his wares according to the exacting standard that he had raised. His idea of the future of stamps was such that he seemed to think it ironical for one to even ask the question. Evidently, he thought stamp wealth was more secure than any other kind as it was apparent that his faith in stamps as an investment was a part of him. Asked if he found big buyers dropping in, he said that when the Rotary convention was held in Ostend, an American came in and in a short time had lavished bills on him; and it is our belief that the American got value received. Other instances that he related evidently were not intended to be divulged.

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IN Belgium one is safe in asking anybody if he or she collects stamps. In fact, for the American it seemed to be advisable at times for him to identify himself as a collector. The porter at the hotel, the waiter and the other persons who act in a somewhat public capacity are apt to be interested in stamps, and if they are not, a relative or a friend is. While it may not be the accepted thing to do, it might be arranged by the careful traveler to pay some of his tips in stamps. Belgium is a compact country and has been called the nursery of philately. It claims some of the first collectors and has produced not a few of the greatest philatelists of all times; and the name of Moens will live on the philatelic page forever. It may be said that with the Belgians, collecting is bred in the bone and needs no stimulus to force it.

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FROM Ostend, the route was to Amsterdam by way of Brussels and Antwerp, and both of these important Belgian cities showed evidences of collecting to the roving eye, but the short time spent in them did not allow of any visits. Amsterdam was reached when it was in the midst of preparations for the Olympic games and while no philatelic excursions were made there, stamps were to be found on sale at various stores. What was more to the point was that stamp conversation was always of interest to the one with whom one came in casual contact even when that person was not a philatelist. The one addressed knew about collecting even if he did not follow it and it was not necessary to bridge a chasm by explaining the rationality of collecting, as is so often the case, elsewhere. The public was interested in current issues and special varieties and we are sure that the people of Holland knew for instance that special stamps had been prepared for the Olympiad. Here, we must admit, many of the people are unimpressed by a special issue, due to no mental obliquity, of course, but to the diffusion of population and perhaps a greater variety of interests for the people. Amsterdam is a most attractive city, and Holland a country that has its allurement. From Amsterdam, we took an auto to the Hook of Holland to sail for England. Arriving at the station at the Hook, an examination of the little stock of books on sale there revealed the works of our friend, H. Bedford-Jones of Ann Arbor, Michigan, prominently in place among the best sellers; and here we may as well add, that in England and elsewhere, his books were well to the front in the shops. We certainly felt that Mr. Bedford-Jones is most generous in giving some of his time to the preparation of stamp articles, as the columns of the WEEKLY and other stamp journals attest. At the Hook of Holland, a few words revealed the fact that one of the officers of the station there was a collector. We gave him a block of the Valley Forge and a few other stamps which he gratefully accepted. In a short time, he handed us a few common U. S., which showed his good-will; and we must not forget to send him a few stamps as we promised to do, when once we got home.

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THE day following we got to London, just in time to encounter the most torrid spell that it had experienced for many years, and after a few days of activity, the heat told us that it was wise to restrain our activities. The British Museum was our shrine and the Tapling collection was a lode-stone and repeated visits to the institution were well rewarded. The famous Mauritius were shown as well as the Hawaiian Missionaries and other great rarities. Inquiry for a catalogue of the collection which was so ably prepared for display by Mr. Bacon was met by the statement that a new edition of it had not been published when the former one had become exhausted. Amidst all the wonderful treasures in the Museum, the Tapling collection receives it meed of attention, and it was noticed that interested onlookers were always inspecting the stamps.

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THE immensity of London in all respects is somewhat disturbing, and our stamp range was restricted there. Not a few addresses at which we intended to call were not made use of, but a number of out-of-the-way shops that we happened to be near naturally were not remarkable on the score of stock. However, the courtesy of the small dealers, let us say, made visits to them a pleasant experience. The Strand is famous as a philatelic thoroughfare and names known throughout the world are found on signs there. A call on Mr. F. Hugh Vallancey, proprietor of *Stamp Collecting,* and a meeting with Mr. Fred J. Melville were the high-lights of our London visit and to them we were indebted for courtesies extended. A trip to Mr. Vallancey's bungalow on the Thames was refreshing, indeed, and we shall not forget the restful day spent under nature's smiling face. Notwithstanding that he was in the midst of preliminary work on the exhibition at Olympia, he insisted upon interrupting his task to give us a most enjo afternoon. We are pleased that brother publisher may relax under conditions and recoup his energies a distracting day at the office.

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The convention of the American Philatelic Society was held outside of the United States this year for the first time in its history; and the progressive city of Toronto, the seat of a flourishing local philatelic society, was chosen for the honor. The convention was timed in a way to coincide with the Canadian National Exhibition, the golden jubilee year of which was celebrated beginning with August 24th. Doubtlessly, the great national exhibition attracted some collectors who otherwise might not have attended the stamp convention; and it was certain that hotels were crowded and the city filled with visitors. In fact, the delegates to the stamp convention found it difficult not to be distracted from the philatelic theme, such was the lure of the popular attractions.

On Wednesday night, August 22nd, the registration of visitors began in the Yellow Room of the King Edward Hotel, and it was seen that the number of delegates present from the United States was promising and that the enrollment from Canada was large. Mr. L. A. Davenport, chairman of the Toronto committee, was cordial in his welcome, and the scene was an animated one. The evening was of the kind dear to the heart of the collector who hungers for companionship and an opportunity to compare notes and stamps. Mr. Henry A. Diamant of St. Louis proved to be at home with the reporters, and we doubt not that they were given much information, which if not brushed aside by the calloused city editors would make good stories. As for publicity, I suppose that there was no dearth of it in the enterprising dailies of Toronto, but I cannot vouch for the truth of the surmise as I was too busy to read the papers. As I may be said to run a newspaper, I wanted a vacation from press stuff, and now I am corralled to write of the convention for the WEEKLY. I write under pressure and do not intend to be held responsible for mistakes!

The opening of the convention, scheduled for 10 A. M., Thursday, August 23rd, was an interesting spectacle to one who has not been privileged to participate in a meeting of the kind heretofore. The officers of the American Philatelic Society, the welcoming Torontonians and the presence of Mayor McBride were an effective setting. The Mayor was an ardent advocate of the pre-eminence of his city. Once under way, the convention soon was listening to the reports of the officers and it is needless to say that some of the statements were plain-spoken. That candor was the keynote of certain of the reports was apparent, and the indications were that subsequent discussion would be full and free.

The afternoon was devoted to a sightseeing trip around the city through the courtesy of the civic authorities and those who saw the panorama that was unfolded in the course of the afternoon gained a decided respect for the city in its physical and community aspects. Some of us from over the border do not realize how fast Toronto and all Canada, for that matter, are marching onward and upward.

The attendance at the auction sale under the auspices of Mr. V. C. Rotnem was large and representative and much interest was shown in it. Due to a variety of causes, the sale was almost too long drawn-out as it was well into the next day when it was finished. The prices were good, as a rule, although a few pieces may have sold below a fair figure. On the contrary, other lots went high, leaving catalogue quotations behind, and the axiom that anything really exceptional sold well was exemplified. I had my eye on a block of four of the 1903, Edward, Canada, 50c, catalogued at $24 ($30 in the Advance Sheets. Ed.) that brought $31.

The next day, Friday, August 24th, was devoted to an important business session, and without attempting to follow the recommendations of officers in their reports and the committees' reports, I may say that there seemed to be a sincere desire to improve the workings of the society by increasing its usefulness and dismissing influences that held it back. It is the wish to elevate the plane on which it is run, and the legislation that was passed had that idea in view. Well in the afternoon, a sail in Toronto Bay was deemed by some to have been the most enjoyable of the entertainment; and in the evening the banquet was ordered for 7 P. M. Saturday was Canadian National Exhibition Day. President Wilhelm was to preside at the banquet, and one estimate was that over 200 persons would be present.

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On Saturday, August 18, a reception was tendered President A. H. Wilhelm of the A. P. S., and Mrs. Wilhelm by the stamp clubs of Detroit and vicinity. The guests were met by Dr. Hoskins and Harry Carter, and after a brief season at a local hotel they were taken to the rooms of the Michigan Stamp Club in G. A. R. Building.

After a short business session Mr. Carter introduced President Wilhelm who spoke on club matters, urging the recruiting of membership and the building of a greater interest in philately. He spoke upon the work of the A. P. S. and its splendid management.

Secretary H. A. Davis was also given a hearty welcome. Short talks were made by Mr. Griffin of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, Dr. Hoskins who had just returned from the Chicago convention of the Precancel Society, and Stedman Jackson of Buenos Ayres, Argentine. An auction sale concluded the meeting.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm and others took a boat ride to the mouth of Lake Erie on the Canadian side, and a very enjoyable day was spent.

The banquet Monday evening, August 20, was largely attended and a very interesting program was enjoyed by all. At the guest table were seated Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilhelm, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Guest, Mr. and Mrs. Stedman Jackson, John Kay, Alex. Livingston, Dr. Davis and son, and Dr. Hoskins. The latter acted as toastmaster and put the program through in fine form.

Four clubs participated in the reception and banquet, the Detroit Philatelic Society, Michigan Stamp Club, Wayne State Society, and the Border City Stamp Club of Windsor, Ont. Stamp talks were given by representatives of these four clubs, John Kay, Harry Carter, A. C. Butzen and W. Turner, each boosting his own respective club as the club to really belong to.

Pres. Wilhelm spoke of the activities of the A. P. S. and praised the Michigan Stamp Club for the publicity given philatelic matters. Addresses were also made by Dr. Davis, J. E. Guest, Stedman Jackson, Mrs. J. E. Guest and Dr. Hoskins. It was midnight before the party broke up, well satisfied with what had been seen and heard. Harry Carter had charge of the affair and is entitled to great praise for his efforts in making the banquet a success.

Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

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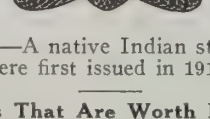
Junior Dictionary

German South West Africa.—This is a large tract of territory bounded on the west by the Atlantic Ocean and on the south by the Cape of Good Hope. It has an area of 322,450 square miles and a population of about 185,000, of whom only some 5,000 are Europeans. German occupation dates from 1884. The first distinctive postage stamps for use here were not issued until 1897. During the World War the territory was captured by South African troops, surrendering on July 8, 1915. Since then the South African postage stamps have been used without surcharge.

Gerusalemme.—The Italian rendering of Jerusalem as shown on the stamps overprinted for use in that Consular office.

G. et D.—An overprint applied to many of the stamps of the French colony of Guadeloupe, being an abbreviation for "Guadeloupe et Dependances." Another form of this overprint is expressed as "G & D".

G. P. de M.—An overprint very extensively used in Mexico in 1916-17, being in many cases applied to stamps which had already been overprinted by the Constitutional authorities. It stands for "Gobierno Provisorio de Mexico" or Provisional Government of Mexico.



Orcha.—A native Indian state where stamps were first issued in 1914.

Stamps That Are Worth Nothing

A common fault with beginners is that they put too much rubbish into their collections. Things like cut-out postcard and envelope stamps, fiscals and other labels that are not postage stamps at all, are generally worth nothing. Equally valueless, and more offensive in appearance, are stamps which are dirty, heavily cancelled, or torn. They should go right down to the bottom of the waste-paper basket or into the fire. They want no tender mercy—get rid of them by prompt and ruthless destruction. Don't make your collection a slum. How many slum dwellers does *your* collection hold?—*Junior Stamp Magazine.*

Stampic Items

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

Great Britain. It will be of interest to stampdom to learn that a country which has only issued one commemorative set since her postal existence started in 1840 has decided upon a second one. The Postmaster General of Great Britain has authorized a special issue in connection with the 9th Convention of the Universal Postal Union in London in 1929. The design has not yet been decided upon. Other sets in commemoration of similar conventions have been issued by Sweden and Spain.

Leeward Islands. A new set is in preparation for the Leeward Islands. The design will consist of twin seals showing the head of King George and the device of the public seal of the Presidency in which the stamps are issued. The denominations will be: ¼d, ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s, and £1. The above set is for Leeward Islands common. The presidential set consists of: ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s6d, and 5s.

Dutch Indies. For the opening of the airmail service between four towns in the Indies, provisional airmail stamps are being prepared in Java, 10-12½c, 20-25c, and 30-35c. The permanent issue to supersede them is now being printed in Holland. Two special stamps will pay tribute to aviators who made the first flight, Amsterdam-Batavia. The 40 cents stamp for franking postcards will show Lieutenant Koppen, and the 75 cents stamp for letters (20 grammes or under) will portray pilot Van der Hoop.

Netherlands. Holland's charity stamps this year will be dedicated to Jean Pierre Minckelers. Minckelers was a naturalist, philosopher and physician, and is credited with the invention of gas lighting.

Approvals—Lost and Found

Do approvals ever get lost or is that only an excuse used by dishonest or thoughtless people? In considering the question, we must follow the mail from the time letters are posted by the sender until the approvals are in the hands of the sender again. It is claimed that the Post Office loses comparatively little mail. Therefore we can pass over that part of the approval hazards.

Now, in most cases, who accepts the mail from the postman? Usually it is the mother or wife. If a child is ever trusted with it, it is because the postman has found him thoroughly dependable. Maybe a child is more dependable than a good many adults. He feels important when he is trusted and is therefore very careful. But adults have so many things to think about. They are so weighed with numerous duties and cares, big and little, that they are not always as careful as they should be. Receiving the mail does seem like a small thing compared with other things—getting a good dinner or bathing the baby, for instance.

In considering what is done with the mail at this point we have to consider two pictures. First let's consider the home where the mail is put down anywhere. Mother may be telephoning when the postman rings. She says, "Oh, wait a minute please. My doorbell just rang." Returning to the telephone a few seconds later she remarks, "It was only the postman." Now what did she do with the mail? It may be in her apron pocket. Possibly she laid it on some table that she chanced to pass. Or it may get tucked behind the telephone. If mother is baking when the mail comes, there are still plenty of original places to tuck it and sometimes forget it until found again by her or some other member of the family.

The second picture is of the home where the same care is taken of the mail as is taken of the food. The postman rings. Whoever takes in the mail sorts it immediately and places each persons mail in a special place where that person will look for it upon returning home. The easiest way and probably as good as any, is to put each person's mail at his place at the table. There are disadvantages to this method however. If the members get home just as dinner is about to be served, there isn't time to take it away and attend to it then. It either gets tucked into pockets, etc., or the meal is turned into an orgy of letter reading. Another way is to put each person's mail on his own desk in his own room. If this is done, there must be one special place right in plain sight where the mail is always put. The disadvantage to this is that it makes more work for someone, probably mother, who has plenty to do anyway. Wouldn't it be fine if we could have a few pigeon holes put up somewhere near the door where the mail could be sorted up and left for the addressee?

You can easily see that the first way makes it very easy to lose mail, if not permanently, at least for a time. If this stage is safely passed, there is still a chance of loss in the next step. At this point the mail is in the hands of the addressee. What does he do with it? The same things may happen here as before. There are the careless and the careful receivers. The careless one puts it in a pocket and forgets it or puts it up behind or under a clock or some other handy article, hoping to think of it sometime when he can attend to it. But the careful receiver has some place where he puts unanswered mail as soon as he has finished examining its contents. He also attends to answering promptly. The sooner a letter is answered, the less chance there is of that letter joining the ranks of the "Lost and Found."—A. C. LEDUC.

For "Juniors" of All Ages

By "ARGUS"

CONTROL LETTERS

A control letter or number is placed on the lower margin of the sheet of certain British stamps (see list in Catalogue) in order to indicate that such sheets have been printed under a certain contract, or that they belong to a particular batch. The figure stands for the year and the letter for the order of rotation. There is not much philatelic interest in controls, except as they indicate the order of the printings, but many collectors take them, and some are quite rare.

A plate number, in modern colonial stamps, is placed on the marginal paper of sheets, usually in two or more positions, to indicate the plate from which the stamps were printed. In most cases the numbers are on a circular ground. Here again, the main importance on such items lies in the help they give in determining the order of the printings, though one plate may, of course, be used for several printings.

Serial numbers are usually printed in black on the marginal paper of the sheet. Where serial numbers are used each sheet is numbered in rotation as it is printed. These numbers sometimes help to indicate the printing from which a particular sheet comes, or the approximate extent of a printing. They are therefore of some interest to specialists. —*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

GLEANINGS—

ONE of our Juniors, Francis T. 805 Kenneth Ave., Moscow, wishes us to say that he would exchange, but does not want any Central American, Colombian R or Portugal and colonies. He is S J4707.

W. W. BETTS, Clearfield, P just returned from a Eu trip. He was gone nine weeks a brought back a wonderful stock stamps he is specializing in. S advertisement in this issue.

WE have received a clipping Herman W. Boers indicatin A. H. Wilhelm, president of the A visited Detroit over a week-end en route to the Toronto conventi was tendered a reception in whi local societies joined with the City Stamp Club of Windsor i coming him.

R. A. MOLL sends us two fi covers with the 2c and 5c H They were mailed from Washing C., and bear the date of Aug. 13.

A BELA SEKULA auction sa be held Sept. 17-25 at Lucern catalog just at hand is a mammoth of 230 pages and it is accompanie supplementary pamphlet of 104 with full page plates of the man ties to be found in the sale. The to be congratulated upon its abi put on such a sale as this.

THE office of the WEEKLY at H was recently favored with from Lowell J. Ragatz of Wash D. C. Mr. Ragatz was on an a bile trip to Prince Edward Islan which he intended to journey w Wisconsin and home again. H called at our Portland office on h through that city. Courtesies o kind are greatly appreciated by offices.

ONE of our dealer friends, F. C rence of San Francisco, Cal gests that we organize a Dealers' Service Society and publish each the names of the dealers who gua to fill orders within forty-eight ho receipt or make immediate refun less the order specifies it may b until filled. We believe the end by Mr. Lawrence is a very desirab but we are not convinced as to th dom of working the problem out the line suggested. Our subs with one experience will be well a decide where patronage should be held.

ON Sunday, August 19, Rockvill ter, N. Y., had an airport d tion and Reginald P. Brook sends airmail cover which celebrated the There is a triangular marking in on the face of the cover which giv particulars of the event.

A COPY of the Reading (Pa.) for Aug. 14, states that E Klein of Philadelphia was the spea the noon meeting of the Rotary held at the Berkshire on that date. Klein's address is well reported a course dealt with philately.

IT is not our custom to make m of the various stamp auction ca that come to us week by week. W however, compelled to notice the excellent production just at hand Luder-Edelman of Zurich. The sal be held Sept. 29, and nearly 4,00 are listed. The descriptive list i companied by a booklet of se three pages of plates illustrating the ties of the sale. Not only is the c a very complete one, but it is we ranged and excellently printed and great credit to the firm in question.

N INLAND AIR MAIL, 1928

(*Continued from page 516*)

Saturday, February 25, the plane
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ackstamped. A very small mail of
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letters in this mail received a spe-
ncellation, in purple, consisting of
le lined circle (the inner being
1mm, and the outer serrated), let-
"Correo Aereo, Stgo. de Cuba
" with "FEB—25—1928" in three
the center. Five horizontal lines
mm) applied separately, cancel the
(5c blue or 5c red, Lindbergh).
pecial cancellation was prepared
d on the air mail dispatched from
o de Cuba on February 24th, by
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ne back is a gray-black, or brown
ion of a serrated oval, 42x28mm,
"Primer Correo Aereo"—a five
star—"Febrero 1928" across the
and at the bottom, "Santiago Ha-
On receipt at Habana this mail
ctric machine backstamped, "Ha-
Cuba, 1928.—FEB 25—3.30 PM,"
ndo, etc.
nall quantity of mail brought to
ana Post Office for the flight, but
ried, was properly cancelled, and
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a, the same thing happened. Un-
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ne, 1928, a 25 year contract (with
ion of renewing for another 25
was signed between the Cuban
nent and the Pan-American Air-
nc., for an air passenger and mail
throughout the island.
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eaving Habana on Saturdays and
s at 10.00 a. m. (following the
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maguey at 1.30 p. m., and arriving
ago de Cuba at 3 p. m. Return-
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maguey at noon, Santa Clara at
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uly 2nd, bids were opened, and
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e Company, i.e., the Pan-Ameri-
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Rico. The course of this route
iles) is from Key West, via Ha-
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Reported by ALBERT E. GORHAM.

I am very grateful for the opportunity of appearing before this meeting of your Society as an official representative of that Department which is so intimately and vitally related to philatelic affairs, for the study and furtherance of the best interests of which, I take it, your organization stands pledged.

I am not aware of the facts which underlie the selection of the name reading "Society of Philatelic Americans," but I know that your members are not only good philatelists but choose also to be classed in the final analysis as "Good Americans." I further believe there is logic for such an interpretation.

Postage stamps, as I see it, are mute but convincing tokens of organized and representative government, a comprehensive study of which from the early days to the present time, if undertaken in the proper spirit, cannot fail to promote a high order of patriotism and a keener sense of the individual's obligation to his government.

It will not be my purpose in the few remarks which I shall make to delve into the mysteries and fine technical points of stamp collecting for, I am sure, with my limited personal experience along those lines that there would be little that I could say of interest to members and friends of this Society, all of whom are "professionals" in philatelic matters. I shall, therefore, consider philately more from the Departmental viewpoint, explaining briefly what the Department has been doing to further the interests of stamp collecting, with a few observations in regard to postal matters that may be of some interest.

The establishment of the Philatelic Agency in the Department for the sale of stamps for collection purposes late in 1921, free as it was of all formality and spectacular setting, as well as with little thought, it appears, even on the part of its staunchest exponents at that time, of the new and wide field for service that was before it, has served to create a new bond of friendship and better understanding between the Department and the vast army of stamp collectors throughout our country and the world that is most gratifying. The facilities of the Agency are free to collectors and dealers everywhere and every effort is being made to meet the requirements of the thousands of customers in a manner beyond every reasonable cause for criticism.

Before my appointment to my present position, I must confess that I had little idea as to the magnitude of stamp collecting and my thoughts in that regard were that stamp collectors confined their collections to canceled stamps. Naturally, it was a revelation when I learned that the sales of unused stamps to collectors or what you collectors usually term as "mint" stamps, through the Philatelic Agency were amounting to over $100,000 yearly. I have later learned that an untold multitude of stamp "addicts" have collections of unused stamps worth thousands of dollars, with others up into much higher figures. Thus, it will be seen that from the utilitarian standpoint alone of being a profitable source of revenue to the Government from the sale of stamps for collection purposes, for which the postal service is never required, the establishment of the Philatelic Agency would have been well justified, but a higher motive of rendering a needed service to that ever increasing number of stamp collectors was the dominant factor which contributed to the opening of the direct sales agency specializing in the requirements of collectors generally.

As an outgrowth of the operation of the Philatelic Agency, the Department has been able to take action of a helpful nature to the cause of stamp collecting. Thus, it was my happy privilege to recommend to the Postmaster General in 1926 that the Department contribute to the interests of philately by coöperating with the Exposition held at the Grand Central Palace, New York, N. Y. I am sure that many of you are aware of the good work performed by the Philatelic Agency at that Exhibition, which has brought many letters of commendation for the interest displayed by the Department. More recently, when the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition was held in Cleveland, Ohio, I also recommended the establishment of a branch Philatelic Agency for the sale of stamped paper in connection with that event, and the highly commendable reports received by the Department by those who promoted, as well as from those who attended the Exhibition, are most convincing proof that collectors as a whole appreciate the efforts of the Department to foster an increasing interest in stamp collecting.

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We have also received an application for membership and check for $5 from Rev. Peter Pfister, who is associated with the Franciscan Monastery at Paterson, N. J., and we are grateful for his appreciation of our publication.

Mr. J. N. Stromberg, Chicago, becomes a five year subscriber and we are glad to welcome him to the ranks of those who declare their belief in the permanency of collecting. Mr. Stromberg had a famous collection of British West Indies over thirty years ago and later has gained a foremost position in the ranks of collectors of U. S. revenues. He is a past president of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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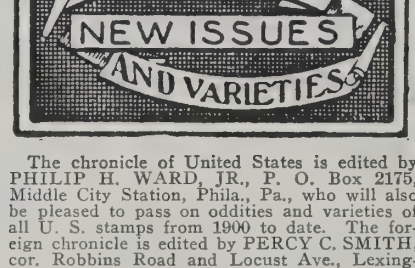

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Air Mail Items

Mr. George H. Grinnell has submitted for inspection a strip of the 10c Lindbergh from the southeast corner of Plate No. 19001. The next to the last stamp in the bottom row, that is, the one immediately to the right of the lower plate number, shows a double transfer in the "0" of the left "10." Two of the inner lines are double, but it will take an exceedingly strong glass to note the variety.

Mr. Leslie G. Deinstadt reports further plates for use in connection with the new 5c air mail stamp. He has found a variety with border No. 19569. We hope to report these new plate numbers in full to date in our next number.

While discussing air mail, it may be of interest to note that the Postmaster General announced that in June last, fifteen thousand pounds more of air mail was carried than in May, while July increased five thousand pounds over June. It is expected that with the new air mail rates that August will show an increase of 25% to 35% over July, during which time 214,654 pounds of mail was carried.

The largest air mail carrying route is the one that runs from Chicago to San Francisco, which during July carried nearly 61 thousand pounds. The New York-Chicago comes second, with approximately 5 thousand pounds less. The third and fourth in the list are Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, with nearly 23 thousand pounds, and Chicago to Dallas, with slightly less than 15 thousand pounds. It will be of interest to note that only 91 pounds was carried between Detroit and Cleveland, during the first nineteen days of July, after which the service was discontinued. During the entire month of July only 5 pounds of mail was carried between Great Falls and Salt Lake City. As a result, the service was discontinued in July, but resumed on August 3rd.

1-Cent Precanceled Envelopes

We mentioned in this column a few weeks back, that there was a possibility of the new 1c envelope appearing precanceled. Under date of August 7th, postmasters were advised that the Department had made arrangements to supply precanceled 1c stamped envelopes to meet the requirements of mailers who have been issued permits to dispatch bulk matter of the third class, under the conditions specified in section 435½, Postal Laws and Regulations, as stated in the Postal Bulletin of June 13, 1928.

The precanceled envelopes will be furnished with printed return cards of patrons (special request) or unprinted when the purchasers desire to have return cards of special design printed thereon by local printers or for mailing without the return address of the sender. Precanceled 1-cent envelopes will not be furnished in "office request," and requisitions for such stock shall not be submitted.

Precanceled envelopes, both special request and unprinted, shall be ordered from the department and sold to the public in lots of 500 envelopes or multiples thereof of a given variety. As there will be no general public sale for 1-cent precanceled envelopes, postmasters will not be required to carry supplies thereof in post-office stock except as it may be found practicable and desirable to do so by the postmaster to meet the demands of local mailers who require large quantities of precanceled envelopes.

The envelopes will be furnished in sizes 5, 8 and 13, of standard low-back quality and the precanceling which will be in black, will be applied by the envelope manufacturers at the same time that the envelope receives the corner reply card. This cancellation will consist of three horizontal lines, the center line broken, so that the portrait of the stamp will show. Between the lines, we find the name of the city and state, and below the bottom line "(Sec. 435½, P. L. & R.)."

Belgium.—"Parcels of newspapers" provisionals.—Parcel Post adhesives of 1923-27 (S.G. Types 123-124) overprinted in black. "JOURNAUX—DAGBLADEN—1928," seventeen values from 10c to 20fr. Our Brussels correspondent, Mr. H. Hooreman, who shows us these, tells us that these provisionals for newspaper parcel post are on trial for a period of three months; as, however, the sales appear to be pretty good it is expected they will remain on issue for an indefinite time. The 1fr value is in a new shade of ultramarine, not yet found in the stamp without the overprint.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Bermuda.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the ¼p on script watermark paper.

Brazil.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for note the 300 reis red and 500 reis ultramarine, type of A76, watermarked Casa da Moeda in large sans serif capitals as before. The 300 reis has three thick lines on both sides of the sheet in the margin, whereas the inscription at the top reading from left is "Casa Da Moeda Emissao de 1928 Ordem n. 188 Machina n. 43 EURICO BRANDAO."

Chile.—Our Buenos Aires friend, Mr. A. H. Davis, writes that Chile will shortly issue an air mail set which has been on order for some months.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Cochin.—A new provisional has been issued by this native state. The 2¼a yellow-green of the 1922 issue has been overprinted "One Anna" at the top and "Anchal & Revenue" at the foot in English characters and the value in Indian characters beneath "One Anna." Mr. R. Roberts furnishes the information.

Hungary.—Copies of the 8f green, 16f red and 32f blue, St. Stephen design, have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co.

Italian Somaliland.—The 50c brown and grey, current issue, has been overprinted "Somalia Italiana" in small sans serif capitals across the tunic of the King's uniform. The surcharge is in red in two lines. Mr. R. Roberts submits copies for chronicle.

Latvia.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 20san pink, watermarked swastika.

Liberia.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 15c lilac, with a map of Africa in the centre. This stamp was chronicled some few weeks ago with the surcharge for official use, but it the first time we have seen the without the overprint.

Russia.—*Tolstoy Commemora* Next month two values are to be to commemorate the centenary birth of Leo Tolstoy. The one wi the patriarchal features of the writer and the other a reproduc the well known painting by Repin ing Tolstoy ploughing the field values are 10 and 28kop respe but the colours have yet to be upon. Our thanks to Mr. L. S for this interesting news.—*Stam lecting.*

Siam.—The following values new 1928 issue, line engraved have been received from Mr. R. R 2s lilac-brown, 3s blue-green, 5s 10s lilac-rose, 15s deep blue, 25s and orange, 50s orange and black stamps are the work of Waterlo Sons and are printed in sheets line machine perf. 12½.

Sudan.—We have received fro R. Roberts the 10m green and postage due stamp, Nile steamboa on the new multiple S.G. waterm paper. The mauve is rather a b shade than the previous issue.

AMERICAN COLLECTORS COM

A special meeting of the stockh of the American Collectors Co. wa at Jersey City, N. J., on Friday, 17. The purpose of the meeting authorize the dissolution of the co liquidate the present obligations than $15,000) and distribute the re ing cash assets among the stockh While we have no definite infor as to the result of the meeting w sume that these steps were auth and final distribution to the stockh will be made before Sept 15.

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STAMP NOTES AND NEWS

LAOUITES.—We have received a new ety of 4 piastres on 25 centiemes, ch is similar to the one previously is-, but the numeral "4" and the Arabic acters are very much larger.

ELGIAN CONGO.—A set of stamps has issued to commemorate the fiftieth versary of the discovery of the Con- by the famous African explorer, Sir M. Stanley. There are fifteen de- inations as follows:—5, 10, 20, 35, 40, centimes, 1 franc, 1fr60c, 1fr75c, 2 cs, 2fr75c, 3fr50c, 5, 10 and 20 cs; all stamps are of the same design show a very handsome portrait of explorer, at the top of the stamp is ribed "Congo Belge" and at the base gische Congo."

ANADA.—We are officially informed the sale of the Confederation and orical stamps was discontinued at end of last month.

OSTA RICA.—With further reference e note in our June *Bulletin*, we have received a supply of the Red Cross p, but we find that this has not been ionally overprinted, it is the 5c or- stamp of 1910 overprinted with a Cross and "5c." We are informed this stamp was issued as long ago 922, but to meet a shortage of the ostage stamps the remainder of these ps was put on sale and sold at 5c for ordinary postage, the quantity not very large and they were quickly out. The 5c on 15c purple stamp tly distributed is now entirely sold at the Post Office and stocks of the nt 5c green and 10c red stamps have been received and are on sale.

OMINICAN REPUBLIC.—A special 10c Post stamp has been issued for this try printed in blue showing a map ne Dominican Republic with Hayti, and Porto Rico connected by a d line denoting the air post route. he top of the stamp is a monoplane, ibed at the left "Correo" and at the "Aereo."

TONIA.—A Philatelic Exhibition was last month at Reval and a special p was issued for the occasion, the 10 s stamp of 1922, type 12 in our ogue, was printed in a new colour, and put on sale at the special Post e at the Exhibition. We are in- ed that not more than 50 copies sold to any one applicant.

ELAND.—The 10 aur red stamp of No. 87 in our catalogue, has been printed with an aeroplane device in for use on letters sent by air mail. are informed that this is the only mination which is to be issued.

DIA.—We have had sent us a por- of a sheet of the 1 anna on 1½ an- Service stamps, No. 257 in our cata- e, with the surcharge inverted. We are informed that only one sheet of 256 stamps has been discovered.

PERU.—Once more the 2c Tacna y Arica stamp has changed its color, this time from lilac to green. We are quite at a loss to understand the reason for the color of this stamp being changed so often, perhaps one of our subscribers can enlighten us. With further reference to the first issue of the 50 centavos mauve Air Post stamp, we are informed that local stamp collectors who usually bought anything they thought would appreciate in value have been caught napping, as none of them seem to have any of these stamps, with the exception of one collector who has seven unused copies and another collector who holds about twenty or thirty. It seems that the majority of these provisionals were sent to Iquitos and the various Stations on that route, where stamp collectors certainly do not abound.

POLAND.—Three new stamps have been issued, 25 groszy with portrait of General Joseph Bem; 50 groszy, portrait of Marshal Pilsudski; 1 zloty, portrait of President Moscicki. The 25 groszy is a commemorative stamp in honor of General Joseph Bem who took a prominent part in the Polish insurrection in 1831.

ST. VINCENT.—In a recent importation of stamps from this Colony the 1/- denomination arrived in a paler shade to those we have previously had.

TURKEY.—We have seen several labels issued by the Red Crescent Society and in reply to an enquiry we are informed on very good authority that these stamps are not a Government issue, but by arrangement with the Government on certain feast days and public holidays it is obligatory that all postal matter handed over the Post Office counters on these days bear a Red Crescent label over and above the prepaid postage. Without these labels on these particular days no letter will be accepted across the Post Office counters and all Post Office pillar boxes outside the Post Office are sealed up. The stamps can in no way be termed postage stamps, but simply Red Crescent labels and the proceeds of their sale evidently go wholly to the Red Crescent Society, in these circumstances we shall not import any, nor will they be included in our catalogue.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

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Special cachets have been furnished by the Department to indicate this first day flights and every facility of the Postal Service has been made available to serve the needs of collectors. I am sure that this policy adopted by the Department to meet the needs of stamp collectors to the fullest extent possible has been productive of beneficial results, serving to create better and more complete collections, thus broadening and adding renewed interest to stamp collecting generally.

I am sure that you Washington members of this Society who have had a direct and intimate contact with the Philatelic Agency can better appreciate the volume of work entailed on the Agency when a new issue is first offered for sale. Recently, when the new 5 cent Air Mail stamp was issued, approximately 7,000 remittances were received from all parts of the country, many of these accompanied by envelopes for first day covers, with the result that the digestion of several of the employees has been said to have become somewhat impaired through the absorption of so much tapioca in affixing stamps to first day covers.

I feel that the phenomenal increase in philatelic matters throughout the country in the last few years has in no small measure been due to the establishment of the Philatelic Agency and the publicity which has been given to the facilities which it offers to collectors. The opening of the Agency, furthermore, came at a most fortunate period with regard to new stamp issues, for never before in the history of the Postal Service has the Department provided so many new postage stamps, including regular and commemorative issues. Thus a fruitful field has been made available for the expansion of the art and business of stamp collecting, with which no previous period in history can compare.

Notwithstanding the long list of new stamp issues that have been provided in the last few years, it is probably unnecessary for me to call attention to the fact that each and every stamp has been provided to meet a definite postal need or to conform to some provision of law and without regard to any interest that centers in every new postal issue from the collectors' standpoint. The Department has zealously adhered to the policy and will continue to do so in the future, in order that there may be no cause for criticism that new stamps are being provided as a source of profitable revenue through sales to collectors.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

That the British Virgins alone of all the Federal Presidencies did not issue a 1½d stamp, following the institution of the war tax on letters, to the British Empire and the United States (effective Sept. 1, 1916, and Feb. 1, 1917) respectively, was due to the fact that the combined letter rate and war tax from the British Virgins was 2d, and only 1½d from the other islands. This 2d rate was still in effect in the British Virgins when by Order in Council of January 9, 1922, the letter rate from all Presidencies of the Leeward Islands Federation to the British Empire and the United States was made 2d, effective Feb. 1, 1922.

A 1½d stamp could have been added to the King's head and Presidential Seal series as issued June 15, 1922, to care for the foreign post card rate (raised from 1d to 1½d effective Feb. 1, 1922), but it was not until after the letter rate to the British Empire and the United States was lowered to 1½d by Statutory Rules and Orders of March 1, 1926, No. 5 of 1926, effective April 1, 1926, that a stamp of this denomination was authorised by Statutory Rules and Orders of October 8, 1926, No. 23 of 1926.

"Statutory Rules and Orders
1926—No. 23

The Stamp (Virgin Islands) Order, 1926, dated October 8, 1926, made by the Governor-in-Council under the provisions of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act, 1890 (No. 3 of 1890), as amended by the Leeward Islands Stamp Act, 1902 (No. 10 of 1902).

At an Extraordinary meeting of the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands, at the Council Chamber, St. John's, Antigua,—the 8th day of October, 1926,

Whereas by an Order-in-Council made the 24th day of March, 1922, and published in the *Leeward Islands Gazette* No. 15 of the 30th March, 1922, special stamps of the value of ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 5d, 6d, 1s, 2/6 and 5s were authorised to be used in the Presidency of the Virgin Islands;

And whereas it is expedient to add to the said values a stamp of the value of 1½d;

Now it is hereby ordered by the Governor-in-Council under the authority aforesaid as follows:—

1. Additional Virgin Islands stamp. On and after the first day of January, 1927, there shall be added to the several values of stamps fixed by the hereinbefore recited Order a new Virgin Islands stamp of the value of one penny and the half of another penny.

2. Provision for dies. The proper dies and other implements to be used in connection with the issue of the new stamp shall be provided accordingly.

3. Short title. This Order may be cited as the Stamp (Virgin Islands) Order, 1926.

Signed, E. D'A. TIBBITS,
Clerk of the Council."

The Crown Agents Bulletin for the third quarter of 1926 notified that 1½d stamps were on order, to be printed in red, and 1d stamps, in violet, instead of red as previously. These two varieties were advised in the Crown Agents Bulletin of October-December, 1926, as having been dispatched to Tortola, along with a fresh printing of the 2½d in blue instead of orange.

The foreign post card rate being 1½d, it was necessary that this denomination should be printed in red, and this of course required changing the color of the 1d (then in red of the original printing) to violet.

The 1½d being a new denomination in the series, a new duty plate was manufactured, and as impressed on the stamp, the figures and letter of "1½d" are in color on a colorless ground, instead of the reverse, as for all other denominations of the series.

With the return of 2½d as the foreign letter rate, effective April 1, 1926, it was in order for the 2½d to abandon its orange color and resume its former blue. The 3d of the British Virgins was never printed in blue (the foreign letter rate between Feb. 1, 1922, and March 31, 1926, inclusive, was 3d, the 3d on Roman CA yellow, issued June 15, 1922, being in sufficient supply.

These three varieties, 1d violet, 1½d red and 2½d blue (restored) were placed on sale at Roadtown, Tortola, on January 24, 1927. Only a very few of the 2½d orange remained and these exhausted during February, 1927. The remainders of the 1d red, however, were withdrawn and burned.

The stamps were printed from the original King's head and Presidential Seal keyplate No. 1, and sheets of all three denominations show double marginal lines, i. e., one for the keyplate and one for the duty plate impression. In the original printing of all denominations of the series, as issued June 15, 1922, only the keyplate was equipped with a marginal line. When the 2½d, changed in color from blue to orange, was issued Sept. 1, 1923, it, with the others of that printing (2d, 1s and 5s on script yellow), were from duty plates to which marginal lines had been added.

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The 6d of the British Virgins series was withdrawn from sale at the end of January, 1926, as the stock on hand was so damaged (i. e., stuck together, etc.) that it was practically impossible to find any suitable for collectors' needs. However, a fresh printing was not requisitioned until March, 1927, and in the Crown Agents Bulletin for the second quarter, it is mentioned as having been dispatched.

The stamps were received at Tortola on May 10th and issued May 12th, 1927. The color of the keyplate impression is dull red violet, instead of brown violet of the first printing, but the duty plate impression is much as before, bright red violet. It also has the double marginal line, which distinguishes it from the first printing, with a single line.

A. P. S. CONVENTION

Reported by "OSKOPAR."

My first installment was sent just before the banquet, which was all that could be desired in many respects. Dr. C. W. Hennan, Chicago, was an agreeable toast-master, and the menu was a gastronomical triumph. There were well over two hundred present, and good spirits prevailed. There were talks by different members, including President Wilhelm, Secretary Davis, Treasurer Elliott, Wm. C. Stone, and others. Mr. Arthur Hind was present and his philatelic associate, Mr. Kennett, had a few words to say. Some of the responses were apt and in general, enthusiasm was not lacking.

On Saturday, there were choice seats reserved for the delegates at the Military Tattoo, a spectacle that I have never seen equalled. It was a diversion that could not have been more acceptable. The Toronto hosts did all in their power to ensure a pleasant time and the consensus of opinion was that for a well-planned program the entertainment could not be improved upon. The friendly feeling between the U. S. and Canada has been deepened as a consequence of the convention, and I shall think of the occasion with a growing regard for Canada and its fine philatelists.

As for the transactions of the convention, I can only give my impressions of what was done. There was an outspoken demand on the part of some of the members that the society do more active work to justify its leadership, but just what to do was a question. of the fact that a quorum neces effect a change in the by-laws present, nothing was accomplished regard. However, the idea of exhibitions in different cities v vored, and it was ordered that th S. and the A. S. D. A. work ou that would achieve this result.

The report of the Vice-Preside an exhaustive one and showed t der Mr. Mosler, real work was d the affairs of office conducted p and ably.

A discussion on the subject of nual loss of members by "dr was ended by the appointment Bush to direct work along chann he might choose with the aim venting this waste.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, was ch the next convention city, although field, in Illinois, made a strong bi

The personal side of the ga was interesting and I enjoyed men whom I knew by name only tofore. The officers, President W Gustave Mosler, Recorder of the of Vice-Presidents, Secretary Treasurer Elliott, the Sales Supe dent, Mr. Guest, not to mention certainly have the interests of the S. at heart. Mr. Charles J. Phil New York was a distinguished who was hailed by all who me Messrs. MacLaren, Barnum, K Dr. Hennan, Klemann, Sloane, an others deserve more attention tha give them. I vow that my first c tion will not be the last that I at

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He stated that all well regulated organizations should be opened with prayer, and the one designated for this duty was the Rev. Father Felix F. Kaup. The following telegram was read from him: 'Richmond, Va., Aug. 13: Please accept and convey my sincere regrets being unable to attend opening of Annual Convention. Cordial good wishes to all my fellow members." Upon request, the invocation was offered by Secretary William Lycett.

Chairman Gorham extended a brief address of welcome to which suitable response was made by the President, Major Guy W. A. Camp.

Chairman Gorham then introduced Hon. Robert S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General, who delivered the address printed in the WEEKLY.

Chairman Gorham then introduced Hon. Alvin W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, who responded with an address replete with details of vital interest concerning the manufacture of the postage and securities of the United States, and extended his invitation for a personally conducted tour, covering the inner workings of his immense establishment, which would conclude with a luncheon party in the sky parlor—the roof. Invitation to visit the Bureau accepted.

The chairman then introduced William A. Johnson, President of the Washington Philatelic Society, who welcomed the visitors in a creditable address on behalf of the Society which "meets fifty-two times a year". Response by President Camp, who related the fact that he had been one of the first members of the Washington Philatelic Society, and his visit here was in the nature of a home coming.

The chairman, on behalf of Branch 5, introduced James F. Duhamel, Vice President of both the Washington Philatelic Society and of Branch No. 5.

Mr. Duhamel said that the spot on and in which we were meeting was historical ground, and then outlined the important historical events concerning Washington and its environs.

Pres. Camp replied to the various greetings as follows:—"The kind words of welcome and the generous hospitality which you gentlemen have tendered to the S. P. A. have fallen upon the ears of those who have heard you with a joy and an appreciation that I fear I am ill fitted to adequately express. Strangers we came, but strangers no longer we are, for you have gathered us in and made us a part of your own community family, a gracious deed for which you have our sincere thanks.

As Mr. Duhamel has said, "We are on historic ground:" the site of the Kirkwood House, home of President Johnson, nearly every foot of which is reminiscent of those great events which have culminated in making this nation the foremost of any on the globe. In front of us is that broad pathway between the Capitol and the White House, over which have passed the greatest and most important cavalcades of the world. But a few blocks away is the building in which the Great Emancipator was ruthlessly slain (and the one in which he died); and on the right bank of the beautiful Potomac, below the city, peacefully slumbers the mortal remains of the Father of Our Country.

At every turn we are reminded of some significant event in our national history that fills us with pride, patriotism and enthusiasm. We see the stars and stripes waving proudly on every public building and we are deeply stirred at the significance of what that glorious symbol stands for. We are glad to be here. We are delighted at the opportunity of conducting our proceedings and deliberations amidst such entrancing and historical surroundings. And while we can but thank you with mere words for the cordiality with which you have welcomed us, so warm, so hearty, so genial, so sincere, yet methinks that the sentiments you have uttered will remain green in our memories for many years to come."

Chairman Gorham related that all of the elements of Philately were here represented, divided the subject into three component parts: the (1) Stamp; (2) great lights; and (3) working tools—the stamp itself being composed of three parts, three in one: the paper, the ink and the gum, and the one for the three (Hawaiian 2c and 5c, and 5c air mail) and so for the three great lights, the manufacturer (the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing); the salesman (the Third Assistant Postmaster General)—with his branch philatelic agency, in charge of the 3: Superintendent, Stamp Division, P. O. D.; the Philatelic Agent and his able assistant (all three of whom were too modest to de-

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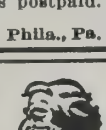

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liver addresses, but preferred to keep busy selling stamps during the continuance of the convention),—and the purchaser or collector, the Society of Philatelic Americans; and that as we also had the three working tools: the tongs, the hinge, and the glass (magnifying; sponge cup; and benzine cup), all was in readiness to proceed with the designs on the trestle board—the work of the convention, and therefore, he turned over the gavel of authority to President Camp.

The Convention was then officially called to order by the President, Major Guy W. A. Camp, who directed the Secretary to read the call of the convention.

The President announced Convention Committees, and appointed Albert E. Gorham, journal clerk (official reporter) of the convention.

The President read and submitted his Address and Report, which was a concise statement of his transactions, observations and recommendations for changes, particularly in the constitution, of interest and benefit.

Col. W. N. McKelvy, President of Branch No. 5, appeared at this time and was warmly welcomed by the President, and was accorded the floor; whereupon he welcomed the Convention to Washington, in a few well chosen words. He also asked for coöperation, all societies, Exhibition in 1932 in Washington. Mr. W. Hayden Collins submitted and read the Report of Committee on Election of Officers and Credentials, evidencing re-election of all officers and Mr. R. C. Bach as member of Board of Governors.

President Camp read and submitted his Report as Chairman of the Board of Governors, an analysis of three basic objects attained: (1) payment of all indebtedness of the society; (2) increase in membership; and (3) weeding out undesirables.

After some minor business had been transacted the convention adjourned to the following day.

The second day of the S.P.A. convention at Washington, D. C., was called to order by President Camp, who invited James F. Duhamel, vice-president of Branch 5, to preside temporarily.

Reports of the various officers were then presented. The report of the secretary showed a net gain of 304 members. The reports of the treasurer, international secretary, counterfeit detector, assistant librarian, historian, sales and exchange managers were submitted and accepted.

Telegrams of greetings and communications were received from various members and friends. President A. H. Wilhelm of the A.P.S. wired:—"Wish you a successful and constructive convention."

The following committee on resolutions was appointed:—Albert E. Gorham, Clifford W. Kissinger and Samuel Bennett. Cleveland, Ohio, was selected for the next convention seat. Recorder Bach of the Board of Governors stated that all legitimate claims against the society had been paid. The official auction was held at the Raleigh Hotel at 8 P. M., with M. Ohlman wielding the hammer.

The third and last day's session on August 15 was presided over by President Camp. A digest of the business transacted follows:—

An honorarium was given Sec. Gorham in lieu of convention expenses and for clerical assistance in compiling the 1929 Year Book.

The committee on resolutions recommended the presenting of engrossed resolutions to the P. O. Department and Bureau of Engraving for courtesies in establishing a branch agency supplied with the Hawaii commemorative stamps. The resolution was adopted.

Miss Helen Hussey secured the largest number of members during the year and Mr. Bach the second largest. As Miss Hussey is a daughter of the donor and Mr. Bach an official of the society, Albert E. Gorham received a $10 gold coin for obtaining the next largest number.

The total number of members and visitors in attendance was about 136.

Various courtesies were extended the delegates, including a personally conducted trip through the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It concluded with a luncheon party on the roof. The Sightseeing Committee planned other trips to the Capitol, White House, Washington Monument, National Museum and Smithsonian Institution and other places of interest, including the Congressional Library.

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The Queen was accompanied by Cynthia Colville and the Hon. G Chichester, and she was joined at exhibition by Princess Alice Counte Athlone.

The Opening Ceremony.—Just midday, Her Highness Princess Louise arrived to perform the op ceremony. She, too, made an exte survey of the exhibits. Among the ble philatelists who attended the op were the Earl of Gosford, Mr. and Anthony de Worms, Capt. R. F. A. co, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gilbert-L Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wedmore, Mr Mrs. J. B. Seymour, Mrs. Louis ertzhagen, Sir Alfred Robbins, Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Phi Mr. and Mrs. Frank Godden, Mr. Mrs. Charles Nissen, Mr. and Mr Allen, Mrs. J. S. Telfer, Mr. A. J. Mr. S. H. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. R. E. R. Dark-Francis, M H. Bigsby, Mr. A. L. Pemberton, M H. Harris, Mr. E. G. Harmer, Gravenor, and no doubt number others whom we failed to meet in crowd.

£8000 an inch.—At a lunc given to the committees and di guished visitors in the Addison Re rant after the opening ceremony, Charles Allom, who organised the markably fine display of "Period Roc which was one of the leading attrac of the exhibition, said that measurin the pictures in the exhibition, he covered that one was valued at £15 square inch. That might sound a but three of the postage stamps on were said to be worth £8,000 per sq inch. To those who dealt in curio and regarded art as their main inte this was a matter for pondering.

Stamps the Youngest "Antique
One eminent visitor, an artist, wi long string of letters after his name, an interest in the stamps and was trigued by the Mulready envelopes Thackeray's caricature of the design. asked which were the oldest stamp the display, and when told that t Mulreadies, and the 1d black and blue were the first, he enquired the We told him, 1840. "But," he "surely the Romans had stamps?"

Which reminded us of a reporter f an Oslo newspaper, who in an inter sought to know if any really great pe ever collected stamps. "Napoleon, instance?" he prompted.

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bove the stamps, and at an appropri- distance from them to eliminate any of damage from heat, were the s which were reflected downwards he exhibit, giving ample lights all the frames.

ie other exhibits were equally well ayed, but the 80 ft. stretch of stamps ht the eye from many parts of the and attracted a constant flow of in- ted and curious spectators. Mr. ley Phillips, managing director of srs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., in a letter Ir. Melville says:

should like to congratulate you on philatelic display which was a very lot, and very well shown. Also the y *Telegraph* is to be congratulated really magnificent exhibition,—one he finest and best arranged of any that I have ever seen."

ie Police as Philatelists.—The uni- ed police at the exhibition, where was a force of 100 strong, had y opportunities of becoming experts ie or other of the numerous aspects rt and study at the exhibition. By the second day of the show the ers guarding the stamp exhibit, be- fairly efficient guides to the stamp sures. How quickly they picked up of the most interesting points, and ed them on to strangers who paused ok, or came to enquire. On the third day (Saturday, July), they were quite capable of giving gular lecture on the stamps. One of officers, seeing a gentleman studying exhibits with close attention, ap- ched and started telling him all t the stamps. The gentleman was friendly, and ted and listened to the policeman's ly offered information. Together passed from frame to frame. At near the end of the 80 ft. run, the eman pointed out the rare United es stamps. "They *are* nice, aren't ?" the visitor agreed. Then he d, "They are mine." was Sir Nicholas Waterhouse.

arlets and Vermilions.—The scar- nics of the Grenadier Guards bands- brought many a splash of colour to throng intent on seeing the stamps. he intervals between the music they hed their brilliant tunics against Mr. A. Brown's scarlet-vermilion New- dlands.

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The above display lines are taken from the Detroit *News*, which published the story we now reprint. In the accompanying column is some information in regard to the floating post office taken from the A. P. S. journal for 1922. Fred Werth, a member of the Michigan Stamp Club, and cashier at the Detroit *Free Press*, very kindly procured the cut used in connection with this article.

MAIL BOAT IN MID-RIVER WITH DETROIT SKYLINE
(Cut made for the WEEKLY *by courtesy Fred Werth.)*

Detroit now can boast of the only United States postoffice afloat. Today, the C. F. Bielman, Jr., mail boat, which for many seasons has served the passing lake freighters on the Detroit River as a mail carrier, becomes in reality a floating postoffice.

Chris Connay, superintendent of the Detroit River station, a branch of the Detroit Postoffice, has moved his desk and mail assorting cases aboard the mail boat, which was remodeled at the beginning of the present navigation season, and hereafter mail will be sorted for the lake boats aboard the mail boat.

The mail boat will operate from the foot of Twelfth Street, where it will receive from trucks dispatched from the main Postoffice mail for delivery aboard the passing lake boats, and will deliver to the mail trucks mail posted from the freighters and other craft in the river.

The closing of the land quarters terminates 33 years of service of the little branch postoffice that has served steamship men and others on the waterfront.

The floating postoffice will serve a population of approximately 28,000 persons, Supt. Connay estimates. The service is continuous night and day from the opening of navigation in the Detroit River about April 15 to the close of navigation Dec. 15. About 600 lake freighters depend on the mail boat for their mail from shore and from other vessels, Mr. Connay estimates. The boat postoffice will handle during the navigation season approximately 1,150,000 pieces of mail, it is estimated.

During the 24 hours of each day the Marine letter carriers are at their task, the mail is sorted to the different boats by being placed in pigeon holes to await their arrival up or down the river.

The daily papers report the passage from the Soo, and upriver boats are reported from Lake Erie points. These skilled men, knowing the speeds of various boats, can time approximate time of passing. Most of the men engaged in this work have had previous experience in Marine work. Never do they permit a boat to pass without making delivery.

When a vessel appears upon the horizon, the tug steams out into mid-stream in the path of the oncoming ship, the carrier drops into the rowboat and drifts alongside, the big ship standing by throws a rope to the waiting mariner, who catches the tow and fastens it. A basket is then lowered from the big freighter, some 15 or 20 feet above the small mail boat. The outgoing mail is then taken from the basket and the delivery placed therein.

It often happens that two boats arrive at the same time, going or coming. In such case the rowboat will make one delivery while the tug will perform at the other, steaming alongside the freighter, while the operation is being executed.

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But in colourful splendour they were outdistanced by some of the Maharajahs, who admired Mr. Arthur Grimwood's early Indians, and quizzed at his "Scindes."

Stamp Lore.—Many were the stamp yarns re-heard at the exhibition. There was the story (we put it into a book 25 years ago, and it *is* true) of the would-be clever American youth who had a 15 cent United States with centre inverted, and took it to a dealer, complaining that he had sold him a bad stamp. The dealer exchanged it for a normal copy, and the youth, at a safe distance, called out, "Done yer again! I didn't buy that bad stamp from you but from another dealer!"

Mayfair.—The story of the Mayfair find cropped up in various versions, stimulated, no doubt, by the beautiful block of thirty Grenada 1862 1d greens in Mr. L. J. Gilbert-Lodge's exhibit. Other wonderful finds were recalled, and the "hope that springs eternal" filled the expansive breast of P.C. X?

The Bobby and the Bible.—He told us that his grandmother had a great Bible, one of those from which they read in the Churches. Indeed it came from Chiswick Church. Must have cost twenty pounds or more. Well, as a boy, about when he was nine, he found three whole sheets like Mr. H. C. V. Adam's sheet of penny reds, but in black.

—The sheets were rolled up when the embryo guardian of the peace found them, he told us, but he flattened them out and put them in the big Bible, which was a very sensible thing for a youngster of nine to do.

—The burden of the P.C.'s tale is that they may be there yet, but it was 25 years ago, which brings our hero's age to a modest 34. He is going to look up the old home, and see if the stamps are still there.

Well, here's hoping!

Straining at Gnats.—A tall fellow of military bearing, no doubt a retired officer who had seen service in Egypt or the Sudan, was quite sure he had sheets of the rare things Dr. William Byam was showing in Sudan stamps. It was not easy, and we may not have succeeded in explaining that Dr. Byam's copies of the pretty Camel stamps were very special ones with rare varieties of overprint. He thought that was straining at gnats, and preferred swallowing camels. — *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

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AFTER leaving London, a trip was made through the Shakespeare country and finally Holyhead, Wales, was reached where we embarked for Dublin. In this city, the sign of a stamp shop was seen, but due to the exigencies of travel, it was impossible to try to establish any philatelic connections; and the same limitations applied to further progress through Ireland. However, one had the feeling that if one devoted time to philatelic investigation, there would have been no dearth of material. In fact, the most casual inquiry on the subject developed intelligent comment on stamp collecting.

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THE impressions gained even on a hurried trip to some of the countries of Europe were such as to be heartening to the one who is interested in the growth of philately. The traveller who proceeds leisurely has an opportunity to attune himself to the philatelic customs of a country and so be in a position to gauge the inner workings of the pursuit. However, it is apparent at once that collecting is considered to be a recreation that long ago was divested of any dubious implication and that for years it has held a recognized place in the catalogue of intellectual activities. The non-collecting public in the countries that have been called the cradle of philately is better versed in stamps than the outsiders here. The fact that one is a dealer or collector there does not call forth the inquisition that sometimes follows such an announcement in this country. Time does tell a tale, and the mere fact that collecting got a foot-hold in Europe before it did here accounts for some of the difference. Other reasons, none of which are to the detriment of us, enter into the analysis. The European nations are compacter than the U. S., and what may be called the personal closeness of their people contributes to the facility with which they learn of any specialty. The isolation of many collectors in this country is not paralleled there, in many cases; and while we know that collecting is an individual pursuit, yet it has a social side and the contagion of example is responsible for the making of many new collectors.

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IT must be said that in the United States collecting is improving its position in the public mind, and we may look forward to the time when we shall be on a par with our friends overseas in this particular. The newspapers here are falling into line in their treatment of stamps in a news sense, and as a consequence they are dissipating the ignorance or indifference of the members of the public. One of the factors that has proved to be of greatest benefit is the Philatelic Agency at Washington. By its recognition of stamp collectors, it has added substantially to the thought of them in the minds of non-collectors. Publications that at one time gave scant attention to stamp news now give heed to the tidings of new issues and the quality of the publicity in the general press is now commendable, comparatively speaking; and the same observation applies to the quantity.

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AT the convention of the American Philatelic Society at Toronto, among the suggestions made to increase the usefulness of the organization was one approving the stamp exhibition as we have come to understand it. The New York and Cleveland exhibitions were on a scale of magnitude that made them pre-eminent, but the thought held by some of the members is based on the idea of more exhibitions even though they be not of the scope of the two just named. Our correspondent at Toronto gave no particulars of measures adopted to bring forth the fruition of the plan, even though he did say that the society working in conjunction with the American Stamp Dealers' Association was ordered to propose a scheme by which such displays could be made in different cities as were deemed fitting. Abroad exhibitions and congresses are commonly held and at any given time, almost, particulars of affairs of the kind are to be found in the press. Not alone do occasions as cited give pleasure to collectors who are interested in them, but they exert a powerful moral influence on outsiders and they should be instituted oftener in this country.

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IN conversation with Dr. Holland A. Davis, Denver, Colorado, secretary of the American Philatelic Society, some interesting facts concerning the society were mentioned. He said in explanation of the large number of members that have been dropped from the rolls for some years, not a few of the delinquents when asked to reconsider their action said that they had given up collecting; others replied that they were too busy to give any attention to stamps, and a small number felt that they merely did not care to renew their membership for reasons known to themselves. We suppose that the time will never come when there will not be defections from the ranks, but it is advisable to make a survey on the subject of these losses. It is not to be gainsaid that there are members who are not satisfied with what may be called the conservative attitude of the society. They feel that the organization has idle funds that could be used in furtherance of the philatelic weal, but it is not easy to devise practical plans for the wise expenditure of money. The society by its actions should reflect the majority sentiment, and if the policy of the national society is to engage in helpful work for collecting generally, due preliminary consideration must be given to ways and means. When the convention meets in Minneapolis next year, well-conceived plans might be submitted. One member has said in substance that it would be wiser for the society to offer prizes for the most practical and suitable plans for improving the status of philately through the efforts of the A. P. S. than for new members. There is logic in what he says although it must be admitted that if an organization does not increase in membership, ground is lost, since there are more collectors each year who are eligible for membership.

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RECENTLY, we had a visit from that old Chicagoan, Mr. H. L. Lindquist, editor of the *Collectors Club Philatelist,* who has won his golden spurs in New York. As president of the Collectors Club, Mr. Lindquist occupies an exalted position and moreover, he is a good example of a working executive. There are indications that ambitious plans for the future are under way by the Collectors Club, and in the fullness of time, we shall look upon a real philatelic clubhouse in the leading city of the U. S., we verily believe. Years will elapse before the dream becomes reality, but that some day there will be an edifice devoted wholly to philately in that great city is not beyond the bounds of probability. Incidentally, the support of all those who knew the late J. Brace Chittenden personally is urged for the establishing of the memorial fund of $12,000 to $15,000, to stand in his name. The income from the fund is to be used in improving the great library that was a crowning triumph of Dr. Chittenden. As the committee says in a letter: "We are convinced that if our friend was with us today this is the form of Memorial that he would most appreciate." The least that we can do is to show our appreciation of loyalty of this great philatelist to cause and to certify to the respect we had for him. Mr. Charles J. lips, 10 West 86th Street, New Yor chairman of this committee, whose must be made light, in view of th spiring end that it would accom Checks should be drawn to the o "The J. Brace Chittenden Memoria

Telegram Sent To Toronto

On Aug. 20th, I was obliged to send following telegram to the A.P.S. Convention: "The unexpected often happens and circumstances over which I had no control prevent my attendance at this 43rd Annual Convention of the A.P.S. Please note my letter with particulars. I surely regret not being able to meet personally many friends and correspondents. I trust the Convention will be well attended, successful in every way and of great benefit to the A.P.S. and Philately everywhere". All the proxies sent to me I turned over to our trustworthy Sales Supt., J. E. Guest.

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Air Mail cover from Honolulu, d with the new surcharged issue S. stamps, took just eleven days hat point to Boston—Aug. 13th to

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Westbound Canadian flight from to Toronto on August 24th was tive of a very attractive cachet in n to an exceptionally clear can- n on the stamps. The cover be- e, mailed by Mr. W. F. Foster, the postmarks of Montreal, 6 A. gust 24th and is backstamped in o the same day at 2.30 P. M. o applied an additional cachet as stamp, the special Canadian Na- Exhibition "Golden Jubilee Flight" worded in French.

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bings, covers and information have received from the following co- ors during the past week. The enotes a cover received from the ator. Messrs. Robert Shank, A. ve, F. W. Wright*, A. Ullrich, D. Loscalzo, Milo C. Reynolds, Burwick, Walter E. Lord, J. G. H. W. Bodley*, Billy Burr, Dr. Brook*, O. H. Phinney, and Chas.*

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dedication of Floyd Bennett Field iontown, Pa., occurred on August nd covers received from that point a great, big, husky cachet that ap- ly did duty as a cancellation as or the ribbons of the cachet are lly large and heavy and effectively ed the stamp. No other cancella- ppears on some twenty covers re- from this point, and the cachet es 1¾x2½ in. It is very possible is is an official cachet and I would e information from any reader n enlighten me.

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Syracuse Airport was dedicated g. 22-23, and covers were given a reading, "Dedication Syracuse t—American Legion Circus—Au- 2-23, 1928." The cachet was ex- ally clear and well applied.

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ort dedications are becoming the and as a fore-runner of Con- Air Mail, the cachets serve their e most satisfactorily. Two years collectors with these dedication s in their albums will have a more te history of Air Mail develop- than as if they possessed the con- irst flight cachet alone, for these small airports will soon become the landing points on the CAM routes of the future. Col. Lindbergh's "Good Will" tour of last year is fast bearing fruit, and any town of 5,000 population or over without an Airport will soon become a backwoods affair!

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On August 23-24-25, Zimmerman Airport, located at Selingsgrove, Pa., was dedicated with due ceremonies. The small cachet was a cleanly applied affair and reads, "Dedication Zimmerman Airport—August 23-24-25, 1928 — Selingsgrove, Pa." Mr. F. W. Wright was the sender of a cover from this point.

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Dr. R. P. Brook kindly sends information regarding the dedication of the Rockville Centre Airport on Aug. 19th. In enclosing a cover he states that—"to publicly announce the dedication, about 200 covers were sent by Air Mail, the envelopes bearing a large triangular cachet. These went all over the U. S. and to many foreign countries. They could not be started on their way until Monday, Aug. 20th, as the village Post Office is closed all day Sunday."

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Next thing I suppose you will get one from the Tacoma *Times,* or the Spokane *Press,* or lord only kens whatsoever; but it is a nine to one shot, brother, that all of 'em will come back to poppa for acknowledgment of parentage; in short, sir, I am the only non-philatelic journalist in the world today who is effectively preaching the gospel of stamp collecting to a crazy world; and to make it right good I spend my own money for stamps—much of it foolishly; and I am a paid subscriber to your honorable sheet, and a regular reader thereof; when you get a retired police reporter to subscribe for reading matter you are travelling, brother, you sure are. But, kidding aside, my new interest in stamps, an interest brought to me by my boy of eleven, has come nearer getting me back to my own boyhood than any psychic impulse for 35 years; gee, brother, I dug up my old stuck down pages in the little old album, pages before a postmaster had a cancellation stamp, and the very smell of the sunflowers in a dusty Nebraska August overwhelmed the incense of these Oregon woods.

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Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

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Junior News Notes

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

Australia.—With airmail service in every State in Australia excepting Tasmania, the Postmaster-General is now considering issuing a special 3d stamp to prepay the supplementary postage. The airmail service in Australia is of great value in the country because of the far-flung towns and stretches of unpopulated districts which intervene, and is used more because it is practical than speedy.

Belgium.—This kingdom is to celebrate the return of Their Majesties from a tour of their realms in Africa with a new set of postage stamps. The values of 1c to 60c inclusive portray Lion of Waterloo, not depicted since the World War. King Albert's portrait appears on values from 75c to 10fr. The higher values, 25, 50 and 100 francs, feature their Majesties side by side. The stamps are designed by Mon. Montenez.

Chile.—Chile has already issued a second set of airmails of 11 values, which has been restricted to an issuance of 75,000 sets pending a definite series. This set is said to be merely for speculation, since it is the second set and of limited quantity. The stamps are the ordinary postage stamps now in use surcharged "Correo Aereo" and a condor in flight. Values are: 20 centavos orange and black; 25c blue and black; 30c bistre and black; 40c purple and black; 50c green and black; 1 peso green and black; 2 pesos carmine and black; 3 pesos on 5c blue; 5 pesos olive-green and black; 6 pesos on 10c blue and black; 10 pesos yellow and black.

Estonia.—Another philatelic exhibition! This time held in Reval, Estonia, and of course it necessitated a stamp. This one is the current 10 marka, only printed in grey instead of blue, and *only* sold to visitors of the exhibition.

Uruguay.—For use on airmail speeding across the Atlantic, Uruguay has issued its sixth set of airmails, designed by Mr. Scasso and lithographed by the Imprensa Nacional, seagull design only perforated. The set of 12 values comprises: 10c green, 20c orange, 30c deep blue, 38c green, 40c yellow, 50c violet, 76c red orange, 1 peso carmine, 1.14p dark blue, 1.52p yellow, 1.90p violet and 3.80 scarlet.

Rotary and Flat Bed Stamps

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

The junior collector is likely to have trouble in distinguishing stamps which are the product of the rotary press and those which are produced by the flat bed. For instance, the difference between Scott's Nos. 409 and 459 and Nos. 552 and 594. They both are similar in design but differ in methods of production. The flat bed stamps are printed from a steel engraved plate which is flat and rests horizontally on a flat bed press. Rotary stamps are printed from similar plates which are curved before being hardened, so that two plates fitting together form a cylinder, which revolves and produces a continuous strip. When the plate is curved, the steel is stretched, so that the rotary stamps are slightly larger than the flat bed varieties—the flat bed varieties measuring 18½mm wide by 22¼mm high, while the impressions from the rotary plates run from 19½ to 20mm wide and 23mm high. Stamps printed by the rotary press also show the lines somewhat clearer and not quite as heavy, resulting in the impression as a whole being somewhat softer. In the case of the mint stamp, it can be readily told because of the gum. The late rotaries show lines which break the gum, whereas the flat plates have smooth gum.

After one has handled a few copies, they readily become familiar with the impressions and can distinguish them without close inspection.

Postmaster-General New

By R. A. MOLL.

Postmaster-General New has done more for philately than any other Postmaster-General. He has established the Philatelic Agency at the City Post Office in Washington, improving the quality of our service. He has issued more commemoratives than any other Postmaster-General, and the designs of his stamps have been superb. He has issued the second two-colored stamp since 1875, with other than black as a center, namely, our 5c air mail stamp.

Inwardly, I suspect that some time or other during his life he has collected stamps. Would it not be fitting and nice if some of our stamp societies sent him votes of thanks for his accomplishments? If you are a member of some organization and think so too, send your secretary a clipping of this paragraph and the movement will be on its way.

Junior Dictionary

McKay Labels.—These are often confused with postage or revenue stamps by young collectors. The McKay labels show a picture of a sewing-machine surrounded by the inscription "McKay Sew. Mach. Co. License Stamp, Patd. Aug. 14, 1860." They were issued in the state of Massachusetts during and some time after the Civil War to certify that the royalty due on each pair of shoes, in the making of which the McKay machine was used, had been paid.

Narcotic. — U. S. documentary stamps with this surcharge indicate their use in connection with the collecting of taxes levied on narcotics.

Necessity Money.—A name applied to postage stamps used for small change in times of financial stress and scarcity of silver and copper. The stamps are often enclosed in cheap frames for protection in wear.

19-10-16.—These figures on Trinidad 1d red represent Oct. 19, 1916, the date of issue of the surcharged stamp. They are accompanied by a cross in red outlined with black. 100,000 were issued and all the proceeds of their sale went to the local Red Cross society.

The Mozambique Co.

By R. A. MOLL.

Many collectors believe Mozambique Co. to be one of the group of countries that sell cancelled-to-order stamps, but I am informed by Postmaster-General Eduardo Chambica that this Post Office does not supply cancelled stamps, so I believe this is a country well worth collecting. Its stamps of regular issue since 1918 have been most attractive, to say the least. Very few collectors have a good showing, especially of the high values, so I term this the "sleeper" country, and these stamps should be rising in price steadily from now on.

Mozambique Co. is a territory of 59,840 square miles. Its chief port and capital is Beira, thru which transit traffic to and from Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland and Belgian Congo, which have to depend on it as their receiving and sending port, amounted to over $45,000,000 in 1925.

Under the Company's administration, the country on either side of the Beira Railway, which is 200 miles in length, has become well settled. The census population totals 305,166, of which 3,187 are whites.

The main products are sugar, maize, raw cotton, gold, silver, and ivory, with others in the making. This territory is developing at a rapid pace, and it is possible that we may see many more even finer stamps from here in the future, as it does not have to look for its chief revenue from stamps.

Miscellaneous Queries

How may De La Rue, Harrison, and Somerset House printings of stamps of Great Britain, King Edward, be distinguished?

See our Editor's book on *The Stamps of Great Britain*, 1911-1921, where these issues are fully described. *(Price 3s 9d post-free from our Publishers).*

What is meant by the typographic method of printing stamps? I dealt with the main methods of stamp printing on page 89 of the February *G.S.M.* (The reader who enquired regarding "surfaced printing" is also referred to these notes.)

"CONDOMINIUM"

What does the word "Condominium" mean? It means "joint rule," and in the stamp album we find it on the stamps of New Hebrides, which are governed jointly by Great Britain and France. In order that national honour may be satisfied, and both countries be treated on a strict equality, there are always two sets of stamps for the New Hebrides. Lately these have been similar in design, but while France puts the British Arms in the place of honour, Britain reciprocates the courtesy by placing the French Arms in a similar position. Formerly the French and British issues each had values expressed in their own currency, but now each set has both currencies shown.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Collecting and Investment

Collecting and investment are two quite different things, but many people who do not really collect for investment spend much more on their stamps than they would if they did not realise that they could get some of it back. That is well justified, but they should not expect to get all of it back, and have all their fun for nothing. In practice they seldom do, for in the event of a collection fortunately selling for more than it cost, it does not mean that each stamp sold singly fetched more than the price first paid, but that taken all round, the increases exceeded the decreases or the values that have not altered.—*Junior Stamp Magazine.*

MISCELLANY—

WE have received an eight-page pectus of the London Stamp bition to be held November 16- Memorial Hall, London. In conn with the exhibition a Stamp Trad will be held. Copies of the pros may be obtained by writing F. H lancey, 89 Farringdon St., L E. C. 4.

WE recently received from La Mich., an air-mail cover sub by John W. Haarer of that city. Reo Motor Car Co. of that city a shipment of air-mail August 21, was the largest ever made any in the world. Eighteen giant planes were used to transport ten sand tons of mail throughout the States. Upwards of five thousan sons gathered to see the take-off. said that the company spent over 500.00 for postage.

WE are indebted to Henry Kie clippings from Hamilton, O pers giving the particulars of th local air-mail flights between W London, Hamilton, Toronto and Mr. Kiehl says that the rate charg 5c for the first ounce and 10c fo additional ounce or fraction.

A NEW air-mail cachet has m appearance from Uniontow August 23, Floyd Bennett Fiel dedicated and a special cancellatio used in connection with the event are indebted to Erwin Strasser cover showing the cachet in blac another from an unknown source cachet in blue.

TWO first day covers come to u Honolulu, under date of Aug They bear the 2c and 5c Commem Hawaiians, and our thanks go to Gorham.

BILLY BURR, Box 394, B Hills, Cal., is a Junior who like to exchange stamps with othe

WE are informed that Arthur of Boston has been ill for th three weeks and is now about to go a serious operation. His ma be attended to as soon as possible. readers will regret with us to h Mr. Barger's illness.

THE Mason City, Iowa, Philateli held a stamp exhibit August the Y. M. C. A. There was an sive air-mail display. The club is all that it can to encourage the the air-mail. This club subscribes WEEKLY, and we are pleased to n success of its activities.

MAX ADLER, 506 W. 148 St., City, would like the addre Herbert A. Feaster. Who will a modate him?

M. E. TALLANT sends us a c the Long Beach (Cal.) *Pres egram* containing an interesting about the stamp collection of Brewster C. Kenyon. It is a fin ture.

A. A. LEVE sends us an "Ea airmail cover. It was mailed the New York State Fair on Sy Day, August 27.

THE president of the Mt. Carmel Stamp Club is Marvin Pollar not Hubert A. Harbold as noted in cent issue of the WEEKLY.

WE have been shown an inter precancel oddity by Henry O sel. It is an 8c Bureau print pre on which the word "Milwauke spelled with a K instead of an L Meisel writes:—"The firm in Milw

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RALIAN STAMP DESIGN CONTEST

Mr. Ernest H. Oesch, Mel-
Australia, we have received par-
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GIBBONS CATALOGUE, 1929

The price alterations in this new edition, which will be ready early in October, are more numerous and vital than in any previous edition.

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tion to be held in Melbourne at the Town Hall, in October and November, 1928. The *Sun News-Pictorial* of Melbourne says:

"More than 100 designs were submitted. The first prize, a gold medal, was awarded to Mr. R. A. Harrison, of the Note Printing Branch, Fitzroy, for a design featuring the King's head. Mr. Harrison won the 1926 competition for the Canberra stamp.

The second award, a silver medal, was won by Mr. H. Perry, of Venus-street, Caulfield, a fellow-officer of Mr. Harrison, for a koala design.

Mr. E. N. Broad, Treen-avenue, Barnes, S. W. 13, England (King's head design), and Mr. E. M. Horne, Tyne-street, Gilberton, S. A. (kangaroo design), were placed equal for the third prize—a bronze medal.

Special bronze medals will be awarded Messrs. J. Trevor, Wintrath, Nar-nargoon, Victoria (cockatoo design); F. H. Burrell, Sixth-avenue, Joslin Adelaide (kangaroo and wheatfield), and H. W. Barr, Security Printing, Nasik-road, India (allegorical).

All the successful designs have been submitted to the P. M. G.'s Department, with a view to their possible adoption. The department will pay £25 to the originator of any design accepted."

J. P. S. HAPPENINGS

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

New Hon. Secretary.—With a new Hon. Secretary installed in new offices the Junior Philatelic Society is making plans for extending its activities and increasing its membership. Mr. D. Aiken, the new secretary, took over his duties in midsummer and has put in a good deal of useful preparatory work before the new season commences. He is now prepared to receive applications for membership for the new season 1928-29, and prospective new members should enroll at once to get the fullest value for their first year's subscription. The annual subscription is 5s; the entrance fee, payable only by new members over 21 years of age, is also 5s. Mr. Aiken should be addressed at the new offices, 33 Fleet St., London, E. C. 4.

A Full Programme.—A splendid programme of meetings has been arranged for the coming season opening on Saturday, October 6th, at the Caxton Hall, Westminster. London members will have the additional attraction of special invitations to the London Stamp Exhibition in November, and to the Schoolboys' Exhibition during the Christmas holidays. The real juniors in years will have a number of opportunities for friendly rivalry for

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3. The F. D. Walters Cup for an essay by a girl.
4. Silver and bronze medals, albums, stamps, etc., offered as prizes for juniors at the London Stamp Exhibition.

Particulars of any or all of these competitions can be had from the J. P. S. offices.

Schoolboys' Exhibitions.—Mr. Melville, in conjunction with the J. P. S., is organizing a special display of young collectors' competitive exhibits for the next Schoolboys' Exhibition, which will be held at the new Royal Horticultural Hall, which is three times the size of the old one. This popular exhibition was getting too cramped in the old hall, and many wonderful and attractive features had to be omitted last year for lack of space. This coming exhibition will be on a much larger scale, and the prospective young exhibitors will be delighted to know that their stamps will be displayed in the same way that the great rarities of the eminent collectors were shown at the *Daily Telegraph* exhibition at Olympia. Everyone agreed on that occasion that stamps had never been publicly displayed with such good effect. The Schoolboys' Exhibition will open on Saturday, December 29th, and remain open until Monday, January 7th.

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To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Society:—

In my last year's report I stated that 900 stamps had been submitted to me for examination during the previous year. I remarked that this was greater than the usual number and that it took more of my time than I ever gave before. Apparently my office is considered an important one as I have an increase of over 100% to report to you.

During the last fiscal year,1880, stamps were sent to me for examination and classification. These were sent in 156 separate letters. While I kept no record of classification as to collectors and dealers using my department I believe about half the stamps were sent in by dealers. This is due to many dealers specializing in the United States stamps. These dealers are not familiar with foreign stamps, though in the course of business they are compelled to handle them even against their will.

As to new forgeries I have nothing to report. Thanks to watchfulness of American dealers practically nothing has come on the market. Even repaired stamps have not turned up in the quantities that they were known before.

Many stamps are sent in by collectors for classification, especially of United States stamps. The Bank Note issues are found to be as difficult as ever, and many collectors do not trust themselves to determine the types of the 1c and 10c stamps of the 1851-1857 issues. Collectors are urged to peruse the Ashbrook book on the 1c stamp published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Company. This book gives all the types and illustrates every characteristic in detail. It does not seem to be known that our well known Scott catalog gives concise descriptions of reprints in many countries, such as Bergedorf, Hamburg, etc. I most urgently ask the members to read the footnotes in the catalog which will solve many problems and save them the trouble of having to send their stamps away for opinion.

Respectfully submitted,
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GENERAL ISSUES

If there is anything special that you desire to fill in the spaces of your general collection, either unused or used, in singles or blocks, on or off cover, I am likely to have it, or obtain it in the very near future. Important want lists which I am unable to fill in their entirety are kept on file and when the elusive variety comes to hand in one of the numerous collections or accumulations that I purchase from time to time, it is sent to the interested client.

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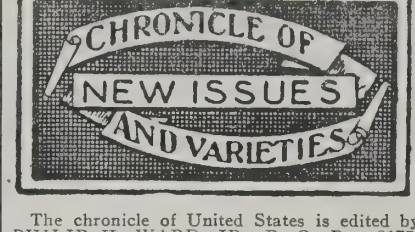

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

New Plates

Through the courtesy of Mr. C. R. Long, Acting Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of postage stamp plates up to and including those issued to August 21st.

In this lot, which continues the list recently published, we find the Valley Forge varieties, together with all of the plates so far made for the new air mail stamps. It will be recalled that Nos. 19545-19552 were used on the varieties first placed on sale in Washington, but since then stamps from the later plates Nos. 19565-19580 are coming to hand one by one, and there is no doubt but printings from all of these plates are now available. The first of the 10c, 15c and 20c Special Handling varieties are listed for the first time.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class	Ordinary.	Series.	Subjs.
19525-528	2c	Valley Forge	"	1928	400
19529-532	1c	Book	"	1922	360 Crvd.
19533-536	2c		"	"	170 "
19537-538	1c		"	"	400 "
19539-540	2c		"	"	170 "
19541-544	20c	Spec. Hdlg.	"	1928	200
19545-548	5c	AirMail(ctr.)	"	"	100
19549-552	5c	" "(border)	"	"	"
19553-556	10c	Spec. Hdlg.	"	"	200
19557-560	15c	" "	"	"	"
19561-564	1c	Book	"	1922	360 Crvd.
19565-572	5c	AirM'l(bdr.)	"	1928	100
19573-580	5c	" " (ctr.)	"	"	"
19581-584	1c		"	1922	170 Crvd.

Current Omissions

The Third Assistant Postmaster General announced under date of August 21st that the supply of the 2c Valley Forge Commemorative postage stamps is now exhausted, and that requisitions from postmasters hereafter for supplies of this stamp cannot be filled.

The same official also notified postmasters under date of August 17th that air mail stamps are good for the prepayment of registration fees on registered letters sent via air mail. They are also informed that air mail stamps are acceptable for not only prepayment of registry fee, but for the prepayment of postage on any registered article. In other words, postage on anything that goes via air mail may be paid for by air mail stamps.

Air mail stamps, however, cannot be used for the payment of postage or registration on registered mail that goes forward in the regular manner, in accordance with the third paragraph on Page 23 of the June, 1928, Postal Guide, wherein it is stated that the use of air mail stamps on other than air mail is not permissible.

If the postmaster in your city is endeavoring to prevent you from using the recently issued Hawaiian stamps upon mail, you might refer him to the Postal Bulletin of July 16th, wherein the use of these stamps on United States mail was authorized.

Speaking of the new Hawaiian stamps, many of the positions show wear and tear upon the plate during the overprinting so that numerous broken letters are noted. I have noticed varieties wherein the surcharge seems to read "1773" instead of "1778", and in one of the two cases, the mashed figure gave the date the appearance of "1828" instead of "1928". I do not believe any actual errors occurred in the set-up, but that these varieties were caused entirely by the unsatisfactory method of overprinting. One who studies our precanceled varieties will readily find similar types and breaks.

Mr. George H. Grinnell states that he has examined most of the 5c air mail plates carefully and finds a peculiarity on both the right and left pane of Plate No. 19548, which he has not noticed on the others. On this plate there are blue location lines which had not been properly erased at the time the plate was laid down. These are found horizontally across the upper portion of the stamp in the upper rows of the plate.

New Envelopes

At the time of writing these remarks, the Committee appointed by the Postmaster General to look into the new envelope contract and make recommendations as to award, has not made a report. They are making a further investigation, in view of the fact that the low bidders at this time are new contractors and quite naturally the ability to turn out a satisfactory article is equally as important as financial responsibility.

As previously mentioned, the Department has sixty days to award the contract which will give the contractors three months to enable them to start in production by January first.

Mr. H. Clay Reed reports two heretofore unrecorded varieties of the current circular die envelope. He has found the 1916 1c green, die A on white, size 9, high back, watermark 24. As this envelope is not on the schedule of varieties obtainable from the Post Office Department, Mr. Reed communicated with the person whose imprint appeared upon the envelope and was informed that sizes not on the schedule could be obtained in very large quantities by special order. This explains why sizes and varieties not heretofore listed on the official s have been found from time to tin

The second variety to be locate 2c, Die H2, on extra quality white size 7, high back, watermark 27.

Afghanistan. — We have r from Whitfield King & Co. seve items of this country, which we follows: 2 pouls, blue; 25 pou mine; 40 pouls, blue; and 50 pou 2 rupees, orange, of a parcel post Each stamp of this new set is of a ent design, perforated, and they formed that they are issued for national correspondence. A 60 turquoise, in imperforate conditi also been received, as well as a 1 green, perforated.

Canada.—We are informed Victoria Stamp Co. that a new stamp was issued about a month a is similar to the other values now The same correspondent also advi a special air mail stamp of 5c va make its appearance very soon.

Ireland.—*Tailteann Games.* It be noted that no commemorative stamp has been issued, the labe trated in various non-philatelic being issued as an advertising by the Council of Aonach Tailtea bears the head of Queen Tailte. Browne and others are thank cop.es.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Leeward Islands.—*New Serie* cording to *The Times*, a new se the following denominations is to into immediate circulation: ¼d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 5 and £1. It will be noticed that the 2/6, 3/- and 4/- have been dro *Philatelic Magazine.*

Libia.—Whitfield King & Co. that they have received the 10c watermark.

Russia. — *Tolstoi Commemo* Further to our note of March 3, learn from the Soviet Philatelic A tion that two stamps will be iss September 10, the 100th anniver Tolstoi's birth. The colours have been decided, but the values ar kop., portrait of Tolstoi (home spondence), and 28 kop., Tolstoi in a field (foreign corresponde *Philatelic Magazine.*

Seychelles.—*Re-issue of 3c gree* learn that the 3c green (S. G. 1 the 1921-25 issue, which was sup by the 3c black (S. G. 121), is a order.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

South Africa.—Whitfield King submit for chronicle the 6p gr black postage due mentioned a few ago.

Spain.—*Barcelona and Seville tions,* 1929.—To mark these im International Fairs (the opening d which, in true Spanish fashion, ar poned almost daily!), two sets mail stamps are to be issued—w stamps we cannot explain. The of one will show an aeroplane i and that of the other a mysterious in fright. In fact, judging fr essays which our good friends Yvert & Tellier show us, both will be of an alarming, Mephi character.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Sudan.—Whitfield King & Co shown us the 10 mils. postage due watermarked multiple S. G.

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BATOUM: THE STAMPS OF THE BRITISH OCCUPATION

By DOUGLAS B. ARMSTRONG.

Not the least interesting of the special issues of postage stamps made under British military authority during the Great War, are those created by the Army of the Black Sea in temporary occupation of the famous oil port of Batoum. From an historical viewpoint they are noteworthy as the only war stamps associated with British intervention in Southern Russia, whilst philatelically they offer a fertile and fascinating field for acquisition and research.

Batoum, the terminus of the railway from Baku and Tiflis, and of the great pipe line from the Trans-Caucasian oil fields, is a town of some 30,000 inhabitants, situate in the extreme southeastern corner of the Black Sea, and normally engaged in the exportation of petroleum and manganese ore. In 1878 it was seized by Russia, but shortly after the Revolution of 1917 was re-occupied by Turkish troops, who remained in possession until December 1, 1918, when a British warship landed a detachment of troops. Within a month a local Council of Administration had been set-up and postal communication re-established with adjacent countries. The Russians, on evacuating Batoum, removed all stamps and post office fittings to Koutanis, so that during the Turkish *regime*, Ottoman stamps and postmarks were employed without further distinction.

In the early days of the British Occupation, letters were impressed with a rubber frank containing the inscription: "No stamps available—paid in cash," in a frame, with amount of postage added by hand, and initialled by the postmaster. There being no postmark at hand, a sealing stamp formerly used for insurance correspondence, was impressed on the envelopes.

Finally, arrangements were made to create a special issue of postage stamps for use in Batoum and the surrounding country under control of the Council of Administration. These stamps, in the design of an Aloe Tree in a circular frame, and inscribed "Batoum State," in Russian characters, were produced by lithography at the local branch Mint, in sheets of 198, made up from transfers in blocks of four (*vide West End Philatelist, xvii., p.* 102), the series comprising six denominations, in the following proportions:—

1st Issue, April 4th, 1919

5K, green,	51,284
10K, blue,	51,482
50K, yellow,	206,120
1R, nut brown,	102,832
3R, lilac,	26,522
5R, brown,	20,922

The 5 kop. stamp was provided for use on postcards; the 10 kop. for printed matter; the 50 kop. for ordinary letter postage; the 1 rouble for registration; and the 5 rouble for parcels postage.

At first they were cancelled with a circular rubber stamp lettered in Russian, "Batoum Post and Telegraphs Department," with the date across the centre. Later, this was replaced by a metal obliterator bearing the single word "BATYM" only at the top, and central date as before.

Consequent on the falling value of the rouble it was found expedient to increase the rates of postage, to meet which a new stamp of 10 roubles was required. As it was known that supplies of former Russian stamps existed in private hands in Batoum, an order was issued that all such stamps must be brought to the post office, where they would be exchanged for the special issue, failing which they would be confiscated. In this way a sufficient supply was obtained to provide a provisional issue of 10 rouble stamps—the new value being surcharged on the old Imperialist type of Russia by means of rubber handstamps, at the Post Office, under the supervision of a Board composed of representatives of the British Army, the Council of Administration, and the Post and Telegraph Department.

These 10 roubles provisionals were issued on June 13th in the following numbers:—

2nd Provisional Issue

10R on 1 Kop. orange (imperf.)	2,350
10R on 3 Kop. carmine (imperf.)	3,600
10R on 5 Kop. lilac (perf.)	350
10R on 10/7 Kop. blue (perf.)	314

The surcharge on the 1 and 3 kopecs is known *inverted* and also *sideways*.

Later in the year, having dissolved the Council of Administration, the British military authorities took over entire control of the town and district of Batoum, including the Posts and Telegraphs, which were thenceforth administered by British officers, with the aid of native interpreters. This event was signalised by the issue of new postage stamps on November 10, 1919, in the "Aloe Tree" type, but including three additional denominations and overprinted with the words "BRITISH OCCUPATION" in two lines, in black. New lithographic stones were utilised for the production of this issue, made up of 432 impressions, and apparently transferred in strips of six. Some minor varieties, caused by defective type, such as "G" for "C," and inverted "C" for "O" may be found in the overprint. The error "CCUPATION" occurred on the 73rd stamp in a few sheets of the 5 roubles only.

3rd Issue, November 10th, 1919

5K, green	28,894
10K, blue	25,512
25K, orange	31,892
1R, light blue	48,161
2R, pink	366,723
3R, violet	257,904
5R, brown	263,789
7R, vermilion	57,118

Two further provisional surcharges were issued on November 27, 1919, handstamped on the Monarchist Russian types as before, but with the addition of the words "British Occupation," the 15 roubles value being required to meet the increased rate for registration:—

4th (Provisional) Issue, Nov. 27th, 1919

10R on 3 Kop., carmine	5,800
15R on 1 Kop., orange	1,200 in black
	1,400 in red

Early in the following year (1920) an agreement was entered into for the exchange of insured packets, etc., with the post office of Georgia, the fee being fixed at 50 roubles. A supply of that denomination was created by surcharging various of the former Russian stamps, as follows:—

5th (Provisional) Issue, June 12th, 1920

50R on 1 Kop., orange, imperf.	400
50R on 2 Kop., green, imperf.	300 (in red)
50R on 2 Kop., green, perf.	300 (in black)
50R on 3 Kop., carmine, perf.	200
50R on 4 Kop., rose, perf.	250
50R on 5 Kop., lilac, perf.	300
50R on 10 Kop., blue, perf.	180 (in red)
50R on 15 Kop., brown and blue, perf.	300

The 1 kop., 2 kop. (perf.), 4 kop. and 10 kop. of this series with *inverted surcharge*, are the rarest of all Batoum stamps.

The original rubber cachet used for impressing these surcharges quickly became worn, and was accordingly replaced by a metal handstamp engraved with the inscription in four, instead of five lines; the first being in the form of an arc.

6th (Provisional) Issue, Jan. 30th, 1919

R.50 R. on 2 Kop., green, imperf.	400
R.50 R. on 2 Kop., green, perf.	700
R.50 R. on 3 Kop., carmine, imperf.	359
R.50 R. on 3 Kop., carmine, perf.	691
R.50 R. on 4 Kop., rose, perf.	750
R.50 R. on 5 Kop., lilac, imperf.	120
R.50 R. on 5 Kop., lilac, perf.	920

The above surcharges were applied by native postmen under the direction of a Post Office Commission, and errors exist of the 50r on 3k imperf., 50r on 2k perf., and 50r on 4k with the *surcharge inverted*. These may likewise be found in the *tête-bêche* pairs.

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7th (Provisional) Issue, Feb. 21st, 1920

	Black.	Blue
25R on 5 Kop., lilac, perf.	2,000	1,900
25R on 10/17 Kop., blue, perf.	600	1,000
25R on 20/14 Kop., blue and red, perf.	900	1,000
25R on 25 Kop., green and purple, perf.	600	700
25R on 50 Kop., lilac and green, perf.	1,000	900

From 30 to 50 copies of each value exist with the surcharge *inverted*.

A new printing of the 15 roubles on 1 kop. provisional, surcharged in violet ink, was placed on sale on March 10, 1920, together with a 50 rouble surcharge on the 4 kop. "Romanoff" stamp of Russia, 1913:—

8th (Provisional) Issue, March 10th, 1920

15R on 1 Kop., orange, imperf, 1,100 (in red)
50R on 4 Kop., carmine, Romanoff 1,200 (in blue)

By this time the supply of old Russian stamps had been completely exhausted, so that for a further printing of 25 and 50 roubles provisionals recourse was had to the unsold remainder of the definitive series of December, 1919. A new copper handstamp with the value repeated in two lines was used for the 25r surcharge:—

9th (Provisional) Issue, April 1st, 1920

	Black.	Blue
25R on 5 Kop., green	2,180	1,980
25R on 25 Kop., orange	2,792	720
50R on 50 Kop., yellow	3,488	1,990

Subsequently, as a precaution against counterfeiting, a number of fine lines were cut through the numerals on the 50 roubles handstamp, and further printings were made from it on the old 50 kopecs stamp to the extent of 7,160 copies in black and 560 copies in blue.

In accordance with an Order No. 972, dated May 10, 1920, a new issue of stamps in the Aloe Tree type, overprinted "British Occupation" in two lines, was printed off in sheets of 308 specimens, built up from lithographic transfers in blocks of six (3x3), which was duly placed on sale on June 19, 1920, in the following numbers:—

10th Issue, June 19th, 1920

1R, red-brown	501,424
2R, ultramarine	201,432
3R, pink	200,816
5R, dark brown	203,280
7R, yellow	203,280
10R, green	202,972
15R, violet	102,256
25R, red	153,692
50R, blue	53,900

The only variety of importance in this issue is the substitution of the Russian letter "P" for "R" in "BRITISH" on the eighteenth stamp in the first row of the sheet.

These were the last stamps issued in Batoum, which was evacuated by the British forces on July 4, 1920, when the remaining stock of stamps was officially destroyed, together with the lithographic stones to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Bolsheviks.

Some scarce essays of the 25 x 50 roubles surcharges are known, of which not more than half a dozen examples are believed to exist, viz.:—25r on 10/7 kops., blue surcharged in both red and blue; 25r in red on 10 kops. blue, Aloe Tree type unissued; and 50r in red on 50 kop. yellow (Aloe Tree type), also unadopted.

It is noteworthy that specimens of all Batoum postage stamps were duly forwarded to the Berne Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, in compliance with the requirements of the Convention.—*West End Philatelist.*

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By HARRY E. HUBER

In the tabulation below are given the dates of issue applying to the stamps discontinued by Statutory Rules and Orders of April 26th, 1928 (No. 15 of 1928), the full text of which will be found in M. W. S. N. of July 2, 1928.

	Date of issue
Leeward Islands—	
4d, Roman CA yellow, plate 10,	5.12.1922
script CA yellow, plate 11,	Feb.1924
5d, script CA, plate 10,	5.12.1922
script CA, plate 11,	Feb.1924
2/6, Roman CA blue, plate 1,	Nov.1913
script CA blue, plate 10,	7.17.1923
script CA blue, plate 11,	Feb.1924
3s, script CA, plate 10,	5.12.1922
script CA, plate 11,	Feb.1924
4s, script CA, plate 10,	5.12.1922
script CA, plate 10,	Feb.1924

Plate 11 stamps were first issued at Dominica in February, 1924.

Antigua—	
4d, Roman CA yellow,	2.1.1922
2s, Roman CA blue,	7.1.1921
3s, script CA,	2.1.1922
4s, script CA,	2.1.1922
£1, Roman CA red,	9.1.1922
Dominica—	
4d, script CA,	3.1.1923
2s, script CA blue,	3.1.1923
3s, script CA yellow,	2.14.1927
4s, script CA green,	3.1.1923
£1, Roman CA red,	3.1.1923
Montserrat—	
¼d, script CA,	7.13.1922
4d, Roman CA yellow,	7.13.1922
script CA yellow,	4.5.1923
5d, script,	7.13.1922
2s, script CA blue,	7.13.1922
3s, script CA,	7.13.1922
4s, script CA,	7.13.1922

On August 18, 1924, there were burned at Plymouth, Montserrat, 20,160 4d, Roman CA (£336.0.0) and 18,000 5d script CA (£375.0.0) stamps, along with many others of the Presidential and Federal series.

The 5d Montserrat exhausted in July, 1927.

St. Kitts-Nevis—	
2s, Roman CA blue,	6.15.1920
script CA blue,	7.21.1922
10s, Roman CA green,	6.15.1920
£1, Roman CA red,	6.12.1922

The £1 Roman CA red exhausted about May, 1928.

British Virgins—	
5d, script CA,	6.15.1922

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Since the publication of these O the Presidential Postmasters have b receipt of many remittances from lectors and dealers for stamps o denominations discontinued. Ear August, 1928, the Postmaster of o the smaller Presidencies received a order from a London stamp firn £300 worth of these particular va earlier in the year another Presid Postmaster disposed of over half stock of 5d Leeward Federal st (and the stock was not small) to an English dealer.

Interest in the stamps of these is has been further quickened since the lication of a semi-official report t new series of stamps is in preparatio the Leeward Islands Federation (in than the DLR-1888, Postage & Rev design, which has been used ever 1890, except for the necessary ch required on the death of a sovereig which event all denominations of present series will be withdrawn an stroyed, immediately upon the issu the several Presidencies of stamps new design. Incidentally, this repor not yet been confirmed in the C Agent's Bulletin.

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STAMPS OF PALESTINE, 1918-1921

By M. J. FENSTER.

The late World War produced many new stamp issuing countries and the war also greatly increased the interest in stamp collecting. Quite a large number of countries having gained their independence or liberation from hostile races, started to issue stamps of their own.

Among the countries thus freed from the yoke of oppression was Palestine.

Previous to the capture of Jerusalem by the British Forces, the Holyland formed part of the Ottoman Empire. Under the domination of the latter country Turkish stamps were used in Palestine. So the inhabitants of Nazareth or Bethlehem, or any other small Biblical town, were practically compelled to send their letters through the inefficient postal service of the Turks and frank them with Turkish stamps. However, in the larger cities of Palestine, such as Jerusalem and Jaffa, the residents had the privilege of using the postal service and stamps of the Great European Powers of the Levant, who seemed more dependable to handle the mails than Turkey.

On August 9, 1917, British Troops entered Jerusalem and instituted an administration known as "Occupied Enemy Territory Administration." In order to stimulate the revival of trade for the civil population of Palestine the above military organization undertook to develop an adequate postal organization. On December 9, 1917, authority was given to print a supply of postage stamps for the civil population of southern Palestine.

The first supply of postage stamps were known as the E. E. F. (Egyptian Expeditionary Force) stamps. These were designed and printed by the Survey of Egypt at Cairo. They were used throughout the territory of Palestine that was under British Occupation, which comprised an area of about 11,000 square miles.

These E. E. F. stamps were simple in design. They came surface-printed in sheets of 120 (10x12) and watermarked Crown and G. R. (Royal Cipher). As the Survey Department of Egypt at that time did not possess a stamp perforating machine, the stamps came rouletted.

According to the Palestine *News* of August 1, 1918, the method of production was as follows:—"The printing plate is formed of a copper shell obtained by electro-galvanic deposit over a group of leaden matrices corresponding to the size and shape of the issued sheet of stamps backed with a filling of type metal and mounted upon a metal base. By this process the whole of the colored portion of the design is in relief and the white parts depressed on the plate. In the case of the E. E. F. stamps the plates were composed of 120 clichés grouped in ten horizontal rows of 12." No copies of the proofs were retained by the Survey Department. The denomination of the first issue was one piastre (5c U. S. money) and the color was deep blue. The stamps were issued ungummed. They were first put on sale on February 10, 1918, and the total number printed was 233,760.

Soon after the one piastre denomination was in use, a request was made for a stamp of a smaller denomination (5 milliemes) to be used for internal correspondence. So it was decided to surcharge the 1 piastre value with the new rate or denomination 5 milliemes. The color of the 1 piastre denomination being of deep blue seemed unsuitable for surcharging in black, so the original stamps were printed in a much lighter blue (ultramarine). The lithographic process was used in printing the new surcharged stamp. The first printing was on February 12, 1918, on ungummed paper, and the stamps were placed on sale on February 16, 1918. The color was ultramarine and 50,280 stamps were printed. A second supply of this surcharged stamp was printed on February 26, 1918, and placed on sale on March 5, 1918. This second printing was on gummed paper and the total number printed was 55,560 stamps. A third and final printing of this surcharged 5 milliemes stamp was made on March 12, 1918. It was issued on gummed paper and a total of 54,120 stamps were printed. On February 26, 1918, the 1 piastre deep blue stamp began to be printed in bright blue or ultramarine. This issue was printed on gummed paper and placed on sale on March 5, 1918. The total number of stamps printed were 338,880.

As trade in Palestine began to increase it was evident that the two denominations then in use were not sufficient for the needs of the postal requirements of the country.

Therefore, on July 16, 1918, there was placed on sale in the different postoffices of Palestine the first of a series of new stamps. This new series consisted of eleven values as follows:—

1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 milliemes, 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 20 piastres. They were printed at Somerset House, London, England, and perforated 15x14. Each value was printed in sheets of 240 stamps. A large number of minor varieties and plate flaws may be found in this issue.

The Supreme Council of the Allied Powers on April 25, 1920, meeting at San Remo, gave to Great Britain a mandate for 25 years for Palestine with the object of establishing there a National Jewish Homeland. On July 1, of the same year, Great Britain appointed as High Commissioner for Palestine, Sir Herbert Samuel.

With the appointment of a High Commissioner, Civil Government took the place of the military administration. With this change of administration the status of Palestine became changed. The E. E. F. stamps then in use seemed out of place. For the latter stamps could be used in Syria and parts of Cilicia, so on

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In October, 1921, a different type of surcharge appeared on the stamps of Palestine. This new trilingual surcharge was printed at Somerset House, London. The word Palestine being in heavy sans serif capitals and the whole surcharge appears neater than the previous issue. The shades are brighter and vary greatly from previous printings. Of considerable interest are the postmarks to be found on the stamps and covers especially on the unsurcharged stamps of the 1918 E. E. F. series. Many names of Biblical and Historical interest are to be found, such as Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, etc. Also postmarks of territories unknown until the final drive of General Allenby's army. Then there are a great many cancellations showing Field Army and Traveling Postoffices. Also censor cancellations. Then there is the interesting cancellations of the "Occupied Enemy Territories Administration" and finally the town postmarks of Syria before the French mandate, used in Damascus, which is the oldest city of the world, Allepo and Beyrout, where is located a world renowned American University, all three cities using the E. E. F. stamps of Palestine at one time or another.

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Cover No. 1, contains on face: "Canada Confederation 2c green stamp, postmarked Washington, D. C., Aug. 24, 1928, 12.30 A. M., and Toronto, Ont., Aug. 29, 1928, 10 A. M. Postal Term'l." Canada Confederation 3c red stamp, canceled VIA AIR MAIL and tied to cover with special cachet in red: "Golden Jubilee Flight Special AIR MAIL SERVICE Canadian National Exhibition TORONTO TO WINDSOR ONT. 1928" with airplane above and maple leaf—double triangle (triangle within triangle and C. N. E.). Block of four U. S. 2c red stamps, current issue, with overprint HAWAII 1778-1928, and tied to cover with Toronto block cancel containing "Canadian National Exhibition Toronto Aug. 24 to Sept. 8, 1928," and bars. The bottom bar of Washington "killer" No. "6" just barely ties (the block of four U. S. stamps surcharged Hawaii, 1778-1928) the upper left stamp of the block to the cover.

Cover No. 2, on face: Canada 2c green King George, untouched by postmark; Canada 1c orange King George, postmarked Toronto, Ont., Postal Term'l, Aug. 29, 1928, 10 A. M. Canada Confederation 1c orange-red tied to cover by above mentioned special cachet, and to the side "Via Air Mail" in red.

The White House, Washington, illustration is tied down by postmark, Washington, D. C., Aug. 24, 1928, 12.30 A. M. Block of four U. S. 5c blue current issue stamps, overprinted Hawaii—1778-1928, tied to cover with above mentioned Toronto block cancel.

The above mentioned covers both backstamped with following postmarks: Cleveland, Ohio, D. P. O., Aug. 25, 1928, 10 A. M.; Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1928, 7.30 P. M., with "killer" No. 1; Detroit, Mich., Aug. 29, 1928, 6.30 P. M., with "killer" No. 9, and Windsor, Ontario, Aug. 29, 1928, 12.30 P. M., with "killer" "Parcel Post Reaches Everywhere."

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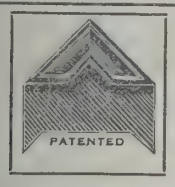

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Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

I have before me a report that additional service on CAM No. 18 is anticipated in the near future. The report states that the towns of Ashland, York, Seward and Aurora may be included in Air Mail service from the Lincoln spur. Date given for first flight is October 1st. NOT OFFICIAL! I am simply passing the report along to you so that if there is anything in it, you will not have cause to complain that no notice was given!

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A number of collectors have taken me to task for "setting" the date of the New York-Montreal first flight as Sept. 1st! The American Press states in a special despatch to the New York "Tribune," under date of Sept. 1st—"that service on the New York-Montreal route has been postponed to Sept. 15th, due to non-arrival of the planes from the manufacturer. It is stated that the service will commence about Sept. 15th"! The Canadian P. O. D. has advised collectors that the Sept. 15th date is right and that the Southern flight will terminate at Albany. The "Tribune" article bears out my notice that service would start on Sept. 1st, and the Canadian P. O. D. circular is dated Aug. 21st, which would indicate that they were unaware of the delay until just two weeks before the flight was first announced! As my notice was written about Aug. 6th, you can judge for yourself how near correct I was AT THE TIME IT WAS WRITTEN!

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In connection with the foregoing flight, I am advised by Mr. Milo C. Reynolds that the Postmaster at Burlington, Vt., is ready to co-operate with collectors in the handling of their mail on the flight.

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Add to list of possible points for special cachet—Wilmington, Del. Oct. 6th, Dedication of Bellanca Field, Carbondale, Ill. Sept. 16th, Dedication of Airport.

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From Berlin comes word that the Airship "Count Zeppelin" will carry Air Mail on her coming flight across the Atlantic. The rate for letters is 4 marks ($1.00) per 20 grams. Postcards will be carried for 2 marks. The postoffice at Friedrichshafen is already crowded with sacks of mail awaiting despatch on the first trip, although no date has yet been announced.

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W. Irving Glover announces a reduction in the ship-to-shore rate on letters, effective Sept. 15th, from $1.00 per ½ oz. to 60c. Mr. Glover has been on the Pacific coast and while there was in consultation with Dollar Line officials regarding a ship-to-shore service from the Round the World liners in the near future.

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Hyannis, Mass. dedicated its Airport on Sept. 7-8-9 with impressive exercises. Through the courtesy of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, acting in unison with the Postmaster, a special cachet was applied to all Air Mail despatched on the above dates.

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Read your Postal Bulletin carefully! It pays! Mr. D. E. Dickason reads HIS carefully and hops over a fast one! I am in possession of a cover from the First MOTORBUS-AIRPLANE service. In P. B. No. 14774 there appeared a small notice in the Star Route column to the effect that on Aug. 27th a service between Ardmore, Okla., and Oklahoma City would be inaugurated and that 1st Class Air Mail would be conveyed by busses to the latter city in time to connect with the Eastbound Plane. Stops were made at several intermediate points and Mr. Dickason informs me that he was fortunate enough to get a complete set of covers. No special cachet was used.

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Co-operators the past week were—James Farish, A. A. Love, Anna M. Shafer, J. H. Brackett, C. E. Jandrue, Jr., Paul Schaeffer, J. P. Penning, Geo. H. Kieley, D. E. Dickason*, M. J. Friedman, Francis C. Ryan, Ross Shumaker, Chas. F. Jones, F. W. Wright*, John Hadley Cox, D. C. Holmes, John E. Faloon, E. W. Determann, Louis O. Dutcher, Victor M. Suarez.*

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In Special Catalogue Number One, Fall and Winter, 1928-29, published by H. E. Harris & Company, Boston, under the head of "The Importance of Good Advertising," we find an article that is essentially sensible, and it must have been written by one who has studied advertising in its many different phases. It is only fair to run this study in its entirety rather than to select what may be the most striking periods in our estimation. We favor any legitimate means to make stamp dealers "advertising conscious" and we always have in mind one of our original remarks that *Printers' Ink* once gave prominence to: It is well to advertise but better to advertise well. Here is the Harris article:

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(*Continued on page 545*)

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HAITIAN PICTORIALS, 1920

By HARRY E. HUBER.

When the Marines landed in Haiti in July and August, 1915, and the United States assumed the collection of the revenues, there was on hand a miscellaneous lot of postage stamps dating back to 1904, which were continued in use by the new administration without any control marking.

As stamps of the lower denominations were most used, and naturally first exhausted, those of higher values were surcharged down to 1c, 2c, 3c or 5c de gourde, as needed. Many of these had already been overprinted (and some surcharged), "GL. O. Z.—7 Fev. 1914". (General Oreste Zamor assumed the Presidency on February 7, 1914; was ousted by M. Davilmar Theodore on Nov. 7, 1914, and was among those slain in the prisons of Port au Prince, on July 27, 1915, by orders of President Vilbrun Guillaume Sam.) The overprint or surcharge was always handstamped, and at no time was the printing press used to provide temporary postage stamp issues.

But after almost five years of surcharging, the stock began to lower, and late in 1919, an order was placed with the American Bank Note Co. for a new series of postage stamps, the issue of which was authorised by an "arrete," or Executive Order of April 6, 1920. The design used for the 3c and 5c de gourde is representative of Agriculture, and for the 10c, 15c and 25c de gourde, of Commerce—the whole series having a face value of less than 12 cents U. S. currency, the gourde gold being equal to 20 cents U. S. currency. The 3c and 10c were issued April 9th, and the 5c, 15c and 25c on April 19th.

The stamps are horizontal rectangular in shape, measuring 26½ x 21½ mm., and were printed in single colors, from line engraved plates, on white wove unwatermarked paper, perforated single line 12. "American Bank Note Co." in small caps, appears under each stamp of the sheet, but there is no marginal inscription or plate number.

In the frame design, which is common to all five values, "Republique d'Haiti" conforms to the arched vignette opening. Numerals of value occupy the lower corners, and at the foot, in a single line, is "centimes de gourde." The lettering and numerals are colorless. Scrolls in the upper corners, and at the sides, complete the design.

The vignette on the 3c and 5c, representative of Agriculture, depicts an angel hovering over a cane field, in which two natives are laboring, one cutting cane, and the other ploughing. A mill appears in the background, and behind it the mountains.

On the 10c, 15c and 25c, Commerce is represented by a reclining female figure, facing the left, and holding in her right hand a caduceus. Casks and an anchor are at her feet. In the background is the sea and a sailing vessel over which the sun is rising.

The first printing comprised the following quantities:—

3c,	500,000
5c,	3,000,000
10c,	500,000
15c,	1,000,000
25c,	2,000,000

Die proofs exist on India paper, mounted on large cardboard sheets, but as the 5c, 10c and 25c are not in Postal Union colors, the necessary correction was made before actual printing proceeded.

3c blue (in the color of the issued 25c).
5c red (in the color of the issued 10c).
10c green (in the color of the issued 5c).
15c violet—as issued.
25c orange (in the color of the issued 3c).

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e,	28,692,984	56,921,970
n,	4,900,945	7,334,573
r,	9,841,398	3,402,735
ood,	28,084,183	2,589,206
,	1,629,979	1,680,933

rt au Prince was the most important for the export of coffee, followed icmel, Petit Goave and Aux Cayes. it half the cotton was exported gh St. Marc, while logwood and were concentrated at Cap Haitien Port au Prince, respectively. Jermie he most important outlet for cacao. ice its emancipation in 1804, Haiti ad at various periods national holi- to commemorate the birth of dis- ished men and notable events in her al history. But since the 14th 1867, by article 201 of the constitu- only the 1st January (Independence , and the 1st May (dedicated to culture), fixed by the first Haitian itution proclaimed on May 20, 1805, elebrated. According to article 21 e latter constitution, Agriculture is irst and most noble and useful of rts, and should be honored and cted.

merce

e foreign commerce of Haiti in 27 was valued at Gds. 155, 252, 042, senting imports of Gds. 78, 756, 600 exports of Gds. 76, 495, 422. The asing power for imports in Haiti rgely derived from direct exports, the value of the former declined in year by reason of a smaller volume lower unit price of coffee. Forty- percent of the trade was with the ed States, and 26% with France, gh 76% of the imports came from the ed States, and 47% of the exports fly coffee) went to France.

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By RAY B. GROVE.

The writer was recently in receipt of a cover bearing a Valley Forge stamp. Back of cover carried a sticker reading: —"The religious lie illustrated on the postage stamp carrying this letter was authorized by the present Postmaster General, who is reported to have said, when his attention was called to the matter, 'It is too late to re-write history now.' Why? The story of the hatchet * * * and similar tales, are quite apocryphal. Enc."

This cover contained a consignment from a dealer filling a want list. And it was a New York dealer too. Surely American Philately dare not sanction such Un-American propaganda.

There seems to be a tendency upon the part of some philatelists to disbelieve the incident of Washington in prayer at Valley Forge as recorded in American history.

We quote from the printed history of The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, largely financed by the Patriotic Order Sons of America—this Valley Forge Association purchased Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge and adjacent properties in the early Eighties, improved them and cared for them until taken over by the State of Pennsylvania in 1910.

The history was compiled by Henry J. Stager, for many years State Secretary of the Patriotic Order Sons of America and a Director and Vice-Regent of the Valley Forge Association from 1886 until 1910—the date of its dissolution.

We quote Mr. Stager's words:—

"Valley Forge naturally suggests the thought of Washington's prayer there in the days when his soul was tried to the utmost. Brueckner's picture of the great commander on his knees in the snow is one of the most popular ever painted to represent an Historic event.

The story of this worship upon the snow-clad hills comes to us from Isaac Potts, the owner of the Valley Mill, in whose comfortable home Washington made his headquarters after the week spent in the tent which is now preserved in the Valley Forge Museum of American History, which has been added to the Washington Memorial Chapel and buildings now partly completed. Accidentally, the miller came upon Washington at prayer, and heard his supplications for the cause which he represented and his suffering men. Deeply impressed with the religious fervor of this man of war, whose conduct was at such variance with that Society (Quakers) to which he belonged, and in which he was a preacher, Isaac Potts returned to the house which was through that episode, we believe, made memorable for all time as 'Washington's Headquarters.'

There he threw himself into a chair by the side of his wife.

'Hegh! Isaac!' said she, with tenderness; 'thee seems agitated; what's the matter?' 'Indeed, my dear,' quoth he, 'if I appear agitated, 'tis no more than what I am. I have seen this day what I never shall forget. Till now I have thought that a Christian and a soldier were characters incompatible; but if George Washington be not a man of God, I am mistaken, and still more shall I be disappointed if God do not through him perform some great thing for this country.'

For many years a great oak on the road near the Waterman monument was pointed out as the scene of this prayer. Wherever the prayer was offered, the Washington Memorial Chapel will be its lasting memorial. The thought of that prayer and all it meant in American history inspired the Rev. W. Herbert Burk with the idea of erecting upon the sacred ground of Valley Forge a chapel where the prayer of Washington might be continued by American patriots as long as the Nation shall endure. While the Chapel is far from completion (this was

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WE were under the necessity of leaving London just before the opening of the *Daily Telegraph* exhibition of Antiques and Works of Art at Olympia on July 19th, but not before evidence was shown of the efficiency that culminated with brilliant results, judging from the many newspaper references to the exhibition. In the course of the descriptions, mention was made in many instances to the excellence of the relatively small but singularly select stamp display. The promoters of the exhibition in its philatelic aspect worked with fine effect and Messrs. Vallancey, Melville and Godden, not to mention others, have scored heavily for collecting through their unselfish endeavors. However, it is not alone to the philatelic fulfilment of the exhibition that we address ourselves, but to the conditions that make such a display possible. It was claimed that this showing of antiques was the most representative and extensive ever made and in the list of subjects, from armor to Sheffield Plate, philately had prominent place. There was a private view announced before the opening, at which celebrities expressed their appreciation of the display. The Olympia stamp showing was one of rarities, to which societies and collectors contributed, and among the exhibitors were some of the American collectors. The newspapers almost without exception carried accounts of the exhibition and many of the provincial papers followed the lead of the London press. Further, some of the writers who had assignments there incorporated into their text, small-talk on philately that was nicely balanced. There was more than a ripple of philatelic publicity as a consequence of the inclusion of stamp collecting in the exhibition; more truthfully a wave of advertising was the result.

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PHILATELIC fields do not lie fallow in England and the ground is made productive constantly. No sooner was the congress, held a short time before in London, a thing of the past than a new achievement engaged the attention of collectors there. This spirit of enterprise bespeaks of an intelligent and aggressive belief in our pursuit by persons who are active proponents of philately. Too, there must be co-operation on the part of the workers who probably represent different cross-sections of collecting. London is the world's metropolis and in our opinion, the visitor who has an opportunity to fathom its depths in a philatelic sense will have the conviction that the city easily more than retains its ratio of greatness in a stamp survey. The influence of London must be felt throughout the country.

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ONE of the best-known philatelists in the world is Mr. Fred J. Melville of London and his name is one of most familiar sound in the United States, although Mr. Melville has merely pecked at our eastern coast and has not traversed the country from coast to coast, as his illustrious *confrere*, Mr. Vallancey, has done. However, Mr. Melville knows more about the philatelic history of the United States from first to last than anyone else with whom we have conversed on the subject. His range of knowledge in this particular is astonishing and his mind is a teeming storehouse of information about us. All developments, from minor to major, are ticketed in his active mind and when it is felt that he knows his own country even better, if possible, he must be called a philatelic genius. We need not stop at this because the philatelic world is his oyster. It is almost impossible to enumerate his activities. He contributes a stamp column to one of the great London dailies and his literary work otherwise is of a volume to impress one and is of a character to merit all praise. As a lecturer he has made a reputation that will live and in all respects he can qualify as philately's messenger of good-will. Here we have a man entering his best years who has already made a record that will not be duplicated, we believe; and while his native strand certainly is to be felicitated in having him at hand as a constructive force, yet all the countries of the philatelic world are glad to call him citizen.

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THE handsome English publication, *Country Life*, some time ago in a review of Donald B. MacMillan's "Etah and Beyond or Life Within 12 Degrees of the Pole," speaks of the following extract: "But have the Danes carried out their great scheme to issue postage stamps? A Greenland issue might easily solve the main difficulty of the Danish home office in carrying on the costly protection of the Eskimo from the ravages of disease." Thus postage stamps are flattered as a vehicle for charitable progress, but collectors are placed in the somewhat unenviable position of opposing this broadening of the scope of the stamp issue. The real object of the stamp is to pay postage and its use should be restricted to that purpose.

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ON October 4th, 1928, the Chicago Philatelic Society will celebrate its one thousandth meeting with appropriate ceremonies. It seems only a short time ago when in 1907, the same society had a carnival night on the occasion of its five hundredth meeting. There is all reason for the members of this old society to make the thousandth meeting one for rejoicing when they may pledge anew their allegiance to their pursuit. A medal is in readiness for distribution to those who attend the festivities, which are to be of a varied character. It is announced that some of the great philatelists of the country will be present at the Germania Club from 2 P. M. in the afternoon to midnight to do honor to the society's achievement; and it is intimated that ambitious projects for the future of the society will be discussed at the time. Moreover, it is the intention to pay tribute to Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, who is member No. 1, and who will come from Philadelphia at the invitation of the C. P. S. The committees having the meeting in charge are working to make the celebration one that is fitting in every respect and certainly the end that they would achieve is one that should be viewed with all favor. Incidentally, a heading of news of the forthcoming event in the WEEKLY of September 3rd, read, "Millenial Celebration," thereby perpetrating two mistakes. The meeting is not the thousandth celebration or millennial; the intention was to say, "Millenary Celebration."

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CANADA is taking a leading place in aerial postal development, as announcements that come to hand plainly show, and we understand that the design of the new air mail stamp that is to be issued at Ottawa will be an appropriate one, although its details have not been divulged as yet.

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THE receipt of several copies of the New York *Herald* of Paris, July 8th, is now made belatedly. The feature that attracts the philatelic eye on the pictorial pages is a large group picture, wit text, "Half Million Dollars in Stam collection of rare stamps worth amount was exhibited in London dealers from all over the world can the congress at the Royal Philatelic ety's headquarters in Devonshire p The picture shows sixteen persons, of whom are ladies and makes a fine ing group; they register philatelic tion" with a man holding a stamp tongs and with others poring over books, etc.

DEALER INJURED

From Mr. Ralph J. Taylor, Bron Y., we have received the following l "No doubt you have read in the papers of the horrible subway acc that took place in New York Cit August 24, 1928, in which fifteen pe were killed and 150 injured. A few ago I received the enclosed card Louis Weissman, an advertiser in paper. While looking through the *World* for Sept. 2nd, I came acro article describing the aftermath o subway wreck; and in the accou found the paragraph that I have p on the postal card. I am sure tha will be grieved to learn of the uni nate accident to Mr. Weissman for all, are we not brother philatelists s ing to the end of advancing our bel hobby." The following clipping tel own sad story: "Louis Weissman o 81 Nassau Street, collector for a s agent, with an internal injury that defied the X-ray, two children and a dependent upon him, and no promise he will ever be rehabilitated."

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have received from Herman W. Boers a list of the Detroit collectors were present at the Toronto A. P. vention. There was a total of thir-ive being members of the Michigan Wayne Stamp Clubs. With their es there were twenty-one visitors convention from Detroit.

E of the attendants at the Toronto P. S. convention stopped over at and on their way home. Mr. Boers us that Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wil-and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Guest vis-at city. The Wilhelms also visited go on their way home, and the stopped in Detroit.

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WHY I COLLECT NORWAY

By W. Lloyd Johnson

READING in a recent number of the magazine a lament of a member who chose Sudan as his "pet" country, who after getting a "complete" collection together, lost all interest therein; it occurred to me that an account of my "pet" and the reasons that led to my choice, might be of some use to him and others. Many stand shivering on the brink, hesitating in making their plunge into specialism.

I find the greatest obstacle is the fear that they may choose the wrong country. There is no doubt that there is a great danger here, which might possibly cause the venturer to cease collecting, when he finds the country of his choice has, as it were, led him into a blind alley. Of course, if he is really keen on stamps, when he arrives at the "dead end" he will retrace his steps and try another road (country).

This was my experience, and it is in the hope of helping others to avoid my mistake that I offer these notes. Realising the futility of a general collection on a small cash basis, I arrived eventually at the decision that I must concentrate my expenditure on a single country. Following the advice given frequently in magazines, I chose a *simple* country, namely, Gibraltar.

This advice is wrong, absolutely, and though only offered to a *beginner* in specialism, I consider it the worst advice possible for *anybody* to follow, the reason being the great lack of variety, both of shades and design. To one fresh from a general collection, the lack of variety is felt with stunning force. The comparatively few additions destroy interest; the chance of a bargain is remote. So like our "Sudanese" collector I lost faith in specialism and collected haphazardly for a time. I was like a ship without a rudder, drifting aimlessly on what to me was practically an uncharted sea. I was like Micawber, "waiting for something to turn up."

Then I had a "brain wave." I would go to the other extreme and collect an expensive country, one with plenty of variety, so I chose Belgium. Here for a time I was happy until I had accumulated most of the ordinary varieties and shades. Trying to differentiate different printings by the shades is a fascinating task, but nearly hopeless with only used stamps. When one attempts a country like Belgium one feels there is much to be learned by studying her stamps, but I could make very little headway as I was not clever enough at *finding things out for myself*.

In the end, the inevitable feeling came that I was at the same dead end as when collecting Gibraltar, though the journey took longer and was, I think, decidedly more interesting. It was while considering what to do next that I stumbled on what I believe is the true *secret* of continued interest in the collection of a special country or group. It is this. Choose a country that has a *big literature*. Let that be the primary consideration. Next, if possible, one whose stamps have not yet boomed in price. Finally, one whose stamps appeal to you in design or absence of some defect which irritates you; as, for instance, perforations. I detest the slight variations of perfs. in some countries and would not specialise them on that account.

Applying these three rules I found that Norway filled them better than any other country that I was conversant with. I have read much about the stamps of Norway, including all articles translated from Norwegian by Mr. Benjamin Goodfellow, of Birkdale. I am thus able to find out new things about my stamps and obtain uncommon minor varieties at the price of the normal. Further, Norway contains no expensive rarities if we except the double foot variety of the first issue. Therefore, it is a comparatively cheap country to collect. There are no irritating minor perfs., being only one variation from the normal throughout all the issues. The only point where Norway fails is in the designs. These are for the most part crude, though the posthorn and crown design "seems to grow on one," and familiarity instead of breeding contempt, seems to bring an affection only realised by the constant companionship of old friends.

Norway also supplies the student with the finest material for the study of the gradual evolution of galvanic printing. There are no unnecessary issues, bar, perhaps, the Spitzbergen one, which can almost be forgiven, because it shows us, I think, the finest range of bright aniline colours in the whole range of philately.

With a country like this in which to specialise, there can be no "dead ends," no losing of interest. I have calculated that as far as my present knowledge goes, I have to get well over a thousand varieties in used only, without any attempt at plating or pairs and other multiples. Then, of course, everything *can* be repeated almost in mint. But, "sufficient for the day, etc.!"

This, then, is my ideal of a country for the beginner in specialism, and others as well as the beginner. I have never regretted my final choice, but do not run away with the idea that I am now a one country man! No fear! ! I turn to Belgium, Gibraltar, Grenada, and the others for a change and a relaxation from the arduous task of spotting minor varieties, and add to them as the opportunity occurs in the simple life fashion, which supplies a change and rest, after which, I turn to Norway with added zest.

Finally, never commence specialising without a good (the best) handbook on the country or group. It is no use a beginner expecting to find important points about stamps which are unknown. Even to the experienced it is a most difficult task and almost impossible from single specimens. Whole sheets, big blocks, etc., form the main field of original research. Far beyond the reach of the ordinary purse, worse luck!—*Stamp Lover.*

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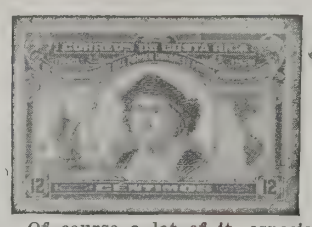

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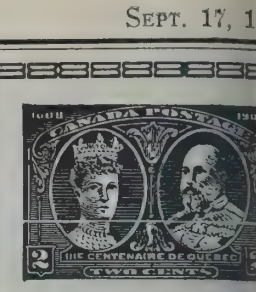

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Preussen. — The German equivalent for Prussia as shown on the stamps for that state.

Prince Edward Island. — An island situated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Stamps were first issued on January 1st, 1861, and these special stamps were superseded by the general issue for Canada on July 1st, 1873.

Principaute de Monaco. — Found on the stamps of Monaco, i. e., "Principality of Monaco."

Printed Both Sides. — Errors upon which the design is shown on the backs as well as upon the face.

Printed Matter, Stamps for.—Stamps issued for use on newspapers and printed matter only.

Printing.—Various methods of printing are employed in the production of postage stamps: Embossing, Engraving, Lithography, Typography, and Type-set.

Printings. — Separate editions of the same stamp or stamps issued at different periods.

Prince Henry Issue. — A special set of stamps issued in Portugal in 1894 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Prince Henry the Navigator.

Principaute de Trinidad. — The inscription on certain bogus stamps, issued in 1894, purporting to be an issue for the Principality of Trinidad. The stamps show a view of an island with a pleasure yacht in the foreground, and they were issued by an adventurer named Harden Hinckley, who posed for a time as Prince James I of Trinidad. He annexed, to his own satisfaction at any rate, the little islet of this name, which is situated about 50 miles from the coast of Brazil, and whose ownership was once the subject of a dispute between the governments of that country and Great Britain. The island is nothing but a barren, uninhabited rock, and the scheme of foisting these labels on stamp collectors was quite unsuccessful. It is said that Hinckley lost all his money in the venture, and soon afterwards committed suicide at a hotel in Texas.

Junior Chronicle

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

Hungary.—The new Hungarian commemoratives in memory of St. Stephen (not St. Etienne as stated last week by error) have arrived. They portray St. Stephen with the crown on his head. The values are 8f green, 16f orange, and 32f blue.

Liberia. — Four new stamps have been received from this African republic, the values being 5 cents blue, 10 cents olive, 15 cents purple, and $1.00 brown. The 10 cent value portrays the President of Liberia, Mr. Charles King, while the other three show the position of Liberia on a map of Africa. All values exist with Official Service surcharge.

Morocco.—A new charity set has appeared in Morocco, consisting of ten values, sold only in complete sets at double face value, face value being 14.85 Fr. The surplus goes to flood relief funds. The values and designs follow: 5c blue (Moorish fantasia), 25c orange-red (Moor plowing with a camel), 50c carmine (a caravan), 75 vermilion (walls of Marrakesh), 80c green (sheep grazing), 1fr ochre (gateway at Fez), 1.50fr blue (airplane view of Tangier), 2fr brown (airplane view of Casablanca), 3fr violet (an old wall at Rabat), 5fr black (fete in honour of New Sultan of Morocco). The set was announced in April, but so many philatelists sent in orders that the amount of sets ordered printed had to be increased, and the delay resulted.

Persia. — The current fiscal stamps have been surcharged for airmail use, since the provisionals issued last year have been used up. A permanent set is now in preparation. The surcharge consists of the words "Airmail" in Persian and French, an airplane, and the value in English—3krans orange-brown, 5kr dark brown, 1 toman violet, 2 tom. green and brown, 3 tom. green.

New Stamp Vending Machine

(Clipping from Billy Burr)

A new type stamp vending machine has been installed in the Los Angeles Post Office. This machine gives change. If a nickel is put in the slot, the purchaser will receive a two cent stamp and three cents change; for a quarter the purchaser will receive 12 cents worth of two cent stamps and 13 cents change. Postmaster O'Brian says he expects it to save waiting in line at a window.—From Los Angeles *Times*.

Condition is All-Important

The first essential, whether from the viewpoint of pleasure or profit, is the condition of your stamps. Like a garden, a stamp collection must be kept free from weeds. Remember that rare stamps are common in poor condition, and don't buy them. They are dear at one-tenth catalogue price. Don't think you can get a profit on a half-formed collection of two or three hundred or two or three thousand stamps gathered together singly, when you can see from our advertisement pages almost any month that two or three thousand all different, if you buy them together *and thus reduce the dealer's cost of selling them* (which you have to pay 2,000 times if you buy the same number of stamps one at a time) can be bought for thirty or forty shillings. Take your collection out of the rut, where all the common little valueless collections are. Get all the price lists our advertisers offer, and compare them. Then fix on one dealer, if you can, for your regular wants, for everybody gives most attention to a regular customer in any trade, while keeping a sharp eye on special offers, and catalogue prices.—*Junior Stamp Magazine.*

Schoolboy's Windfall

A twelve-year-old schoolboy in Newton Abbott, South Devon, Eng., has received £190 for a block of nine stamps.

This block, consisting of the finest Indian stamps to be printed, was found in the back of a large family Bible by a schoolboy, who offered them for sale at £1 each. Another boy in the school, named Henry John Watson, bought the stamps as a speculation and arranged for them to be sold by auction. The block was bought for £190 by an agent who had been instructed to secure them for a specialist in Indian stamps.

The block dates back to 1854, and is unique. There may be a few separate stamps, but so far as is known, there is no other block in existence.

When the block was placed in the sale catalogue, many dealers were frankly sceptical. The auctioneers themselves thought at first that the block was a reprint, but they were assured by an expert that it was genuine.

The official description of the stamp is "India, 1845, Die 3, 1a., S.G. 25. Unused block of nine."—*Junior Stamp Magazine.*

Provisional Issues

There is something about provisional issues that strongly appeals to the average collector. Usually they are surcharged stamps, and surcharges have a wide appeal, owing to the possibility of errors, and being short lived as a rule they have strong speculation possibilities. But to some collectors, especially those of the old school, they are anathema. It is always interesting to read another's viewpoint so that the following comments from the pen of the late Major E. B. Evans, caused by the appearance of the Cayman Islands provisionals of 1907-8, is enlightening. Writing in *Gibbons Stamp Weekly* in September, 1908, the gallant Major observed: "The whole case of course turns upon the question of unavoidable necessity. The belief of most people who know anything about the matter is that real necessity very seldom arises, and that with reasonable care it would never arise at all—well hardly ever! If it were once fully understood by all concerned, from Commissioners to Postmasters and Postmistresses, that running out of stamps was a thing that must not occur, and that provisional stamps were not to be issued under any circumstances whatsoever, all this nonsense would be put to a stop at once. Of course opportunities have been afforded by the action of higher authorities in allowing little places like the Cayman Islands to have separate stamps of their own! in a climate like that of the West Indies it is impossible to keep on hand stocks of stamps sufficient for several years' consumption, consequently the stock of a low value is always at the mercy of a speculator. But a Postmaster can protect his stock if he finds it running low by refusing to sell large quantities at a time to any one person—as is often done in the case of these precious provisionals—and, in one of these insignificant little places, if there were no stamps at all on hand for a week or two, very little inconvenience would be caused, and if it were understood that, if the stamps ran out, postage was to be received in cash and the letters marked 'paid,' stamps would never run out. The remedy for the Cayman Islands disease is to withdraw altogether the privilege of having special stamps, which has been so disgracefully abused, and which need never have been granted, and let the inhabitants revert to the use of the stamps of Jamaica, which I suppose they used down to 1900, if indeed they required stamps at all."—*Philatelic Opinion.*

CURIOSITIES OF JAMAI

By H. COOKE.

On the 29th November, 1861, the master of Jamaica by notice in t *maica Guardian* of the same dat thorised the use of the penny bisected in a prescribed manner, t pay a ½d rate on newspapers. viously there had been no such r a stamp of the denomination in the lar series had not been provided. not by any means an uncommon rence, for one or other of the Post Offices to run out of the star some denomination; a condition existed up to within the first dec the present century, as it was p to occasionally find covers from s the country offices, passed without showing the sum of the postage en in writing, "1d. pd."; so that back '60's when internal transport and munication had not been develo anything like the conditions of 19 since, it is not surprising to find t country Post Offices frequently exh some of their supplies, and as us stamp of the lowest denominatio penny was the one which most ofte short. The result was that some other denominations were presse the service, and illegally mutilated duty for others. The two-pence is quartered and used as ½d, halve used as 1d, both passed untaxed. possible that other denominations similarly treated, but the extant ev of today is that of the covers men So great became the abuse, that necessary for the Postmaster by in the *Jamaica Tribune* of 28th A 1862, to direct attention to the fa the 1d stamp was the only one aut and would be recognised when u bisected state, all others would be as unpaid. It is most extraordina the Government, even after havi pressing need of a ½d stamp, so f brought to its notice, did not provi denomination until October, 1872. obvious that only the 1d stamp b diagonally, had postal validity, all in that condition were illegal and rank as proper varieties, though t have interest for those who specia the issue of Jamaica.

The 3rd Telegraph stamp, now lete, has been found postally us covers, but it was never given status, and could not be legally us that purpose. Found on cover, the be no doubt of postal use, but off and showing postal cancellation, no postal significance, as not all tel offices were provided with specia graph hand cancelling stamps, and such instances the cancelling stam postal purposes were used. The telegraph cancelling stamps were distinctive, but there is one which requires careful observation to disti it from that used in connection wi ters mailed in street letter boxes very similar, the words "Jamaica graphs" take the place of "Street Box," the first with space counti against the latter with 17, inc spaces. The use of the stamp for p was unauthorised, and could only passed minor irresponsible posta ployees, as every cover which car in prepayment of postage should been taxed. Impressed stamps cut postcards, wrappers, telegraph form all been made to do postal duty, are improper, unauthorised, illegal. rules under which the Post Office ministered make that evident.

Among the postal adhesives, on occasionally find a pair of stam cover, one cancelled the other not. 1d Llandovery black and red of 1

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rn with about one-fourth, the upper
dinal section including the word
aica", unprinted. The 1/ Georgian
he original green paper, and the
e back", both mint and used, are
n with the head in a distinct shade
rple, but this is a colour changeling
oped in the case of mint, by action
isture in the air or from some other
e, on the very sensitive fugitive ink
which that portion of the design
printed. Similar action took place
e case of used specimens on cover,
moved with the aid of water. It is
to note that this very sensitive ink,
used only in the early printings,
issues were not affected in the man-
iescribed. These two, the 1d Llan-
y and the 1/ Georgian, are good ex-
s of freakish Curiosities.

ong the more modern Stamps, there
xamples of partial double impression,
ere we touch a subject which is diffi-
o correctly classify and identify as
ne variety or freak. A genuine va-
of this type is developed from de-
n the plate used for printing, and
ariety is repeated over and over
in very nearly exactly the same
on every sheet of stamps printed
that plate, so as a guide there is the
of constancy, not only in the sense
petition on the sheets, but also in
arity of appearance conformation.
ar, very similar variety is frequently
oped in freakish fashion, through
fection of the process called "make
", i. e., the backing or building up
e back of the plate in the press, in
ffort to have it present an abso-
level surface to the paper. It will
sily understood that where the gen-
evel of the plate, i.e., the printing
e, is imperfect not true, there will
rts or spots which are raised, pro-
, and corresponding parts of the
will touch these first, receive an
ssion which as pressure in the press
plied, will spread however little to
clear. The printers usually pull a
heets to disclose such imperfections
nable correction, and apparently the
sheets if not obviously bad, are
d and issued, hence the finding of
varieties among the stamps sold to
iblic. The two impressions, however,
ot as sharp as they should be, as
are in the case of genuine variety
a defective plate, and the factor of
ncy is absent. Specimens of these
ish impressions may be found on the
eorgian, both original yellow and
e back" papers, and on the 2½d
ngent, both MCA and Script pa-

Conversely, the 1½d Contingent
MCA paper, exists with partial
e impression, genuine variety from
perfect plate. To the philatelist all
freakish items serve as lessons in
tudy of philately, as they help to
nt him from accepting and treating
first importance and interest, some-
which is not.

is never wise to deride what ap-
to be a curiosity, in exactly the
way that wisdom warns against
tance as genuine variety, something
has not been proved and recorded
that. It is always best to examine,
the history, and determine for one-
For instance, Gibbons records under
dad and Tobago Nos. 174b and c,
iffling items of practically no inter-
importance, they may be of use
specialist who may wish to plate
et of the issue, but serve no other
se and have no place in a catalogue
d to list only standard varieties of
importance and interest. On the
hand items of real interest and im-
nce, such as the spaced letters in the
dian local War Tax overprint,
r items in Jamaica, are omitted,
though the same type of variety is
n under British Honduras.—*Jamaica*
telist.

GIBBONS CATALOGUE, 1929

The price alterations in this new edition, which will be ready early in October, are more numerous and vital than in any previous edition.

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PUBLICITY

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Second, a natural but near-sighted economy must be conscientiously avoided. When a little more money spent on a circular or advertisement will produce a great many more sales, it is false economy to cut down on the cost of the advertisement. Other lines of business have known for a long time—but the stamp trade has still to learn—an important fact: that you must spend money to make money.

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Finally, the stamp business ought to be guided not only by what is going on in the way of internal competition, but also by developments in other lines of business, by that enormous, outside competition which—even though it has thousands of dollars to spend for advertising and prestige—must not be permitted to relegate so worthy and enjoyable a hobby as Philately to a place in the shade."

WASHINGTON IN PRAYER AT VALLEY FORGE

(*Continued from page 541*)

written in 1911), it is already so rich with memorials of the heroic dead as to win from Mr. Wilfred Powell, the British Consul, the title of 'the American Westminster.'

While we may not be able to point out the very spot where Isaac Potts found Washington at prayer, we can point to the tabernacle of our American Moses, which he used not only here at Valley Forge, but at many places during the long struggle for American independence. In one end of Washington's marquee are the webbing and iron hooks from which the curtain hung which made a part of the tent his most private quarters. This formed the sleeping apartment of Washington, and here he retired to meditate upon the problems which confronted him, and here, as under the woodland bower, he went to his God for guidance and support.

Miss Frances B. Lovell, a descendant of Betty Lewis, the only sister of General George Washington, has loaned to the Valley Forge Museum of American History at Valley Forge, the flag which floated over General Washington's headquarters at Valley Forge during the memorable encampment. The flag is a light blue silk jack with thirteen stars, the blue faded and the stars yellow with age. It is thirty-six inches long and twenty-eight inches wide. The heading is of home-spun linen, with three eyelets worked with thread. The stars are six-pointed, double stitched, and the silk back of them has been cut out to show the stars of both sides. The stars are not arranged in a circle, but on lines following the crossed of the British flag, etc., etc."

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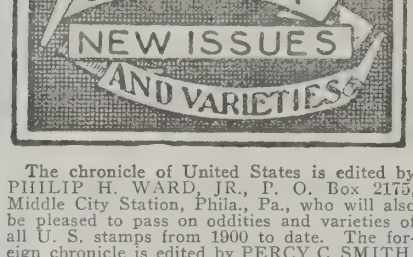

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United States

Current 11c In New Shade

The 11c peacock blue, perforated 11, with portrait of Hayes, has been known for some time in two very distinct shades.

The early printing was in a dark color, whereas several months later, the variety appeared in a new shade much lighter than the first printing.

Mr. William J. Gould now shows me a used strip of this variety in a color resembling a green more than blue and while I have not seen the stamp unused with full gum, the strip submitted does not have the appearance of a changeling. It is quite likely that an entire printing was made in this greenish shade.

Registered Mail

The Postmaster General under date of August 29th amends the postal laws and regulations, so that in the future all correspondence or other business relating wholly to matters concerning the domestic registry system is to be conducted through the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, while those relating to international registry system will be conducted through the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General. Postmasters in the Postal Bulletin of September 4th are advised accordingly.

30c Justice On Cover

High value Department stamps are seldom met with on cover and it is only in the case of heavy packages or large envelopes that the more desirable denominations are to be found. Mr. H. M. Konwiser has just shown me a most interesting cover showing the 30c Justice officially used from Washington to Little Rock. I recall that a similar variety was in the Ackerman Collection, but I know of no others. To date, the 90c as far as I can learn has never been discovered used on the entire cover.

1916, 1c Postage Due

There has been some question as to the existence of the 1916 1c postage due, perforated 10 and printed on unwatermark paper. Those familiar with our late issues well realize that there is no doubt as to the existence of this variety. The question was discussed quite carefully a few years back when the variety had not been seen, but at that time several correspondents sent copies and a strips of three complete with plate bers and sheet margins were noted time. Many of the larger and mo portant collections of United States contain this stamp, which is printed light shade, peculiar to the 2-cent same issue on unwatermarked There is not the slightest doubt ab variety existing.

New Envelopes

The attention of our readers ha previously called to the fact that date of August 7th the Postmaste eral opened bids calling for 12,800,(stamped envelopes and newspaper pers for the four-year period comm January 1, 1929.

Three bids were received, one from the International Envelope Co tion, of New York City; a second the Middle West Supply Compa Dayton, Ohio, the present contr and the third from the America velope Company, of West Carr Ohio. Under date of September 5 Postmaster General announced th had rejected all bids due to the fa the two lowest bidders did not c with the specifications of the D ment.

Sealed proposals under the same fications will be received by the Pu ing Agent of the Post Office Depa up until 2 p. m. Monday, Septemb 1928, when the new bids received v opened.

In order that the new contract start on January first, the Postm General will have to make his de previous to October first, providin award is given to a new contract that they will have the specified months in which to prepare fo manufacture of the stamped envelop newspaper wrappers.

Australian Commonwealth.—W received from Mr. R. Roberts inf tion regarding the 1p sage green, v marked multiple A and Crown. Th scription at the foot of the sheet be the two panes "John Ash, Aust Note and Stamp Printer." Die II c only in two columns of the sheet an are therefore scarce and supplies are to obtain.

Barbados.—Mr. R. Roberts su for chronicle copies of the 1sh cu issue in a deep jet black shade.

Honduras.—Official adhesives. definitive types impending:—1c blue trait of J. C. del Valle); 2c verm (portrait of J. R. Molina); 5c p (coffee plantation); 6c blue (portra J. T. Seyes); 15c indigo (portra d'Ah. Contreras); 20c dark blue (c dral of Tegucigalpa); 50c yellow of Estero de S. Lorenzo); 1p o

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——	10c, Nos. 49b and 49c, fine horiz. pair, left stamp recut	(70.00)
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Jugoslavia.—Our Special Correspondent, Mr. E. Arkhangelsky, informs us that, in consequence of the temporary exhaustion of the 50 paras and 1 dinar values, the local post office at Ercegnovi put on sale the 25+25p green and 50+50p brown stamps of the Danube Floods series for twelve days, July 21st to August 2nd, for ordinary postage purposes. Full supplies of the regular 50p and 1 din. adhesives have now reached Ercegnovi from the General Post Office, Belgrade.

Croatia-Slavia feud.—Three years ago it was intended to mark the tenth centenary of the foundation of the Croatian kingdom by the issue of a special set of commemorative stamps. For political reasons, however, the idea was shelved, but we learn that it has now been decided to issue three values of the abandoned set with a surcharge in aid of a fund for a *commemorative church*, to be erected at Duvno. The values, colours, subjects, and quantities are as follows:—50+50p green (Basilica of Duvno), 2,500,000; 1di+50p red (King Tomislaw), 2,500,000, and 3di+1di blue (Kings Alexander and Tomislaw), 1,000,000.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Malta.—*"Postage and Revenue" provisionals.* — We announced, last month, the impending issue of the existing postage adhesives overprinted "Postage and Revenue," and we are now authoritatively informed that *all* values of the current set will appear with this overprint.

They will include the new 1d light brown and 1½d red, forecast in *S.C.* January 21st, but not yet on issue, and which are to be on sale with the overprint before (if at all) they are released without it.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Netherlands.—Whitfield King & Co. send for note the 40c vermilion and 75c green Air Post stamps. They are square in shape and bear the name of the country at the top with the figures of value in the lower left corner. "Luchtpost" is at the base. Each stamp pictures the Air pilot in a different position.

Spain.—*Barcelona and Seville Exhibitions,* 1929.—Our Amiens correspondents tell us that some modifications have taken place in the commemorative stamp scheme since the first essays were submitted. As now arranged, there will be five types, comprising the following subjects:—

(a) Portrait of King Alfonso XIII; in the background a view of Barcelona, with the statue of Columbus and Montjuich.

(b) An ancient caravel; in the background Seville (with the Giralda tower of the Cathedral).

(c) Aeroplane.

(d) Exhibition allegory.

(e) General view of exhibition buildings.

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Switzerland. — Impending.— Change of colour. Current pictorial type. 10fr steel-green.

Juventute series, 1928-29. — The subjects of the "Pro Juventute" stamps to be issued on December 1st, for use until the end of January or later, are as follows:—5c, Arms of Lausanne; 10c, Arms of Winterthur; 20c, Arms of St. Gall; 30c, Portrait of Henri Dunant (originator of the Red Cross).—*Stamp Collecting.*

Uruguay. — Mr. R. Roberts has shown us three values in the Olympic Games commemorative set. They are inscribed "1924-1928" and are of the following values and shades: 2c purple, 5c red and 8c ultramarine.

Wallis & Futuna. — *Necessity for Stamps.* It is interesting to note a statement in *La Quinzaine Philatelique* that the service of the single boat which visits Wallis & Futuna Islands is irregular, depending upon the quantity of copra and other merchandise to be exported. Generally the letters are collected once in from five to eight weeks. The postal agency does not pay postal orders. Only one European is in residence apart from a few Catholic Missionaries. — *Philatelic Magazine.*

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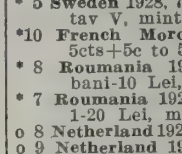

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*10 **French Morocco** 1928, Air M 5cts+5c to 5Fr+5Fr, mint ...
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* 7 **Roumania** 1928, Occup. Bessara 1-20 Lei, mint .....
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U. S. CIVIL WAR REVENUES

A FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE RARER INVERTED HEADS AMPLIFYING MY NOTES OF JANUARY 3, 1927

By HENRY L. DEAN, 239 Windsor Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

THOSE readers of MEKEEL'S interested in the beautiful revenues produced during the Civil War period by the firm of Butler & Carpenter and their successor, Joseph R. Carpenter, have doubtless filed or will recall the notes appearing in the January 3 and January 17, 1927 issues dealing individually in considerable detail with each of the twenty-one Inverts. The discussion at that time was prompted by the obvious neglect of any serious consideration of these stamps by the compilers of the Standard catalogue for better than a quarter of a century and consequently a desire to help develop a logical consistent price tabulation based on the relative rarity of these stamps and to eliminate those paper varieties in the Proprietaries listed for years but never as yet seen by collectors. I am therefore disturbed somewhat by the advance sheets for the edition of this fall since I believe the 1928 catalogue reasonably reflects the relative merits of the first ten rarities of the invert group and any radical moves that tend to disturb the present price consistency will surely, if persisted in, result in the chaos of the past twenty-five years.

It seems superfluous to reiterate that these ten stamps compare better than favorably in point of rarity with any of the first line postage items of the world and being obtainable only by collectors of fair means it is easily understood how occasional sales can be consummated at figures diverging perhaps widely from the catalogue but I do not believe that the highest sales price ever previously recorded and probably surrounded by considerations unknown to the cataloguer should necessarily be taken as an unfailing criterion or a sound guide to the future.

Now in the thought that revenue students will appreciate basic information never published and otherwise not available I propose to deal individually at such length as seems necessary with each of the first ten inverts in my list of January 3 of last year (extract below) since nothing has arisen to alter the conclusions then reached after two decades of research. Possibly, however, a few historical notes may first prove interesting.

No invert collections of the late 90's warrant special mention but the successive dispersal between 1897 and 1911 of the fine properties of Messrs. Jos. Leavy, H. E. Deats, J. S. Dionian, J. E. Burton, W. F. Morgan, Dr. W. C. Bowers, J. R. Stanton and others enabled Mr. Clarence Eagle to form the first absolutely complete assemblage of these rarities. Shown at the 1913 International Exhibition at New York they were subsequently sold intact by Mr. E. Stern while another complete lot exhibited by Mr. A. Ballard was sold by the Scott Co. some time later to the same collector. Also shown at the time was the fine collection of Mr. Henry Gibson which only lacked the 4c Proprietary invert and the Unpunched $1.00 Blue and Black, this property being placed intact by Mr. W. H. Colson and remarketed by him in 1926 when it was broken up. Apart from these three outstanding and contemporaneous groups, there was a grand lot from a Boston collection sold by Colson to Stern in 1916 and dispersed, the W. N. Washburn collection sold by J. C. Morgenthau & Co. in 1918, an assemblage lacking only the 20c Second Issue and the 4c Proprietary

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	2c Number only	1.00	.60	.60	5.25	
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1917,	1c	1.25	.75	.75	6.00	
	2c	1.25	.75	.75	6.00	
	3c I	1.50	.75	.75	6.25	
	3c II	3.00	1.50	1.25	12.00	
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	3c	1.50	1.00	1.00	9.00	
1923,	1c	1.25	.50	.40	4.25	
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SCHEDULE OF RARITY AND RECENT SALES PRICES
(MEKEEL'S January 8, 1927)

Degree of Rarity	Invert	Last Sold by	Price
1	4cProp. (Violet)	E. Stern	$2,500.00
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Justly regarded as the rarest of the rare there are four copies of this stamp definitely known and in thirty years the entire lot has only been spread over five collectors, Eagle having had all of the first three specimens, originally securing one from Deats. The history of the fourth copy which turned up some five or six years ago is extremely interesting, and in view of the recent death of Dr. George Hetrich, one of the earlier and foremost collectors of our M. & M. stamps, I now feel at liberty to repeat below in its entirety a letter taken from my file of correspondence with him.

"I will give you the facts concerning the 4c Invert of which I have very vivid recollections and know where they came from. About 1900, I had the permission to go to an old drug store owned by P. M. Ziegler, 526 Penn St., Reading, Pa., and I removed what I at that time thought were all the private and general issue revenue stamps on patent medicine packages. I selected for my collection one of the perfect copies of each variety, the remainder I threw carelessly in a cigar box which was packed to overflowing and placed aside. About 5 years afterwards I entered the same drug store, when one of the clerks, who had started collecting, showed me a 4c invert which he assured me he got from a package in the store. Acting different from most collectors I told him he had a great rarity and he should write to the several big dealers for offers, which he did and eventually sold the copy for $100. or $125. to C. E. Hussman & Co., of St. Louis. This copy had 2 perfs. missing and if by this time it has not been repaired can easily be traced. They were corner perforations that were missing. About 1921 or 1922 an antique dealer from Reading came to my house to see some antiques that I had for sale when he told me that there were so many calls from patrons for stamps, if I had any that I did not care for, he would like to buy them. I showed him this box of revenues, and, after dickering he bought them. He discovered another 4c Invert and sold it to Eugene Klein for $250. Klein sold it to the Economist Stamp Co. for $1,500, and the last party sold it to a collector for $2,500. Wouldn't that jar you?"

As a matter of information the Deats copy sold for $44.00 in 1900, Eagle being the buyer and this likewise being damaged I am inclined to believe it is the specimen which he later exchanged with Ballard when the latter owned two imperforate pairs of the 3c Playing Cards, and both parties desired to present the strongest possible front at the 1913 Exhibition.

The catalogue figure of $3,000. was evidently arrived at by considerin latest transaction, for all list pric adjusted by the publishers to carry count of 20%, but stamps of the cl ter of the one under discussion can be rated from any list. The pri quote the late B. L. Drew, "is mined by the strength of the des possession and the necessary pecu accompaniments." Personally I a complete accord with the current for while there is no likelihood wh of any transfers of the stamp, a top is established which should act as a to temper untoward advances in th ser rarities of the invert group.

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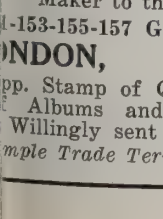

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Current Postal Markings
Machine Marks:—Internationals, 28%; Universals, 39%; 20mm 6 line fall, 7%; 20mm 7 line, 5%; 20mm 6 line rise, 3%; others, 1%; total, 83%.
Handstamps: — Grids, 7%; Duplex Numbers, 4%; 31mm Regulations, 1%; RMS, 1%; others, 1%; total, 14%.
Other Cancels:—3%.
Grand total, 100%.

We might further divide each class into its characteristic types. Thus the International has the common town mark with town above, dating as usual and year below. This town is type A. The Beverly, Mass., town is Type A International, as well as Appleton, Wis., Ashland, Ohio, Freeport, Ill., Richmond, Ind., Parkersburg, West Va., Ishpeming, Mich., Winona, Minn., Tonowanda, N. Y., Clinton, Iowa, Meadville, Penna. Of the International Machines, about 73% have town A townmarks.

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The hitherto unlisted varieties will bear the brunt of the onslaught, and I particularly believe that the high values of the two Thom printings are excellent inevestments at the present prices. The numbers and cat. prices are taken from Scott's 1929 advance sheets:—

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By STEPHEN G. RICH.

I have received the list of awards at Durban, and from it I copy the following list of Americans winning prizes:

Gold Medal	A. F. Lichtenstein, New York	Cape of Good Hope
Gold Medal	H. Lagerloef, New York	Newfoundland
Gold Medal	H. Lagerloef, New York	Hongkong
Gold Medal	H. Lagerloef, New York	Bolivia
Silver Medal	S. G. Rich, Verona, N. J.	U. S. A. 1919-21, 1c, 2c and 3c
Gold Medal	Dr. C. W. Hennan, Chicago	Proofs and Essays
Oxidized Silver Medal	J. Schmerl, San Francisco	U. S. Precancels
Silver Medal	*Stamp Collectors Magazine*, N. Y. City.	

Every American award is the highest award in its class and section. The following is from the *Natal Mercury:*

In spite of the many counter attractions at present offering in Durban, there is no lack of public interest in the International Philatelic Exhibition which is on view at Messrs. Shaw Bros'. Wool Mart on the Esplanade.

The opening ceremony was performed last Monday afternoon by Mr. Walter Madeley, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, since when there has been a steady stream of visitors to see what is undoubtedly one of the most unique collections of stamps which has ever been grouped together under one roof south of the Line. It is in fact the first international exhibition of its kind ever held in South Africa.

The daily average attendance so far has been between 750 and 800 people. The responsible committee are very well pleased at this display of interest because, besides philately having a limited appeal, the fact that the Agricultural Show and Motor Olympia synchonise with the exhibition, naturally lessens the number of visitors. All through the day people are found arriving in ones and twos, but it is at night that the attendance is the heaviest. Between 6 p. m. and 7 p. m. is generally the slack period when the hall is deserted save for officials and stall-holders.

Many rare collections are to be seen, the most noteworthy being those of Messrs. E. J. Lee, of Stoke D'Abernon, England, and A. F. Lichtenstein, of New York, both of whom are collectors of world-wide repute. Mr. Lee, who brought his collection personally, is exhibiting about 30 volumes of Uruguayan issues and other stamps of the same country, all of which have been insured for no less a sum than £16,500. Mr. Lichtenstein's collection is also a costly one, and contains a block of four Cape triangular stamps with a woodblock error valued at £700.

The total value of the stamps on the exhibition runs into a considerable sum as can be gauged from the fact that they are insured for £100,000.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

Towards the end of 1927, the of the 3d on yellow, Roman CA marked, King's head and Presi Seal series, first issued June 15 began to lower, and a fresh lot w dered, along with the 1s and 2/6. were mentioned in the Crown Bulletin of October-December, 19 being in printing, and in the fol issue, as having been dispatched, (for the first time), on script green, and blue, respectively.

These three varieties, with doubl ginal lines, were received at Roa Tortola, on February 9, 1928, and February 15, 1928. The 3d on CA yellow exhausted in December but the remainders of the 1s an Roman CA, were withdrawn fro and burned on February 18, 1928. *Feb. 15, 1928.* King George Presidential Seal. Watermarke tiple Crown and script CA. K No. 1. Double marginal lines. surfaced.

3d dull violet and violet on yellow
1s gray black and black on e green (C).
2/6 gray black and red on blue (C

New Printing of ½d 1928

On April 10, 1928, a fresh print the ½d green, script CA (104 12,480 stamps), with double m line, was received at Tortola, and b into use almost immediately. The verges on blue green instead of green of the first printing.

5d Discontinued, Order of Ap 1928

By Statutory Rules and Orders of 1928, made April 26, 1928, star 5d denomination were dropped fr Leeward Islands Federal series, an the Presidential series of Montserr British Virgins. Section 7 of the ders rules that " . . . (these) . . . may continue to be used or until otherwise ordered, *and stamps may continue to be sold un existing stocks are exhausted."*

The 5d British Virgins had a exhausted on July 12, 1926, and Montserrat about July 1927, but Leewards, although not sent to the ish Virgins originally, was still av (plate 10) at Roadtown, on Augu 1928.

Foreign Post Card Rate Reduce gust 1, 1928

By Statutory Rules and Orde April 13, 1928 (No. 10 of 1928), th eign post card rate from the Le Islands Federation, was reduced 1½d to 1d, effective August 1, 192 ture printings of the 1d stamps will less be in red, and the 1½d in orar accordance with the Crown Agents scheme of 1907; this applies to bo Federal and the Presidential series

The 1½d single and reply post were withdrawn from sale on A 1, 1928, and burned, there being n ther need for cards of this denomi

Post Offices

For many years there was onl Post Office in the British Virgin that at Roadtown, the seat of g ment, on Tortola. The other islan ceived their mail from the G. P.

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ants.
1903 an office was opened at the
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Anglican rector, Rev. J. J. Had-
who held the position until Octo-
24, when he retired and returned
tola.
ut 1920, a sub-office was opened at
End, Tortola, and more recently,
t End, Tortola, and on Anegada.
ltown, Virgin Gorda, and West
Tortola, are Money Order offices.
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receiving stations, and are not
d with cancelling stamps.

Revenue and Expenditure

	P. O. Revenue.	*P. O. Expenditure.*
19-20,	£1059.	£65.
20-21,	328.	67.
21-22,	612.	92.
22-23,	2528.	440.
23-24,	1134.	79.
24-25,	618.	60.
25-26,	933.	75.
26-27,	1604.	100.
27-28,	2142.	67.

Establishment

Reginald Hargrove assumed the
stration of the government in the
Virgins on January 5, 1923, but
a few months, resigned and re-
to England on account of ill
Capt. O. L. Hancock took over
ties of Commissioner on Nov. 24,
nd following his transfer to the
Coast, in 1926, Mr. F. C. Clarkson,
ly Colonial Engineer at Dominica,
ho had previously acted as Com-
ner at Tortola, on a number of
ns, was given the permanent ap-
ent.

GLETTES—

with deep regret that we are com-
ed to announce the death of an
bscriber, Homer C. Crowl of
, Ohio, which took place Tuesday,
14, at his home in Canton. Mr.
has been an enthusiastic stamp
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The Collectors Club of New York City was incorporated in 1896 and now consists of nearly 700 members, comprising the most important stamp collectors of the world. The particular business and objects of the Club are:—

The maintenance of reading and assembly rooms; the promotion of social intercourse among its members; the encouragement of the best interests of Philately by mutual improvement in, and the dissemination of, literary and historical knowledge relating thereto, by all proper means. The classes of members are as follows:—Honorary, life, resident, and non-resident.

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Regular meetings of the Club are held at 8 P. M. on the first and third Wednesday in each month from October to June. At these meetings many of the finest collections in the United States are shown for the benefit of the members. Arrangements have also been made by which all Local Stamp Clubs are asked to share in Saturday afternoon shows and exhibitions.

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EDITORIAL

THE following letter on the subject of a stamp that possesses some elements of mystery in the minds of many collectors has the floor; and the intimate details divulged by Mr. Lewis will be given close attention. This letter tells the story: "Referring to Mr. Bartels' comments on the Advance Sheets in a recent article in the WEEKLY, particularly on United States No. 216a, the 5c 1888, indigo on pinkish paper: It appears that I was responsible for the distribution of this item and perhaps it would be well to have a statement of fact for the record. Some thirty years ago I bought a small lot of stamps which had been accumulated by a mail order house, which included an irregular block of ten or twelve stamps of the five cent blue Garfield on pink paper, either seven in the top row and five in the bottom row, or six and four respectively. I marketed these stamps by trading or selling, starting in at fifty cents a stamp and finally reaching five dollars a stamp for the last three or four specimens that were marketed by Mr. W. N. Howe a well-known collector in Portland at that time. The specimen reserved for my collection has the top margin of the sheet, with a straight edge and guide-line on the left, it being the northwest stamp of the northeast pane. One of these stamps was in the F. O. Conant collection which was sold by Mr. B. L. Drew and I think that there is one still in a collection in Brunswick, Maine, but I know nothing of the final destination of the other copies. It seems to me that it would be well for any collector having one of these single specimens to report same and thus establish some kind of reasonable price for same. I have always thought that the catalogue price of $25 was a buying, rather than a selling price. I shall be pleased to show my specimen to Mr. Bartels when next in New York. I was not especially interested in pairs or blocks at that time and am quite sure that I disposed of only single specimens. Yours truly, Chas. R. Lewis, A. P. S. No. 849, P. O. Box 372, Portland, Maine." When Mr. John N. Luff wrote of this stamp he said, many years ago that he had been shown this variety by Mr. F. O. Conant of Portland, Maine; and that the paper appeared to be too evenly colored to be the result of accident. In fact, the "stamp presented a generally satisfactory appearance." Mr. Conant said that his stamp was one of a lot of ten or fifteen that was purchased at the Portland post office by a collector of that city and that among the stamps was a pair with top margin, with color showing evenly on the strip. The full history of the why and wherefore of this pink paper variety would be a real contribution to our postal history. If it were an experimental issue, the philatelic validity of the stamp was established by its sale at the Portland office.

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FROM Mr. Adelbert Porter, South Pasadena, California, secretary of the Pasadena Stamp Club, we have received the following letter, the original of which was addressed to the Honorable Harry S. New, Postmaster General: "The collecting of postage stamps long passed from a small boy's pastime to first place in the number of collectors and to rank with art and books, in a collecting sense. It is more than a hobby; its educational importance deserves for it a place in the school curriculum. No other subject combines so many branches of study as that of postage stamps. The collector learns geography, history, governmental procedure, coinages and thrift. The post office department has done more than any other single factor in popularizing philately. Beginning with the Columbian Exposition in 1893, the many commemorative stamps as well as the different memorial issues have stimulated interest in philately and have been of educational value. The Pasadena Stamp Club desires to call attention to an issue of stamps that would have a great educational value: that of the Presidents, beginning with Washington, one cent; Adams, two cents; Jefferson, three cents, etc. Such an issue would have an admitted historical value. These stamps should be larger in size than the regular issue and be bi-colored and attractive in appearance. We also suggest that this issue be on sale continuously but sold only when called for. This limited sale would give the P. O. D. and philatelists a fairly accurate estimate of the number of stamp collectors, as well as of their value to the department."

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THE foregoing letter to Mr. New contains certain observations that hold the eye. While we cannot say that the subject of a presidential set as outlined has not been broached heretofore, the idea is one that has an appeal to some collectors. As for becoming a reality, the suggestion has no favorable chance at present. We know that the department continues to be in receipt of so many requests for special stamp issues that it is confronted with a condition that is worrisome. The latitude that the department allowed for a time in the issuance of commemoratives has become restricted by force of circumstances. The source of the money supply for special stamps is a consideration. Of course the influences in a Congressional sense that are brought to bear in favor of extra issues have their bearing; and at times, they may be irresistible, even though the cause for celebration is somewhat localized or at least is not of deep general interest throughout the country. To be given serious ear officially the presidential set would have to have strong backing, indeed.

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CERTAIN of the statements made in the letter of the Pasadena Stamp Club are arresting and one that the number of adherents to philately entitle it to first place in the catalogue of pursuits we shall not quarrel with. We hope that such is the case; and there is some warrant for the assertion. It may be sufficient to say that stamp collecting is growing faster than any other pursuit that we know of and it will not be long before what for the sake of comparison may be called organized philately will reap the benefits of this increasing strength. We are sure that the Philatelic Agency at Washington has been made aware of the advance of collecting interest by the larger sales as time goes on and that its mailing list is beginning to be something in the way of a census of collectors, particularly in this country. Reverting to commemoratives, we suppose that the Chicago show in 1933, will be recognized officially by something in the way of a special issue since it was in 1893, if we except the 1876 Centennial envelopes, that the first celebration stamps burst on us in all their glory, as glorifying the Chicago World's Fair.

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DURING our absence, Mr. K. Baumann, Roselle Park, New Jersey, wrote under date of August 1, 1928, to send us a photograph of a block of ten, consisting of two rows of five stamps, bottom of pane, of the 5c New York, unused, with sheet margins at right, left and bottom. Mr. Baumann said that the block was found in an old writing desk and that the finder sold it for $1.25. The block was then resold for $20 and finally came into the hands of a New York dealer, as Mr. Baumann wrote. Now, we have recently seen the paragraph published that a block of ten of the New Yorks has changed hands at the price of $4,000; and this must be the self-same block whose picture was sent in by our correspondent. It is well for stamp folks to examine old writing desks whenever they have the opportunity, as they have stored finds in the past and no doubt will continue to yield stamp treasure now and then, in the future.

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Roger C. Hackett of the History partment of the Bosse High Sc Evansville, Ind., wrote recently to General Post Office of Sweden to se information in regard to the postal tem of the island of St. Bartholon The following reply was received f the office of the Director General of Swedish Post Office Department:—

"At the time when the island wa Swedish colony, there was no post-of According to a pronouncement by E. J. A. Helleday, reviser at the S dish General Post-Office, who was on said island. The letters, addressed Sweden either were delivered to masters of the ships, calling at the isl or with money for stamps they w transmitted by smaller boats to one the English islands in the neighbourh Then the letters with English stamps them have been forwarded to their tinations."

Mr. Hackett comments upon the c munication as follows:—

"The English islands in the neighb hood of St. Bartholomew are St. Ch topher, Nevis, Antigua, and Montser It would appear from the above le that letters addressed to Sweden and paid with stamps of the first issues any of these islands had their origin, in the island of the stamp, but in Swedish island of St. Bartholomew. establish that such letters were sent o inally from St. Bartholomew, it would necessary to show that they were ma not later than 1878, when the island sold to France. The date of mail might be ascertained either by the p mark, official markings on the envelo or by the contents of the letter, if th were no doubts as to the genuiner thereof. It would be absolutely nec sary to call in the evidence of the let itself before it could be proved conc sively that its cover had its origin in Swedish colony.

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most important item this week is nouncement by the P. O. D. that ew York-Mexico service will start ions on October 1st, from Nuevo o. The extension from San An-to Laredo has been authorized to t with the Mexican service. The ill be 20c for each ounce, which over all charges, including air mail in both countries. A special can-on will be authorized for San An-and Laredo on the First Trips.

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P. O. D. also announces that mail e carried on the German Airship Zeppelin" when she arrives from ny on her initial trip to this coun-d that service from the U. S. to ny will be available at a rate of for a letter weighing one ounce naximum) or 50c for a post card, he regular postage of the domestic for 1st class mail, either ordinary, red or Air Mail. Articles for ch by the airship may be sent to stmaster at New York, and should rked "By German Airship L. Z. om Lakehurst, N. J." No date has en announced for the First Trip.

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previously announced, Albany, N. ill apply a special cachet to Air during the Air Meet and Show, -4-5-6. This information has been ed by Mr. Chas. G. Riess, who states overs may be sent to the Colonial rn Airways, Inc., % Hotel Ten Albany, N. Y. All covers must mped and ready for dispatch, as no an be spared by the contractor to d affix postage for the convenience lectors. Please note this fact and your covers through in nice shape. the contractor by stuffing your let-the full ounce.

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I received word from Mr. C. A. Hartwig, too late for publication, that a special cachet has been finally decided upon for the National Air Race Meet at Los Angeles, Cal., on Sept. 8-16th.

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Through the kindness of Francis J. Bradley, I am in receipt of a cover from the Canastota, N. Y. Airport Dedication of August 28th. Miss Earhart attended and spoke to the crowd. Between five and six thousand letters were sent off by special plane to Utica, where connection was made with the Albany-Buffalo route.

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Winston-Salem, N. C., had an Air Meet on Sept. 1st, but no cachet was used on Air Mail.

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Sunbury, Pa., dedicated Wesley L. Smith Airport on Sept. 1-2-3, and used a very nice cachet on Air Mail on those dates. Red Creek, N. Y., also dedicated an Airport on Sept. 3rd, and applied a nice cachet, as well.

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Covers carried on the Eastward trip of the S. S. Ile de France, have been received back here, but no cachet was used! At $1.00 per half ounce, it does seem as if the P. O. D. could have spent 80c for a rubber stamp, just to give us a run for our money! What is needed in the Department is a collector-adviser, for the Philatelist spends a nice sum with Uncle Sam each year, and is entitled to all the cachets he can apply!

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The American Air Mail Catalogue for 1929 is now in the process of being edited, and any collectors who have anything unusual in the contract routes are asked to send the information to Mr. L. B. Gatchell, 41 Grand Blvd., Binghamton, N. Y., who is preparing this section. Now don't go and write Mr. Gatchell a lot of piffle that will cause him unnecessary work, but if you have something entirely out of the ordinary, by all means send the information to him.

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San Jose, Calif., will soon be placed on the Air Mail route, and the San Jose Philatelic Club has prepared a special cachet for use at that time, whether or not an official cachet is forthcoming. Dr. C. F. Barnes advises me that the Club is ready to receive covers, properly stamped and addressed for despatch on the First Trip, at any time, and as the city may be placed on the route at short notice, it would be advisable to get your covers into the Club's hands at an early date.

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Coöperators this week were:—Harold G. Burwick, Glen M. Kidder, E. J. Newcomer, Forest A. Black, Dr. C. F. Barnes, C. A. Hartwig, Wm. Esselen, Jr., Francis J. Bradley, F. W. Wright*, Todd Fagan, Douglas Harwood, C. A. Forster, Chas. G. Riess, M. J. Friedman and Clarence Montgomery.*

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I am advised that Col. Lindbergh will attend the Legion National Convention at San Antonio, Oct. 8-12. Will someone in that locality please check this and let us know at once if a special cachet is to be used? Thanks!

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Mr. Victor M. Suarez informs me that on Aug. 20th an experimental Air Mail flight was accomplished from Tampico to Merida in the airplane "Cuidad de Tampico." On the return trip of Aug. 23rd, a quantity of mail was likewise given service. The line will soon be a permanent one, but no official date has yet been announced, and Vera Cruz, Minatitlan, Villahermosa and Cuidad del Carmen will be included when permanent service is made

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Mr. W. S. Dochterman writes that 48,246 pieces of Air Mail was the record set by Des Moines on Aug. 10th, the first anniversary of the Air Mail at that point. Quite a bunch of mail, wasn't it?

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Clipping from Albany, N. Y., paper states that New York-Montreal route will not start until about Oct. 1st. Mr. L. O. Dutcher sends the information.

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Since writing the paragraph regarding American Legion Convention, I have received word from Mr. E. C. Cantrell that a big time is being cooked up for San Antonio on Oct. 9th, with a special cachet and everything. They are trying to get Lindy to attend and fly the mail on that day. TRY AND GET HIM! Anyone who wants covers sent out on the above date can send them to Mr. Cantrell at P. O. Box 1267, San Antonio, Tex.—BUT have them ready to mail and don't expect Mr. Cantrell to do the work for you. Covers must be STAMPED AND ADDRESSED—no money orders or letters to answer. Show Mr. Cantrell that you appreciate his offer to handle your covers for you by being a real coöperator yourself. I certainly appreciate Mr. Cantrell's offer to help readers in this matter and hereby elect him CO-OPERATOR No. 1!

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From the amount of dope coming out from various quarters on the S. S. Ile de France and her catapult, it begins to look as if there is something very strange going on. If collusion can be shown, or is suspected, between the clerks handling mail on this steamer and those on board, it behooves us all to watch our step.

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When the government established the philatelic agency in the postoffice department in 1921 it probably had no idea how much work it would find to do. Some of its many activities were outlined by the third assistant postmaster general before an annual convention of stamp collectors at Philadelphia a few days ago.

Of all the hobbies of childhood that live to or through maturity, that of collecting postage stamps seems in a class by itself. One is never too young to embrace it and never too old to enjoy it.

The philatelic agency acts as connecting link between collectors and the largest dealer in unused stamps in the world; that is, of course, the government of the United States. It distributes to collectors annually stickers worth more than $100,000. More important still, it arranges with postmasters in various parts of the country to furnish canceled stamps particularly desired for one reason or another.

A present big demand exists for "first day covers" which, if a layman interprets it right, means envelopes bearing canceled stamps and marks showing they went through the mail on the first day those particular stamps were available. Two hundred thousand such first-day mailings were carried by Lindbergh when at his own request he flew his old route from St. Louis to Chicago.

Collectors notify the department what they want and the postmasters, under orders, fill the order as accurately as possible. Seven thousand such orders with remittances were received on the occasion of a recent new air mail issue.

These are aspects of philately that young collectors of a previous generation never dreamed of. Uncle Sam, stamp dealer, would be a good legend for the shingle.

Junior News Notes

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

Afghanistan.—Ever since Afghanistan's existence postally, letters inside the country itself only have been carried in payment of postage by the government's stamps, foreign letters being franked by Indian stamps by the Afghan agent at Peshawar. Now the new issue of stamps has been recognized by the Universal Postal Union as prepayment of postage on letters to all countries which are members. The design of the stamp, which is perforated and inscribed in native and French wording, is the 16 pointed star of Kabul, with a small mosque inset. The values are 2 puli blue, 10p green, 25p carmine, 40p ultramarine, 50p red, and 2 rupees orange. The latter stamp is for parcel post purposes.

Spain.—The International Expositions to be held next year at Seville and Barcelona are to be commemorated postally, and the Post Office has approved the designs for six stamps, the values of which have not yet been decided upon. The first portrays King Alfonso and a view of Barcelona, second, a caravel upon a view of Seville, third, an airplane in flight over a map of Spain, probably for airmail purposes. The fourth design is a reproduction of the poster advertising the exposition, the fifth, a general view of the exposition when open to the public, and the sixth, for express delivery, a buck in motion.

Uruguay.—One of the proudest republics in South America at the present time is Uruguay. Their team won the football matches at the Olympic games, thus establishing themselves again as world champs. The design shows a pair of goal posts with the ball just going over, the whole design illuminated by rays of the sun. Below is the inscription "Juegos Olimpicos—Colombes—Amsterdam." On the sides appear the dates 1924-1928, indicating the second successive world title belonging to Uruguay. The values are 2 centesimos purple, 5c red and 8c blue. Commemorative stamps were also issued in 1924 by Uruguay because of the Olympic victory.

Stamps and Medicine

The first doctor to be represented on the postage stamps of his country is Dr. Kaczkowski, Surgeon-General of the Polish army in 1831, whose portrait appears upon three varieties of stamps issued by the Polish post office in honour of the Fourth International Congress of Military Medicine and Pharmacy which met in Warsaw in July, 1927. Although there is no precedent for a doctor's stamp, several have been issued for the furtherance of medical science. New South Wales and Victoria put on sale stamps commemorative of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, to be purchased at a premium in aid of local funds. They were of 1s and 2s 6d value, and were available for postage at 1d and 2½d respectively, the balance going towards the erection of a home for consumptives. The former represented an angel ministering to the sick, and were inscribed: "But the greatest of these is Charity." The latter bore a portrait of Queen Victoria surmounted by the word "Charity," and others depicted a mother nursing her child. Belgium, Holland, and Luxemburg have issued anti-tuberculosis stamps at various times. The Queen of the Belgians was herself responsible for the issues on behalf of the National Anti-Consumption League in 1910, which bore the picture of St. Martin sharing his cloak with a beggar. On a later issue appears the Cross of Lorraine, the badge of the League, and the inscription "Pro Tuberculatis Belli," indicating as its object the treatment of soldiers who contracted tuberculosis through war service. Another issue is about to be made in the Free City of Danzig, where six years ago a former issue of the stamps bore an allegorical design representing St. Michael slaying the dragon. For the Amsterdam Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Holland some twenty years ago issued stamps of various values displaying the figure of Hygeia; and the Luxemburg issue of 1925 depicts a hospital nurse bending over a patient.—*Junior Stamp Magazine.*

Haiti, 35c Cafe, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Feb. 6, 1928.—Line-engraved and recess-printed by American Bank Note Co. of New York Unwatermarked. Perforated single line 12. 35c de g green (Café).

Early in 1927 an order was given to the American Bank Note Co. of New York to prepare a design for a new denomination, 35 centimes de gourde (7 cents U. S. currency), for use on registered letters to all countries subscribing to the Pan American Postal Convention, to which the domestic rate of postage applies, i.e., 10c de g plus 25c de g for registration.

The stamps were received from New York in January, 1928, but were withheld from issue until February 6th, the day of Colonel Lindbergh's arrival from Santo Domingo City, in "The Spirit of St. Louis."

The design, which is most pleasing and effective, is patterned after the Egyptian International Cotton Congress stamps (issued January 25, 1927) and depicts two branches of the coffee tree, one with leaves and blossoms, and the other with leaves and berries, inscribed in small coloured caps, "Cafe." On a scroll across the top of the stamp, in two lines of colourless caps, is "Republique d'Haiti —Postes," while at the foot, in a straight line, is "centimes de gourde." Colourless denominational numerals appear on shields of scroll work at the sides.

First day covers bear, in black, the ordinary single lined circle (27mm) cancellation of "Port au Prince, Haiti," with the date in three lines, "6—FEV—28" in the centre, and also the special marking in red to commemorate the visit of Colonel Lindbergh, in the form of a large outline plane, whose greatest dimensions are 39mm horizontally across the wings (which are inscribed "LINDBERGH"), and 35mm diagonally, along the body. The letters (registered) were backstamped at Port au Prince (6—FEV —28), and on arrival at Pittsburgh (Feb. 15, 1928).

In issuing this stamp Haiti draws attention to its principal export commodity, i.e., coffee. In 1923-24 coffee constituted 73% of the total value of Haitian exports, and not only did France purchase 80% of the entire coffee crop, but she also purchased approximately half of the second most important Haitian export, i.e., raw cotton. Coffee dominates the entire economic situation of Haiti, and a disaster to that industry cannot fail to demoralise its entire commercial life. In 1923-24 coffee exports totalled 29,402,200 kilos, valued at Gds. 51,808,880; the total exports in that year being valued at Gds. 70,881,610. In 1924-25 the coffee exports totalled 30,767,100 kilos. (Gds. 76,999,495), and in 1925-26, 35,683,690 kilos. (Gds. 81,621,600). Port au Prince is the principal point of exit for coffee, followed by Petit Goave and Jacmel.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

O. N. F. Castellorizo.—This surcharge on certain French and French Levant stamps means "Occupation Navale Francaise" and "Castellorizo" the island where the stamps were used.

ON THE SIDE—

THE Associated Press dispatch of proposed Zeppelin flights from many to Lakehurst, New Jersey and turn has created no little interest in project in its philatelic aspect. The of one dollar a letter and 50c a po card from here to any European cou will prevail.

MR. R. R. ROBBINS, Color Springs, Colorado and Mr. C F. Jones, Powderhorn, Gunnison Cou Colorado, have been kind enough to covers bearing the cancellation: "F Air Mail Flight Sponsored by Chambe Commerce, Montrose, Gateway to An ican Alps, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1928, 1 Noon."

MR. CHAS. E. HERRICK, For President, The Institute of Am can Meat Packers, of Chicago, one the best collectors of that city, cont uted a valuable article, "Packers R Research Invaluable" to a recent nun of *Commerce.*

MR. MICHAEL ZEMANY, Fairfield, Conn., has sent a copy the *United States Daily* telling tha weekly transcontinental air mail ser will be operated in Australia next y According to the terms of a five-y contract, coast-to-coast service from P to Adelaide, a distance of 1,500 will maintained beginning with April, 1

MR. WALTER H. McDONALD, officer of the War Department been in Chicago for a short visit. McDonald has collected for many y and we remember in particular his ma and medicine and Confederates. joined the Chicago Philatelic Society most as soon as it was organized in 1

THE *William Feather Magazine* Cleveland, Ohio, contained in a cent issue the commendation of a fa of his son's collecting bent that we ferred to so favorably when this art appeared in another publication.

FROM Mr. B. L. Voorhees, Chic we have received a copy of the fection Guide to Classification of all forations and Watermarks on Un States Stamps, price fifteen cents. leaflet by its illustrations is a real aid assorting the issues which sometim puzzle the collector.

THE Philatelic Club of Los Ange California, is making a ten-strike its meeting announcements which are embodiment of good spirits and well signed to present the organization i refreshing manner. It is small won that this society is gaining the philat heights.

GILL'S *Stampic News*, is issued weekly from Portland, Oregon; the first two numbers are mimeograp and contain some well-selected mater The editor is Mr. John C. Adams a new name will be chosen for the pa on September 15th.

MR. A. BREWSTER, Chicago, wr that he recently purchased a "lot 3c Centennial envelopes, green," at an post office while "flivering" through country.

FROM the last issue of "Stamp-it which devotes itself to boosting Texas Philatelic Association, we learn the death of S. V. Pfeuffer of N Braunfels, Texas, who for so many ye has been devoted to philately and wh name has been seen many times in pr in connection with his pursuit.

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By W. H. WOSENCROFT.

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The Specialist

The specialist is not forgotten, and we find Dryden reminding us that "Errors like straws upon the surface flow," and the great rarity of some of these can be appreciated when Pope exclaims "Fine by defect"!—a state of things which cannot be understood by non-collectors.

At times the discovery of some unusual colouring calls forth an exclamation of gratification, especially when hitherto it has been a "shade unperceived, so softening into shade," with which beautiful expression Thomson speaks on this matter. So we find that specialising strengthens the powers of observation and enlivens the mind, exactly as John Trumbull puts it,

"But optics sharp it needs, I ween,
To see what is not to be seen!"

The Auction

What collector, full of hopeful ambition, being present at the Ferrari sale could not have said with Thomas Gray, "Visions of Glory, spare my aching sight!"? and as the unique British Guiana was offered many "British Mariners" felt the thrill of expectation singing through them, as over the whole assembly there fell a "silence deep as death, and the boldest held his breath, for a while" just as Thomas Campbell said 150 years ago.

And what of the unsuccessful bidders? We may well imagine their envious malice, remembering Thomas Dekker's regretful

"And though mine arm should conquer twenty worlds
There's a lean fellow beats all conquerors!"

Aerosemy

For romance and high adventure, the domain of the air would seem to hold a wealth untold, and from the aerophilatelist's standpoint there is much to be said. From the days of the fabled Icarus, mankind has found that

"There's something in a flying horse,
There's something in a huge balloon,"

and many have found that "something" which Wordsworth speaks of, as they pursued their hobby of collecting the world's air mail emissions. Alexander Pope hazards a prophecy concerning one of Britain's famous birdmen:

"And you, brave Cobham! To the latest breath
Shall feel your ruling passion strong in death!"

Perhaps the Anti-Aeroplane League would be flattered by Thomas Moore's phrase in his "Paradise and the Peri,"

"But the trail of the serpent is over them all,"

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New and Old Issues

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"Each thing his turn do hold;
New things succeed as former things grow old."

Every philatelist has experienced that envious feeling which inevitably is present when some older collector displays the rarities which he in his youth had purchased for as many pence or shillings as they are worth pounds to-day. In this case vain regrets are useless, but the lesson of Byron's words should be taken to heart when he tells us that

"The best of prophets of the future is the past."

The Forger

While speaking of the financial inducements of philately, what of the forger who, for the gain of "filthy lucre," desecrates some noble classic by imitating it? His finer feelings may revolt against such base practice, but, as Tennyson says,

"The jingling of the guinea helps the hurt that honour feels."

Here is a picture of him, drawn by the pen of John Milton, as he gazes upon a mint triangular Cape and his counterfeit side by side:

"Abashed the devil stood.
And felt how awful goodness is, and saw
Virtue in her shape how lovely."

It is questionable whether the cheated philatelist will agree with Samuel Butler (in "Hudibras",) who opines that

"Doubtless the pleasure is as great
Of being cheated as to cheat."

A forgery in one's collection may lay undiscovered for a length of time, but even the mildest of men, finding his most treasured specimen a counterfeit, would indeed be "Beholding Heaven and feeling Hell"—to quote Moore again, and turning away feel that an experience of this kind would "Shake the saintship of an anchorite," as remarked by Lord Byron. Perhaps James Thomson would have expressed his attitude, "Sighed, and looked unutterable things."

History, Art, and Beauty

Daniel Defoe speaks of commemorative issues which have little point and doubtful authenticity as bearing likenesses of

"Great families of yesterday we show
And lords, whose parents were the Lord knows who."

"'Tis midnight, but small thought have I of sleep," might well be Coleridge's description of the ardent philatelist who, to use Thomson's words, views his penny blacks, and in admiration exclaims,

"Loveliness, needs not the foreign aid of ornament
But is, when unadorned, adorned the most."

"Ever charming, ever new," sings John Dyer, and he was right, as everyone who has been imbued with the true spirit will concur, for does not the sum total of our hobby's peerless excellence lie wrapt in John Keats's everlasting words:

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Trains have been running on tracks for years but not until 1901, when the Pan American Buffalo issue appeared, did tracks start running on trains. About that time around fifty copies of the 2c red and black were found in the Brooklyn Post Office with inverted center. Some few others must have been found elsewhere, for they come in two shades. Less than sixty in all are believed to exist—that leaves about fifty available in singles. Of these, possibly eighty per cent are somewhat off center, leaving but a few in fine condition. Only when one of the larger collections are broken does such a variety become available. This year Scott very properly prices this error No. 295a at $1200.00 and copies have changed hands around this figure. I have at present a very fine copy with full gum available at $1000.00.

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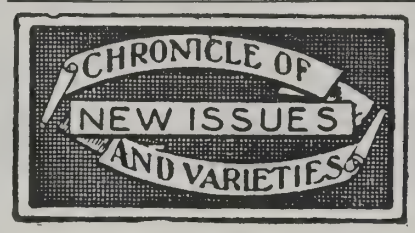

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United States

Washington Notes

The new Hawaiian stamps have been bringing several times face at retail and many are under the impression that the supply at the Philatelic Agency has long since become exhausted.

On September tenth, when these notes are being written, there is still a fair quantity on hand, but they are not as nicely centered as those first distributed. As a matter of fact, the entire original lot would be classed as poor, but the Agency has naturally sent out the finest sheets first and is now getting down to those which are somewhat off center. It is their intentions of distributing all that they have received from the Bureau, and will not destroy the poorly centered varieties, as is usually the case.

The contract for new envelopes, mentioned in this column last week, will be opened on Monday, September 17th, and as all details have been discussed with the contractors, it is expected that the Postmaster General will be in a position to make the award within twenty-four hours after the bids are opened. As soon as the award has been made, the Post Office will arrange to have the Philadelphia mint cut a die for the new Air Mail envelope. It is not generally known, but the dies for all of the envelopes for some years back have been made in Philadelphia.

In the Chronicle for September 10th, mention was made that Size 9 envelopes of the 1c variety had been discovered and that they were not on the schedule of those available to the general user. Inquiry has been made at Washington relative to the conditions under which special envelopes are prepared and issued. We are informed that in the case of Size 9, which is the size used for the 2-cent envelope, in lots of a million or more they have turned out the same variety in the 1-cent denomination. For instance, such concerns as he National Geographic Society, the American Red Cross and others buy one or two million envelopes at a time and ask for these sizes with the special stamp. Their requests have been complied with by the Department, but it has not found the general demand sufficient to place these upon the schedule.

For a time, it was expected that the Air Mail envelope would be available before the end of the year. In view of the fact that there are other serious contenders for the envelope contract, the new variety will not be turned out until January first or later, as it would hardly be fair to expect the present contractor to proceed with this new variety when his contract has less than four months to run. Of course, if the Middle West Supply Company are so fortunate as to receive the new award, they no doubt will endeavor to turn out the air mail envelope promptly.

Air Mail Stamps

With the new routes being established to Mexico, which in turn will go through South America, extra postage in advance of the amount charged for letters in the United States will be collected. For instance, the postage via Air Mail to Mexico on the new route inaugurated October first, will be 20 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof. There is a possibility of this being increased as the route becomes longer, and reaches other countries farther away. It would not be surprising if a series of Air Mail stamps in several denominations appeared during the coming year, uniform in size with the current 5-cent, which has given so much satisfaction. The stamp is large and because of the two colors is readily noted by the clerk assorting the mail. We are still looking for an inverted center, but as yet, the variety has not appeared.

Albania.—Two new surcharges have been submitted by Whitfield King & Co. The 10q carmine has been overprinted for use as 1q, while the 25q blue is to be used as a 5q. Both are of the 1927 types.

French Morocco.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the long awaited Charity Air stamps foretold some six months ago. Values and views are as follows: 5c blue: A "fantasia"; 25c red-orange: Native labourer with camel and ass; 50c red: View of Safi; 75c red-brown: Ramparts at Marrakech; 80c bronze-green: Sheep at pasture at Azrou; 1fr orange: Old gate at Fez; 1fr 50 blue: Aerial view of Tangiers; 2fr brown: Aerial view of Casablanca; 3fr violet: Storks on the old wall of Rabot, and 5fr grey-black: A fête in honour of the new Sultan. The object of the series is to assist in the swelling of the Flood Relief Fund and unlike most air stamps very little prominence is given to the aerial features, the wings and wheels with the small words "Postes Avion" being the only significant points.

Netherlands.—We learn from the *Philatelic Magazine* that the 40c red air stamp recently issued bears the likeness of Lieut. Koppen, while the 75c gre the same issue pictures Van der H The former is the famous Dutch air while Van der Hoop was the pilo the first trip to the Dutch Indies. men are seen in the cabins of machines.

Nicaragua.—Whitfield King & send for chronicle the ½c green an violet type of the 1914 issue with the line surcharge "Correos 1928" and 5c slate green, of the same design, printed "Resello 1928", also in two All surcharges are in black.

In addition to the above the 6c brown bears the "Correos 1928" print and the 1c violet the "Resello 1 one.

Paraguay.—We have received f Whitfield King & Co. a copy of the blue, in the current type.

San Marino.—*High Value P. L'Echo* states that this series is complete since the arrival of the 30 has taken place. The series is theref 15, 25, 30, 50 lire, all brown and clar *Philatelic Magazine.*

South West Africa.—Whitfield K & Co. report the appearance of the blue and black postage due stamp the "S. W. A." overprint and also 6p grey and black of the same s with a like surcharge. They also inf us that the variety of no stop after appears once on each sheet of the 6

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U. S. CIVIL WAR REVENUES

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(#2) **3c Proprietary** (Violet)

The best information appears to justify the retention of this stamp as the second rarest invert, but I must correct a contemporary writer who states, "there are only about four or probably five existing" and defends the proposed catalogue listing of $2,500. There are *positively* six and probably at least two others, so instead of sharing in the wonderment as to why the price was lowered last year I would appreciate a logical reason for its contemplated level. I had the last specimen that came on the market, from the Slater collection in 1927, and am unbiased when I quote from my article of almost two years ago to the effect that it is "only slightly rarer, if any, than the 15c brown and black," and I certainly would not have the temerity to quote a $1,000. differential between the two stamps. The last previous example was from the original Gibson collection, which was dispersed in 1926 by Mr. Colson, and sold for $1500., which figure, published in 1927, was the basis for the current round figure list of $2,000., allowing for the regular 20% discount. Of course any discussion of selling price on these rarities is purely academic and is best answered by the pronouncement of Mr. Drew, but the point I wish to emphasize is that the 3c should be not over $500. list better than the 15c and should be more than $500. under the 4c.

(#3) **15c Brown and Black**

This stamp was absolutely unknown to collectors until the very late 90's (3 copies in 1899) and was the last invert to be listed although today the writer can accurately identify seven items of which he has had four for examination. It has always proven impossible, however, to ascertain the original sources of any of these specimens, with the exception of a single and poorly centered example found in New York City and sold by Mr. P. G. Doane, and where most of the earlier possessors of the stamps have passed on the history of the finds cannot now be recorded. Two copies only have changed hands in the past ten years, which fact is interesting to note as three different specimens of the 3c Proprietary have been on the market since the summer of 1925 and while I feel that there are probably one or two more 15c lying in dormant and obscure collections the present list appears to harmonize with the balance of the group. The last sale was the fine copy from the Lapham collection in 1926, the purchaser incidentally having previously been able to secure both the 3c and 4c Proprietary.

(#4) **$2.50 Claret and Black**

As it was the contemporaneous comments on prices, as revealed by the Advance sheets, that prompted the present dissertation, I must take exception to the statement that this stamp "certainly should have been increased." It is a large stamp and very attractive but serious collectors of the invert group desire a specimen of each value, paying no premium for the beauty of any one, with the result that in these few stamps at least rarity is the only true guide to a sound listing. Of the $2.50 I can definitely account for nine copies, one of which just came to light in the South during the year and I am reasonably confident that one collection and perhaps two that I have not yet inspected will reveal them. In the face of this evidence I cannot reconcile an advance in price for such action would bring the stamp too close to the 15c and likewise too far away from items almost equally desirable, i.e., the 20c Blue and Black and the 2c Proprietary. I consider the current list of $1,000. accurate enough for practical purposes, although an unused full O. G. example, such as that from the collection of Dr. Bowers, could not be interpreted as coming under the price limitations for a used specimen and was rated individually. The doctor disposed of this beauty just twenty years ago, hence its earlier lineage cannot be positively determined, but it is probably the copy, and incidentally the only stamp found in the mass of proofs belonging to Mr. H. Chapman and sold by J. W. Scott in 1899.

(#5) **$1.00 Blue and Black, Unpunched**

Here is the one stamp in the list of which no one can speak with any assurance concerning numbers since there are about 85 punched and repaired specimens, a large proportion of which will defy detection under ordinary examination. Of one thing only is there any certainty and that is no perfect copy has changed hands since the first Ballard collection was disposed of and exact data is lacking as to the number of specimens which he held, although there were several. Eagle certainly had at least one example and I have personally seen two others that will stand the test of benzine that the stamp should always be subjected to before purchase. Both of these are in collections of long standing and a few similar accumulations made before the big find of these inverts in the N. Y. Custom House may easily bring forth another good stamp of which I will hazard an opinion that there are likely about ten altogether. This makes the real thing as rare as the $2.50 but the list price must be much lower owing to the depressing influence of the expertly repaired items that sell at low figures and satisfy the bulk of collectors. Still I believe that in the interest of preserving a balanced catalogue the price could be placed at $600.

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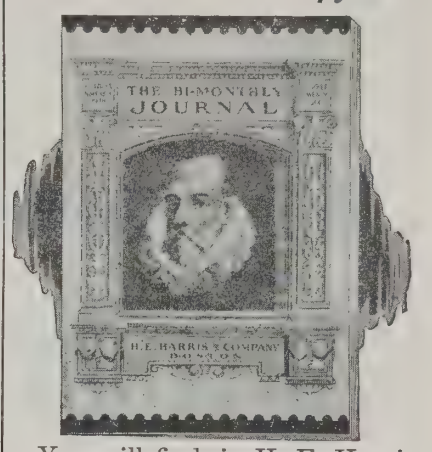

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U. S. Chronicle of New Issues

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

5 Cent Air Mail Stamp

Mr. H. M. Southgate recently visited the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, and after investigation, has obtained much information which will be of especial interest to plate number collectors.

In the case of the new 5c air mail stamp he calls attention to the twelve plates made for the borders and twelve for the centers which have been listed in this column heretofore. We are told that the Bureau first prints the border and that a flat bed press prints normally at one operation from four different plates. After this printing, the sheets are dried, examined and put into the store room, an average of 2,200 sheets per day per press having been printed.

Four center plates are likewise used on each flat bed press and the sheets with the printed borders are taken from the store rooms as required without regard to the order of condition. Due to the necessity of careful registration, so that the center will fall accurately within the frame, the second printing in blue is a slower process and a press averages but 1,700 sheets per day.

Owing to the short time available for preparing these stamps, all twelve borders and twelve center plates were put to press as soon as finished and in groups of four to a press. Six presses were, therefore, required. From the way the stamps are found in the original packages, the grouping of plates on each of the six presses can be ascertained. When the plates are put on the press, they are locked into positions and not removed until the order is finished or until a plate shows signs of deterioration, when a new plate is substituted. Original grouping of the plates were as follows, the number indicating the last two figures of the plate number, as the first three figures are "195" throughout. The letters given are merely designations of the presses and are not official letters adopted at the Bureau.

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Press A—49, 50, 51 & 52
Press B—65, 66, 68 & 69
Press C—67, 70, 71 & 72

Blue Centers

Press D—45, 46, 47 & 48
Press E—73, 74, 76 & 77
Press F—75, 58, 79 & 80

The first plates completed were, no doubt, the lower four numbers, for both borders and centers in combinations of these plates were those first put on sale at the Philatelic Agency. Sixteen combinations of these numbers have been found.

The next group that have been located are from the B press combined with D; then A press with E; and C press with E. Combinations with C and D; and A and F also have been showing up, but are few in numbers, but so far we have not found combinations of B or C with F. These we can look for later.

Mr. Southgate states that theoretically all combinations should be equally common, but there no doubt will be some much more difficult to find than others. All border plates have averaged about 25,000 impressions per plate and no doubt the plates for the blue center will average about the same.

As all of these presses have been in operation simultaneously and the stock is delivered to the store room indiscriminately, it is likely that every combination will sooner or later be found, in which case there will be 144 different varieties. If one considers collecting both the left and right plates showing the word "TOP" in red and in blue respectively, there will be 288 for the complete collection.

Up to the present time, Mr. Southgate has located 56 combinations from the left pane and 50 from the right pane with a total of 77 different rights and lefts.

Business Reply Cards and New Postage Due Stamps

Under date of September 14th, the Postal Bulletin devotes nearly two pages to the Business Reply Cards and letters wherein postage is paid by the firm receiving the communication. Such circular postals and letters are now being used quite extensively by business houses in accordance with the Act of May 29. 1928, which went into effect July 1, 1928. The Bulletin describes further regulations which become effective October 1st. The charges are 1 cent in excess of the regular postage, that is 2 cents is collected on postal cards and 3c on the normal letter.

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A FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE RARER INVERTED HEADS AMPLIFYING MY NOTES OF JANUARY 3, 1927

By Henry L. Dean, 239 Windsor Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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(#6) **20c Blue and Black**

As I have previously had occasion to point out, this rarity was never appraised at anything approaching its real worth until very recent years, when I believe Mr. Elliott Perry was the first to draw public attention to it, the list then advancing from $80.00 to $500 between 1924 and 1926. From the beginning of the century it had remained at $17.50 to $25.00 for fifteen years, thus placing the few copies that arose within the reach of all U. S. collectors of the period, and it may be possible that an example or two have thus drifted into old and relatively unimportant collections that are still buried. There is more likelihood, however, of Eagle having gathered in all that came to his attention, as his cost marks on several of them still indicate, and I do know that the large collections of J. R. Stanton and W. N. Washburn lacked this item although both had the 25c, and the former the 15c and $2.50 as well.

Certainly the only copies changing hands for many years past were the three from the White, Ackerman, and Lapham collections in 1925 and 1926, all of these having been originally used in N. Y. C., and canceled March 30, 1872. I have examined three others as well, these being without visible cancellation, although two of them have the appearance of being cleaned. Three others that I have located bring my total to nine, or the same as the $2.50, but I have reason to believe that a continuation of my search will reveal the whereabouts of three more.

Reviewing all of the circumstances, therefore, I cannot advocate any changes in the respective listings of the $2.50 and the 20c, especially so in view of the volcanic price upheaval in the case of the latter while the list of the $2.50 has already been doubled in the past five years.

(#7) **25c Blue and Black**

While fully appreciating the great rarity and desirability of this stamp I have long felt that an entirely disproportionate glamor has been built around it, but this condition is probably largely due to incorrectly placing it on a price parity with both the 15c and $2.50 just ten years ago. Of the ten copies which I personally know about, two are uncanceled (one O. G.), four are beautiful sound specimens, one is cut by a circular die, and the magnificent Washburn copy sold in 1918, and resold from the Hurd collection this year, is now badly torn. There is likewise a creased spec one damaged at the side, and one v badly faded head concerning whose ent locations I am not informed which with two others which I am dent will eventually appear, make a of at least fifteen.

Concerning the present price I feel that it is a trifle high, i.e., in tion to its immediate neighbors i group of rare inverts, but the enthu over the years, especially on the pa those recalling the jump from $40. $500.00 list is not easily dissipated its effects are to be noted in sales p

(#8) **2c Proprietary (Green**

The history of this little item whi date has only been found on Gree per parallels that of the 20c second in that it has long been unappre and correspondingly undervalued though it is most certainly better the 25c and probably as time goes o prove to be fully as rare as the 2 $2.50. Today I know positively of seven specimens of which I have five and owned the last two that on the market, in fact it was the sa my last copy at $440.00, when th was $200.00 that accounts for the pr catalogue of $500.00. The stamp slightly thin, otherwise I should held it for at least $750.00, at whic ure a sale could be very easily con mated today. Two of the known e ples are uncanceled and my present is O. G. All are characterised by r dull heads.

(#9) **$1.00 Green and Black**

As it was the proposed advance o most 80% in the list of this stamp partially induced me to set forth facts on these inverts I wish to say if rarity is to be the guide to an or catalogue of them the new rating r sents too sharp an increase and doe harmonize with several others.

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Three specimens at least are known with extra vertical or diagonal perforations, such copies being decidedly interesting varieties and formerly much sought after on all the regular issues, as well as on inverts, by the earlier specialists.

Mention of these extra perforation varieties prompts the writer to digress for the moment and to observe that they occur on all the issues of 1862 to 1881, and have been personally seen on the 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 30c, and 70c inverts, the $200.00 second issue and the 2c P. H. Drake & Co. Noted by Mr. E. B. Sterling, the first serious student of varieties of our revenues, his price list of 1888 invariably quoted levels for these extra perforation varieties in excess of those for the normal stamps. Years later a very wealthy collector carried the specialization of these stamps to such a degree as to absorb practically all supplies, and while they are still very closely held the discerning collector can occasionally pick them up today and usually at levels below those which their scarcity should justify.

Concerning the eleven remaining inverts in the list there seems to be no point in discussing them in detail as they are all obtainable within a reasonable time, but do require some patience on the part of the collector, and especially so if fine condition only is desired. Still the person without some fair degree of patience and still more enthusiasm should never start a collection of revenues, i.e., if action is desired and the expectation is to gather more than a representative lot of singles or unless such a field is simply regarded as one of the branches of U. S. to be regularly attempted by the filler of album spaces.

I trust, however, that this dissertation on the first ten rarities will be generally interesting and perhaps helpful to some, but will be pleased to hear from any readers to whom various questions may be suggested or from present holders of any of these stamps now unknown to me. I am likewise always glad to have any of these varieties submitted for inspection or for notation of cancellation, or to see anything rare in the general revenue line that would provide an item for discussion in a further article on these interesting stamps that were produced solely for stampic purposes.

A REVIEW OF SCOTT'S ADVANCE SHEETS ON IRISH FREE STATE

By Thos. C. E. Hunter, A.P.S., No. 3097.

My congratulations to our philatelic godfathers on the new arrangement of the stamps of this popular country, as shown on pages 834-837 of their 1929 Advance Sheets. The arrangement and necessary additions will not fail to please most of the collectors of these interesting varieties. The make-up is more methodical than any I have yet seen.

The revised quotations seem reasonable, considering the market on the "other side" although No. 37 Thoms 5/- seems a little underpriced at $20.00. Thoms 10 pence used seems also underpriced about a dollar.

The minor varieties are all well handled. The notes before No. 59 Harrison Coils are excellent, as no one could be confused with this printing after glancing at the middle "e" of "Eireann," and a similar note could well be used either before or after Harrison Coils, No. 19 to 20 as follows: Letter "i" of "Rialtar" is always lower than the "R" or "a". These two memos will assist the student in correctly placing these coil varieties.

Perhaps the hardest placings are the "R over S" and "R over Se" varieties of both Dollard and Thoms printings. The easiest way I find is to note that the down stroke of the last "r" in "Rialtar" must be to the left of the apex of the "A" underneath it and not to the right or on top of the letter. This, however, is digressing from the main subject.

May I offer for Scott's consideration the relisting of Nos. 77, 78 and 79, Dublin Castle or Government printing. There are three types widely differing both in setting and values—First setting had the figures "1922" close together and known as the "Narrow setting"—5mm. Next came the "Composite" setting when, as noted in the footnote after these numbers, Scott states, were narrow date and wide date "se tenant." These should be collected in pairs or blocks. Then the 3rd, or present setting, when the date was widened to 6mm same as the original Thoms and known as the "Parallel spacing." These later printings are in bright glossy ink, and can be easily distinguished from Thoms Nos. 56-58. The 2/6 and 10/- of this setting is rare on the Perfect R and Perfect S plates, respectively.

I submit these changes to Mr. John Luff for inclusion at the earliest date same as the settings of South West Africa are listed.

There is no doubt in my mind that the new arrangement so admirably laid out will stimulate interest in this "New Country," and serve to make even more popular the various emissions. Having studied them since their inception I would be glad to help anyone with advice through the columns of Mekeel's Weekly by answering any questions asked.

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1857-1861—4 years.
1861-1870—9 years.
1870-1874—4 years.
1874-1887—13 years. Previous designs re-engraved. New 5c design added 1875. New 2c designs October, 1883, November, 1883, 1884. New 4c, 1883.
1887-1899—12 years.
1899-1903—4 years.
1903-1907—4 years.
1907-1916—9 years.
1916-

New designs were adopted in 1922 for adhesive postage stamps, resulting in greatly increased interest in stamps by young and old. If the Post Office Department is sympathetic toward stamp collecting, as stimulating public and individual interest in history, geography, and general culture, this favorable attitude should extend impartially to both stamped envelopes and adhesive stamps, since they are essentially identical in character.

If new designs be adopted at the beginning of the new contract, January 1, 1929, dies can be engraved at the expense of the contractor (if my construction of paragraph 19 of the "Proposals and Specifications" is correct). Any expense involved in preparing new designs would be met many times over by the sale of envelopes to collectors thruout the world.

Aside from the above general considerations, it is suggested that a different portrait or design be used for each denomination of envelope stamps, as is the case with adhesive postage stamps. Disregarding the collector's concern with distinctive designs, at present one-cent envelope stamps of green color may be confused, by those who handle envelopes, with the four-cent stamps, of identical design, printed in black. This is especially true of envelopes of colored paper, and applies with equal force to the two-cent envelope stamps of red, which are of exactly the same design as the one-and-one-half cent stamps of brown.

H. Clay Reed.

September 16, 1928.

DESIGN OF CANADA AIR STAMP

(Hamilton "Spectator,"—H. A. Kiehl)

The new aerial mail stamp is the first regular stamp to be issued billingually in Canada, although a special issue on the Confederation Jubilee was in the two languages. The new five-cent stamp, the post office department announced to-day, will be ready for issue at all city post offices September 21, and at the other post offices as soon thereafter as possible.

The stamp will be printed in sepia and will bear a design as follows: Map of Canada on a globe with two female figures joining hands over a panel bearing the word "Air," at the top of an airplane; at the bottom figures 5, with the word "cents" between. This special air mail stamp will be used to prepay all classes of air mail at the rate of 5 cents for the first ounce, and 10 cents for each additional ounce, for conveyance over the following air-mail routes: Montreal-Toronto daily, except Sunday. Montreal-Albany, U. S. A., and over any air-mail route in the United States.

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1c, Type II, 19 unused, 99 used (3 cracked plates).
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3c scarlet, finest centered I have seen.

The later issues are just as fine, especially the 1869.

The collection is also noteworthy for the number of unused strips of 3 to 6 stamps with imprint and plate numbers. These are much rarer in the early issues than has been supposed. In a sheet of 100 you can get 25 of the popular blocks of four, but only two strips with imprint. Think this over! ! ! The plate numbers also show the order in which the many shades were issued.

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After the banquet an auction sal held and the first lot sold was an graphed cover of Col. Chas. A. bergh, which brought $400. Other ers sold well and the bidding was The auction lasted until midnight, was 3 A. M. before the member persed. In the morning, after brea the members drove out to the P Airport, where all kinds of air were on exhibition. The luncheon at the Park Hotel was honored in ing Sgt. Jack Cope, the well-known chute jumper, as guest of the C Aero Philatelic Society, who di share to keep all in good humor. Max Golding had his famous coll of air mails on exhibition at Ma where it attracted favorable att from non-collectors as well as colle One frame showed the developme the U. S. mail; another that o World's Air Mail, and a third was devoted to Lindbergh mem among which were about fifteen graphed Lindbergh covers. His tw bums of pioneer and special flights much admired, also. Mr. Griffin hibited his Lindbergh collection. Chicagoans left Sunday evening, feelings of gratitude to the hosp collectors of Madison.

NEW CANADA AIR STAMI

(Clipping from E. E. Goodchild)

Announcement has been made b Canadian Post Office Department the new five-cent Canadian Air stamp will be available to the pub all City Post Offices in Canada on tember 21.

While no particulars have been out regarding the design of this stamp, its issuance at this time doubtless be of some considerable i est to philatelists throughout the w particularly in view of the forthco inauguration of the first internat air mail service between Canada the United States, October 1.

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Have received from J. V. Van Volkenbergh of Denver, Colo., a letter from the Montrose (Colo.) *Press* describing a first flight between Montrose and Pueblo. It came in an envelope bearing a first airmail flight cachet from Montrose, under date of Sept. 1. Another cover was also sent by Raymond R. Robbins of Colorado Springs.

We are indebted to Hans Lagerloef of New York City for a catalog issued by the Swedish Government and covering the donations made to the Postal Museum in Stockholm by Mr. Lagerloef. The book is added to our library with thanks. A fine page half-tone picture of Mr. Lagerloef occupies a prominent place in the catalog. A list of the exhibits made at the Durban Exhibition has been mailed this book. He secured two gold medals for Newfoundland and one long in Class 6, and a gold medal for Malta in Class 8.

CONGRATULATIONS and well wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Meyer of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Meyer and Miss Dorothy Haslam of Philadelphia, Pa., were married Sept. 1, with Miss Mrs. Max F. Bier as attendants. Mr. Meyer is proprietor of the Cortlandt Stamp Co., and the event may really be called a philatelic wedding. A host of friends will wish the newly wedded pair great happiness.

We have received from Harry W. Lacy, Jr., a newspaper clipping giving some particulars of the first meeting of the Peninsular Philatelic Society for the season. This society is one of the clubs promoted by the Y. M. C. A. of San Mateo County, California. Any boy in San Mateo, Burlingame, or vicinity who is interested in stamp collecting will be welcome at any of the weekly meetings held Thursday evening at the San Mateo Union High School.

The new stamps for the Canal Zone have been issued, but will not be on sale until October 1, for the 2c and 3c and October 3 for the 1c. Clipping from Harry Leonard.

CLIPPING is at hand from John J. Hoffman taken from the Albany *Evening News*. It gives us the information that a new paper called the *Journal* has appeared in Missouri, honor being William Howard Taft, a 16-year-old student and distant relative of Chief Justice Willard Howard Taft. The paper is described as being 8 pages, four by six, and contains news, editorials and advertisements.

STAT trade magazine is issued monthly by the Pickering Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo. In the July number is a fine tribute to stamp collecting and to the father who appreciates the schooling a boy can get from stamp collecting. Clipping from Dr. T. O. Perrin. Philip H. Chase sends us a similar clipping which was taken from the *Cooperweld Magazine*. A certain syndicate is evidently putting out a number of publications under different titles, but with similar contents.

OUR valued contributor, Harry E. Huber is on his way to Newfoundland. Doubtless our subscribers will profit by his explorations into the postal conditions of the island through subsequent numbers of the WEEKLY.

WE are indebted to A. Brown, Jr., for one of the best philatelic features that has appeared in the press for many a day. It is a "Gasoline Alley" cartoon from the *Sunday News* of New York. It occupies a full page and is devoted to a pictorial trip around the world based on stamps. Twelve good-sized pictures are shown in colors and the educational features of stamp collecting are well presented. Similar clippings from other papers are at hand from Robert E. Dunlop, Wendell I. Gray, M. P. Ganey and M. F. Gerkin.

IF you need a pricelist of airpost covers, stamps and first day covers, write the Berkshire Exchange, Cummington, Mass. It will prove of value to the specialist.

THE report of J. E. Guest, Sales Mgr. of the A. P. S., made to the Convention at Toronto showed total sales effected for the fiscal year of $80,266.00, or a gain of over $19,000.00 above previous fiscal year. In the several years Mr. Guest has managed this department, total sales have been in excess of $350,000.00. His goal for the current fiscal year is $100,000.00. Truly a wonderful record.

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The National Air Mail Society of Chicago, had its first regular meeting on September 12. The most important business of the evening was to decide on the provisions of a constitution as submitted by R. J. Schwarz, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Interesting points in this document are that there is to be but one class of membership, everyone receiving equal benefits; that there are to be no honorary memberships; that there is to be a Sales Department exclusively for air mail stamps and covers; and that permanent headquarters are to be maintained in Chicago.

President E. O. Howle gave a talk on "Our First Air Mail Route." He explained that the first route in the U. S. was started on May 15, 1918, by the War Department between Washington, Philadelphia, and New York, the country's three most important centers during the War. The postage rate was 24c a half ounce and included special delivery service at destination. The latter fact accounts for the numbers by hand or by numbering machine found on all these early covers since that was the method of keeping check of special delivery mail. On July 15, 1918, the air mail rate was reduced to 16c an ounce and 6c for each additional ounce; this still included special delivery service.

On August 12 of that year the Post Office Department took over the service entirely, receiving 17 planes from the War Department. On that date a new landing field was opened at College Field, Md., and many important officials were present to witness the christening of the first plane operated by the Post Office Department. Mr. Howle was present at this event and sent two covers by the plane. He says that these are the only two covers of which he knows in the hands of collectors.

On December 16, 1918, the rate was reduced to 6c an ounce without the special delivery service; and this rate continued in effect until July 19, 1919, the last flight over our first air mail route. On this last flight a special 2c rate was put into effect.

A full copy of each of these talks given at the meetings twice a month is presented to each member to be kept in his album with the corresponding covers or to be filed away as useful information. In addition photostatic copies of newspaper clippings and pictures telling of the flight are furnished to members at a low cost. Clippings and data regarding flights on which talks are to be given are requested from members to be loaned for the information contained and, are then returned by the secretary. The next lecture will be on Route C. A. M. 1, and lectures on C. A. M. 2 and 3 are in preparation.

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A CORRESPONDENT in Ottowa, Canada, sends us the following communication from the postal department, dated September 15, 1928: "Postmasters are informed that a 5c Canadian air mail postage stamp is now being printed and will be ready for issue at city post offices on the 21st of September, 1928, and at other post offices as soon thereafter as possible. The stamp will be printed in sepia and will bear a design as follows:—Map of Canada on a globe with two female figures joining hands over a panel bearing the word, 'air'; and at the top an airplane; at the bottom figures 5 with the word 'cents' between. This special stamp should be used to prepay all classes of air mail at the rate of 5 cents for the first ounce and 10 cents for each additional ounce for conveyance over the following air mail routes: Montreal-Toronto; Montreal-Albany, U. S. A., and over any mail route in the United States."

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IN the Chicago *Sunday Tribune* for September 16th, the artist, King, who has immortalized "Gasoline Alley" by his pictures gracefully drawn and teeming with human interest, for so many years, commends himself to stamp collectors by devoting his page to the philatelic theme. The page is philately unrelieved, and the twelve pictures comprise a series that become worthy of note for a fanciful and sentimental treatment of our subject. The first panel represents Uncle Walt and Skeezix looking over the stamp album. Walt says that he has collected stamps for many a year and that in imagination, one may travel all over the world through their suggestions and learn something about each place through the stamps. Skeezix wants to go on the trip. They start in one of Columbus' ships pictured on the 3c Columbian and turn over a few pages and land in Bosnia and Herzegovina, now part of Jugo-Slavia. The little boy says that he cannot pronounce Herzegovina. Then a jump to Bulgaria is made and Canada is next with the new 20c on which Skeezix can see a train, a man on horseback, a dog team and a ship, "all at once," but the airplane should not have been slighted. China is identified by a "Chinese junk boat" and Germany on the 2 mark air mail provides the object that "looks like a thunder bird," according to the lad. The 4 filler Hungary shows the harvesters working by hand and the 25c Liberia pictures a beast that frightens Skeezix, who wants to go elsewhere. They skip to Norway with its polar bear looking at the airplane; and then for a change they make Nyassa with its giraffe. A short cut is taken through Ukrainia with its windmill back to the alley in time for dinner. Uncle Walt and Skeezix serve only as auxiliaries in the pictures which have an imaginative quality that is delightful; and it is apparent that King is a collector at heart. The reveries are such as to make one realize that the stamp album furnishes a travel tour that for interest and comfort cannot be matched.

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THE pictures by King are a feature of many newspapers published in this country and Canada, a fact that means that this effective handling of philately will be seen by millions of readers under favorable conditions. There is enough suggestion in the page to inspire a desire on the part of a percentage of readers to inquire into the subject portrayed by the colored panels. Here we have coöperation from a compelling source and we think that this endorsement of collecting will have its effect. Already we have received the page from several readers. Mr. H. G. Bliven of Brooklyn saw it in the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* while *en route* to the west. Mr. John P. Eames, Northboro, Mass., sends it from the Worcester *Sunday Telegram*, and others have forwarded the page. We expect a dozen other copies in the course of the next few days.

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MR. VERNE A. LEMOYNE, Paris, writes: "I read the account of your visits to the stamp Bourse here, which was a good statement. I have been to this Bourse for many, many years, as I am in Paris half the time, and agree with you that the frequenters of the Bourse are as varied in character as possible. You will find good and bad in any city, and it is not wise to say that this Bourse is any better or worse than any other group of collectors, free to come and go. Now, as for getting rare stamps at low prices, it is not often that one does although there are stories of wonderful *coups*. Only if rarities get into the hands of collectors who do not know their value is it likely that a great bargain is gained; and that is not often because knowledge of stamps is well distributed in Paris and many other cities on the continent.

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THE following letter has been received from Mr. L. A. Wardour of Washington: "The estimate of the number of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers required for the four year period, beginning January 1, 1929, is 12,800,000,000; and the Post Office Department recently rejected the bids of three contractors for the supply because the bids did not comply with the specifications. New bids were invited and they will be opened on September 17, 1928, and a decision made as soon thereafter as possible. It is always possible that when a new contract is entered into there will be a change in design, and while the present envelopes seem to be generally acceptable, new types would have the flavor of novelty." Early in September, the department told of the expiration of the present envelope contract at the end of the year, but Mr. Wardour's observations on new varieties is interesting in the light of the suggestions of Mr. H. Clay Reed to the Postmaster General, as published elsewhere.

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IN one of the newspapers under the head of New York correspondence, we find in a list of "some unique New York organizations," one called "Sanitary Postage association." Visions of a band of bearded sages holding communion in secret chambers bent on research in the Sanitary Fair issues give way to the sober thought that perhaps lickless stamps of some kind are the object of this organized attention. Too, a writer in a paper says that stamp collecting could be included among the political issues by a candidate with safety as it would not start religious, race or economic controversy. The voter could "take it or leave it." We may have this quotation somewhat involved as we trust to memory in repeating it.

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A READER says: "In my travels in Minnesota, several years ago, I bought up Norse-American when the Stamp Agency no longer sold them. At one town, the postmistress told me that a collector there had bought several sheets of each value, and I went to see him, but he would not sell unless he 'doubled his money.' This was too for me then, but I have just ret from his town with two sheets of t and one of the 2c for which I pai man, who is now older (and I w over three times face as he wa longer content to double his money moral of this little tale is that he your paper, I find, and in conseq knows a thing or two." As we said we do not speak of these stam their price relation because of co changes in quotations, and those want to follow the trend of these st should see the advertising column real interest in these attractive st supplemented by a speculative appea is felt by some collectors account an active market in them.

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Official figures covering the increase in Air Mail since August 1st disclose that the total poundage for the month of August amounted to 418,821, an increase of 95% plus, over July and just short of 100% over June figures. C.A.M. No. 18 lead in volume, with C.A.M. No. 17 second.

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The Post Office Department has warned Philadelphia, under date of Sept. 8th, to make the landing field safe, or be taken off the Air Mail route.

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Speaking of Philadelphia, how many of you "got in" on an entirely new First Trip over C.A.M. No. 19, when daytime service was inaugurated between New York and Philadelphia on Sept. 1st? This service was announced in the Postal Bulletin and got by pretty nearly everybody! The plane leaves New York (Hadley Field) at 5.00 A.M., arriving in Philadelphia 5.35 A.M. Returning, leaves Philadelphia at 8.30 P.M. and arrives at Hadley Field in 35 minutes—9.05 P.M. No special cachet was used, but covers from the trip are really a part of the First Trip collection.

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The Second Assistant P. M. Gen., Mr. W. Irving Glover, writes that the cachet used at Uniontown, Pa., August 23rd, about which I asked for information in the Sept. 8th issue, was unauthorized and unofficial. Likewise the cachets used at Sunbury, Pa., on Sept. 1, 2 and 3.

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Bridgeport, Conn., will dedicate an Airport on Oct. 12th. No information as to a special cachet yet. If one is used, it probably will be applied by the Chamber of Commerce.

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The cachet used for the National Air Races at Los Angeles, was a corker and impressions were clear and clean. The design was attractive and small, well drawn and a welcome addition to any collection of this class of covers. I note several different colors were used during the week, with no attempt made to hurry the job of applying the cachet.

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Montrose, Colo., dedicated an Airport on Sept. 11th, a plane being utilized in carrying the mail collected at Montrose up to Pueblo. The flight and ceremonies were under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of Montrose. Covers that went by plane to Pueblo bear the Montrose cachet and are cancelled on the face "Pueblo, Colo., Sept. 11th, 3 P.M., 1928." An innovation in local cachets appears on this bunch of covers, for the C. of C. state the time of the flight—12 noon—in their cachet.

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Approximately 1,600 covers arrived from France on the First Trip of the S. S. Ile de France. The first return trip, New York-Paris, carried about 2,400 covers. These refer to the covers given special Air service, of course.

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And in connection with the above service, we understand that due to the loss of the plane, there will be a discontinuance of service, temporarily at least and possibly for some time to come.

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Quite a list of coöperators this week. The Mexico-New York route caused many to send clippings covering the announcement, as well as Airport dedication announcements. The list includes—Raymond R. Robbins, Ellen Godfrey, Anna M. Schafer, Clarence Montgomery, Charles Boyer, Charles A. Forster, R. O. Briggs, Frank Murphy, J. P. Penning*, Charles F. Jones*, Merle C. Debben*, O. H. Phinney*, E. C. Cantrell, C. C. Beals, W. J. Kotab, W. S. Dochterman, W. Irving Glover, Todd Fagan, Mrs. H. W. Haupt, Rev. Joseph Dreyer, William Orr, Gordon H. Crouch, Dr. T. O. Perrin, Donald Levy, Albert N. Brown, Glenn M. Kidder, Buell A. French.*

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Collectors who sent their covers to the P. M. at Youngstown, O., for resumption of service, have a nice experimental flight on hand if the cancellation reads Sept. 3rd. To test the field, a plane landed at Youngstown and picked up what mail was ready, and Mr. J. P. Penning states that some of the covers that had accumulated in the Youngstown P. O. were sent out on this trip. The regular service was resumed on Sept. 10th, and a special cachet was applied to mail in the hands of the contractor, Mr. Clifford Ball.

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In connection with the announcement last week in regard to San Jose, Calif., I neglected to state that covers, properly addressed and STAMPED, ready for despatch, can be sent to the Secretary of the Philatelic Club of San Jose, Dr. C. F. Barnes, 85 East San Antonio St., San Jose, Calif. As The Philatelic Club have prepared a special cachet to be used when the service begins, you will be assured of something on your cover, although it is probable that the POD will recognize the event, when it takes place.

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I have just received a cover from a correspondent in Costa Rica bearing a special cachet, used for a few hours only, in celebration of the arrival of the Mexican aviator, Col. Roberto Fierro, in Costa Rica.

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Newport, Vt., held an Air Meet and Dedication on Sept. 15th. Covers sent to that point bear a cachet reading, "Flown by courtesy of Vt. Airways Corp." in two lines.

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Keene, N. H., held an Air Meet on the two days, Sept. 21 and 22. Covers were given a special cachet. Details next week.

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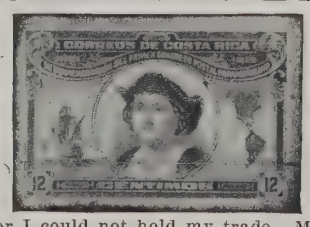
The second annual Radio and Aero Exposition will be held in Boston during the week of Oct. 1st to 6th. A special cachet will be used at the Show during the week, similar to the one used last year. You can send your covers to the Colonial Air Transport, Inc., 80 Federal Street, Boston, with proper instructions for dispatching. No covers will be mailed that are empty, unsealed, unstamped or otherwise undesirable. The New Air Mail stamps are now on sale pretty generally and if you are unable to secure them, use an ordinary 5c stamp. The contractor has too much to do, without buying stamps for you, so send your covers properly stamped and stuffed, ready to go!



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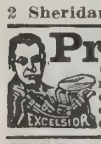

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Patzcuaro.—A province in Mexico where provisional stamps were said to have been issued during the revolutionary period, 1867-8. The stamps are catalogued with reserve, their authenticity being questioned.

Particular.—This word is found overprinted on certain official stamps of Nicaragua on which the word OFICIAL has been barred out. The meaning of the word is "particular" or "special" in English, but its special service has not been indicated and the stamps were used for ordinary postage.

Junior News Items

By Beach Conger, Jr.

Italy.—A new commemorative set from Italy has appeared on the fourth centenary of the birth of Prince Emmanuel Philibert of Savoy. It was he who drove the French out of the duchy and converted it into a peaceful and prosperous state, second only to Venice. The portrait by Giulio of Milan is shown on the 20 cent. chestnut and ultramarine, 25 cent. red and grey-green, 30 cent. green and maroon, and 5 lire violet and grey-green. The statue showing him on horseback and in full armor, which was erected in 1838 at Turin, is the design of the 1.25 lira blue and black, and the 20 lire violet and deep green. The stamps are printed by the Government Bank Note Office and watermarked crown device. According to rumors, a set commemorating the tenth anniversary of the victory at Piave is to appear. A set commemorating this event appeared in 1921 on the third anniversary.

Jamaica.—According to the annual report of the Jamaica Philatelic Society, changes are near at hand for the current values. The design of the ½d stamp was altered early in the year, and there is reason to believe that the King's head will appear on the 1 and 1½d values soon. The Jamaicans evidently have seen the current set long enough and wish to gaze upon other scenes.

Belgium.—This year's charity stamps are to be issued for the benefit of the national committee for the campaign against tuberculosis. Pictures of the six most famous cathedrals, executed by Mon. De Bast are to appear on the set. They are: Notre Dame de Tournai, Notre Dame D'Anvers, Sainte Gudulé de Bruxelles, Saint Sauveur de Bruges, Saint Bavon de Gand, and Saint Rombaut de Malines. This series promises to be a very artistic one.

France.—Earlier this year a set featuring the famous historical buildings and monuments of France was announced, and designs were submitted and approved. The first of this set, the 3fr, will be issued the last of August. It portrays the facade of the war-scarred Cathedral of Rheims, designed by M. Verecque and line engraved.

Gold Coast.—On August 1st, the long-awaited new issue, printed by Messrs. Harrison & Sons of London, of ten values appeared. The design shows the head of King George and a vignette of the Castle of Christiansborg. Paper is watermarked with Script C.A. The values are: ½d green; 1d brown; 1½d red; 2d grey; 2½d orange; 3d blue; 6d lilac and black; 1s red-orange and black; 2s violet and black, and 5s green and carmine.

Hungary.—From 997 to 1038 A.D. St. Etienne, first king of the Magyars, ruled over Hungary. On August 1st a set of three values was issued in commemoration of the first king, and will remain in circulation for two months. The stamps themselves have not reached us at present.

Russia.—Another famous penman receives homage by the way of postage stamps this month. He is Leo Tolstoy. On the 100th anniversary of his birth, September 10th, two stamps will be issued, the 10 kopeks showing a modern portrait of the writer, and the 28 kopeks Repins painting of Tolstoy at the plow.

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By W. Dorning-Beckton.

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STAMP NOTES AND NEWS

Afghanistan.—We have rec seven new stamps which have bee sued for international postage, this c try having recently joined the Int tional Postal Union. The denomina in the new set are as follow:—2, 1 40 and 50 pouls ordinary postage st and 2 and 3 rupees Parcel Post sta The three denominations previousl sued, 15, 30 and 60 pouls, are we u stand used for postage in the int of Afghanistan only. It is difficu obtain supplies of Afghan stamps in quantity. These stamps very often rather badly centred and further the edges of the sheets are always perforate. The 60 pouls stamp is for interior use, has now been rec imperforate.

Bolivia.—Owing to the exhau of the 15 centavos stamp of the cu issue, it has been necessary to create provisionals as follow:—15 centavo 20 centavos, 15 centavos on 24 cent and 15 centavos on 50 centavos. W derstand that these stamps were is in limited numbers. We have also ceived the current 10 centavos stam the latest issue overprinted "Oct 1927" cut in half diagonally and use a 5 centavos stamp, so apparently centavos denomination has also run

French Morocco.—Owing to the cent floods in this country, a relief has been opened and to augment it a cial set of Charity Air Post stamps been placed on sale. There are ten nominations, 5, 25, 50, 75, 80 centi 1 franc, 1fr50c, 2, 3 and 5 francs. stamps have been sold at double value, the additional charge g towards the fund. The general g of the stamps is similar to the ordi postage stamps of the current issue they have been printed in Paris by Helio-gravure process, each stamp b of a different design showing var places of interest in Morocco.

Gold Coast.—The long expected issue was placed on sale on August and we have received our full su The design is very pleasing and sh a picture of His Majesty the King a view of Christiansborg Castle wi palm tree on the right and a cocoa on the left. The denominations ar ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, and 5/-, and the stamps have been p ed by Messrs. Harrison & Sons, London, by the photogravure proces chalk surfaced paper.

Holland.—Two Air Post sta have been issued both of which show airman apparently seated in an aeropl but the surrounding design is of a fu

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ngary.—A set of three commem- e stamps has been issued and bear file of the Hungarian King, St. n, who was canonized in the elev- century. The ceremonies in con- n with St. Stephen's reign took last month and these special s were on sale during that period the denominations are 8, 16 and fer.

y.—We have received five de- ations which are part of a new stamps issued to celebrate the centenary of Emanuele Filiberto. denominations received are:—20c, 0c, Lire 1.25 and 20 lire, but we formed that four more denomina- will be issued to complete the set, 5c, Lire 1.75 and 10 lire. These s were issued in connection with urin Exhibition and the 20c, 25c 0c stamps represent Prince Eman- iliberto wearing the royal mantle, the Lire 1.25 and 20 lire show oduction of the monument situate Place de Saint Charles of Turin, was erected after the sheathing sword at the conclusion of the f Independence of Piedmont.

anon Republic.—The recently 4 piastres on 25c overprinted in without Arabic and the same stamp Arabic in red, show an error with st three letters of "Libanaise" d, so that the overprint reads blique Libana." We do not know any of these errors exist as it did cur on any of the sheets which we d at the time the stamps were is- and we are of the opinion that this will prove to be quite a scarce

u.—We are informed on very authority that the recently issued reen Air Post stamp, of which 0 were printed was withdrawn ase on July 31st, and it is possible he remainder have been destroyed w. It appears that there has been difference between the Aviation ny and the Marconi Company re- g the carrying of Air Mail, with ry postage stamps affixed, and the is that from the 1st of August the ry Peruvian postage stamps were valid for use on Air Mail matter, e understand the Marconi Com- will pay the Aeroplane Company eight of correspondence carried. information is correct, which we o reason to doubt, the 50c green should prove to be a scarce stamp, gh not so elusive as the first issue uve.

a.—In the recent provisional red overprint, we have the 7½ s on 2½ piastres showing the va- with no period after "P", this va- occurs on the 3rd, 7th and 8th on the sheet.—*Whitfield King & Bulletin.*

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CORREOS ANDORRA

By PERCY A. HILL.

Inasmuch as there is now a set of stamps for Andorra, being surch. CORREOS ANDORRA on the current Spanish set to the 10 ptas and including the Special Delivery, the following remarks may be of interest to readers of MEKEEL'S, relative to Andorra.

Andorra is a wedge-shaped country, 20 miles by some 25, lying in the Pyrnees, between France and Spain. It has a population of about 6,400, who wring a living from its rocky hills and valley, and which is eked out by smuggling. A package of cigarettes costing 20 centimes in the valley of Andorra costs 80 centimes outside, which gives a good start in carrying on the contraband. The chief town is Andorra la Veille or old, with San Julian de Loria. Sta Colona, and in the northern part, where everyone is looked upon as a spy, lies Llivia. This is a Spanish town in France. Away back in the XVII century Spain lost a war to France and the treaty called for the delivery of 33 villages. Later the King "rued back" the treaty claiming that Llivia was a town and not a village, so for 250 years it has paid tribute and has its post carried by Spain, altho technically it is in France. It has 600 people and three posts of customs officers, two French and one Spanish.

This extremely old settled valley dates its political structure much further back than either Spain or France for that matter. San Marino has its own stamps, but Andorra was hoary with age before San Marino existed. Even today it smacks of the medieval with its old churches and towers loopholed for archers, its pig and goatskins for wine, its strings of pack mules bearing the celebrated diamond hitch, which was probably where this hitch came from originally, its unique dress, speech and customs, for blunderbuss and knife still settle controversies.

Like the neighboring province of the Basques it has its rights and fueros that go back to ancient times. Charlemagne recognized its freedom for services rendered him in the field. Louis le Debonaire had the Andorrans fight with him against the Moors, and later they fought Louis himself. Napoleon looked it over, "It is a political curiosity" he said, "It must be preserved." It has maintained itself as a political entity for more years than either of its great neighbors; Spain to which it is attached and France with which it also has communication.

For almost a thousand years it has given tribute to the Bishop of Urgel in Spain, but it pays few taxes to anyone. Each of the six cantons annually elects four councillors and these twenty-four choose a president. The salary is only nominal and they receive feed for their horses when the council is in session. The only things required of their budget is a few slates to repair the roof of their massive council-hall at intervals.

There is, however, a fine road that leads up the valley of the Valira River, but for the most part the valley is sterile, the hills rocky and the trails obscure. The Andorrans are of a strong and independent type, tenacious of their rights and dignity. Nearly all receive an office during their lifetime and they never relinquish the title, hence one could easily raise a regiment of brigadier-generals amongst the 6,400 population. The motto of this little quasi-republic is *Domus Concilii, Sedes Justicia.*

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HERE is a notice that should have had place several months ago. Under date of June 10, 1928, Mr. G. F. Fisher, 36 East 72nd Street, New York, writes: "A book of Norway and Sweden which I had on approval from Mr. James of London was recently stolen from me. Value, thirty-three pounds. Any publicity you could give which might aid in the recovery of the stamps if offered for sale would be appreciated." We regret the delay in spreading the news.

A RECORD has been established by Mr. L. E. James, Washington, D. C., who sends a batch of clippings to the number of twenty-eight on stamps and allied subjects.

MR. ALBERT MARION, Indianapolis, Indiana, says that he has had a letter returned to him that he sent to Siam over a year ago, which contained some U. S. stamps for exchange with a collector there, which "are welcomed home."

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were applied, showing an air plane in flight with a ground view of the air field. Mr. Merle C. Debban kindly remembers us with such a cover.

Philippines

Mr. Walter Brugmann writes that the new postage due stamps of the Philippine Islands, which were placed on sale at the Bureau of Insular Affairs at Washington, on July 10th, had not been placed on sale in the Philippines up to August 18th, the day of his letter. He, therefore, questions as to whether these can be considered issued stamps when they have not appeared in the country for which they were printed. Local collectors are much disappointed that they should have been placed on sale here previous to their appearance in the Islands, so that as a matter of fact stamps mailed privately from this point have reached the Philippine collectors, ahead of any sales in the Islands.

Canal Zone

Under date of September 6th the Executive Department of the Panama Canal Zone issued a notice sent by the Director of Posts addressed to all postmasters, stating that a *permanent* issue of 1c and 2c Canal Zone stamps bearing likenesses of General W. C. Gorgas and General G. W. Goethals respectively, will be placed on sale early in October. The 2c stamp which will be printed in red and which has been designed and engraved by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing will be available on October first. The 1c stamp in green will not be placed on sale the first day, but will be held until October third, which is the anniversary of the birth of General Gorgas, whose portrait appears on the stamp, the General having been born on October 3, 1854.

The U. S. 1c and 2c stamps surcharged "Canal Zone" will be continued in circulation until further notice and will be offered by the post office clerks to all patrons, unless the new issue is specifically requested.

A supply of the new stamps will be sent to all postmasters in the Zone without requisition under date of September 29th.

Postmasters are especially cautioned, however, not to make any sales of the new stamps before 8.00 A. M. on the days specified above.

Mr. R. S. Carter kindly sends the above notice for our attention and states that the local papers carried notices to the effect that the present issue of the 1c and 2c stamp would be discontinued, but the above circular shows that this is erroneous.

Bulgaria.—According to a Swiss paper, further provisionals are to be issued immediately, comprising the following:—1l on 6l (overprint in green), 100,000; 2l (overprint in red), 200,000; 4l (overprint in green), 100,000; 10l (overprint in red); 20l (overprint in green). Three of these denominations have already been overprinted for alleged aerial use this year.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Ceylon.—Copies of the 5R green and deep purple, script watermark, new design are to hand from Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts.

Estonia.—According to M. Champion, 100,000 copies were printed of the Tallinn Exhibition commemorative (the 10m Blacksmith in grey), chronic our July 28th issue.—*Stamp Coll*

Germany.—The Economist S Co. have shown us the new set of s with the portraits of the different dents of the German Republic. and values with the name of the nesses follow:—3pf yellow-brown, 5pf light green, Hindenburg; 8pf green, Ebert; 10pf red, Ebert; 15p mine, Hindenburg; 20pf steel Ebert; 25pf blue Hindenburg; olive-green, Ebert; 40pf violet, denburg; 45pf orange, Ebert; brown, Hindenburg; 60pf red-b Ebert and 80pf dark brown, Hinde

Italy.—Mr. R. Roberts submit chronicle the Emanvele Filiberto memorative set bearing the inscr "1528 Torino 1928" at the bottom. values are 20c bright blue and b 25c deep myrtle green and red, 30c brown and green, L1.25c black and 5L deep myrtle green and deep and 20L deep green and purple. frame is in the second color note the L1.25c and 20L depict an arme ure on horseback, while the other show full length figure in armour Roberts also advises that the 50c 1L, L1.75c and 10L are expected sh

Jhind State.—The following items have made their appearance copies have been received from M Roberts: 1a brown, 4a olive, 5Rs p on bright blue, 10Rs carmine and all on Nasik printed paper and w marked multiple star. Also the grey and 12as claret have been charged for official use.

Mozambique.—To-day's "one only" issue.—Issued September 8, and sold at local post offices on thi only. "Cruz do Orient." Trian format. 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 8, and 2 Escudos.—*Stamp Collecting.*

New Zealand.—Mr. R. Robert ports the appearance of the 2sh blue, Admiral type, overprinted "Off in black vertically, watermarked and star.

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LEEWARDS POST OFFICES, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

A document of much interest to those collecting stamps and cancellations of the Leeward Islands, is Statutory Rules and Orders No. 14 of 1928, which lists the names of the Post Offices, etc., in operation in the several Presidencies.

Leeward Islands
General Government.
Statutory Rules and Orders
1928—No. 14.
Post Office.
Names, etc., of Post Offices.

The Post Office Rules, 1928, dated August 26, 1928, made by the Governor in Council under section 9 of the Post Office Act (No. 9) of 1909, as amended by the Post Office Act, 1909, Amendment Act, 1927 (No. 11).

1. *Short Title.*—These Rules may be cited as the Post Office Rules, 1928.

2. *Post Office sub-divisions.* — The Post Offices established in this Colony may be established hereafter shall be divided into three groups, namely, General Post Offices, Branch Post Offices, and Sub-Post Offices.

3. *General Post Offices.*—The head office in the chief town in each Presidency as specified in the first schedule hereto shall be the General Post Office for the Presidency, and all other Post Offices in the Presidency shall be managed and controlled thereunder.

4. *Branch and Sub-Post Offices.*—The remaining Post Offices (other than General Post Offices) in the Colony shall be Branch Post Offices or Sub-Post Offices respectively as specified in the first schedule hereto.

5. *Control by the General Post Office.*—Sub-Post Offices shall be managed and controlled under the appropriate General Post Office either directly or through a Branch Office as specified in the first schedule hereto.

6. *Branch Postmasters.*—The persons in charge of Branch Post Offices shall be styled Branch Postmasters, and they shall render such accounts and returns as the Postmaster may require.

7. *Sub-Postmasters.*—The persons in charge of Sub-Post Offices shall be styled Sub-Postmasters and they shall render such accounts and returns as the Postmaster or Branch Postmaster may require.

8. *Names of Post Offices.*—The designations contained in the first schedule hereto shall be the official names of the several Post Offices and shall be used in all postmarks and for all purposes subject as hereinafter provided in respect of Money Orders.

9. *Money Order Offices.*—The Post Offices, the names of which are printed in capital letters in the first schedule hereto, are Money Order Offices. These Offices shall be described in the headings of Money Order forms with the name of the Presidency first in the manner set out in the second schedule hereto.

10. *Commencement.* — These rules shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1928.

Signed, HERBERT BOON,
Acting Clerk of the Council.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Presidency.	General Post Offices.	Branch Post Offices under General Post Offices.	Sub-Post Offices under Branch Post Offices or directly under General Post Office as designated
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Dominica.	ROSEAU, DOMINICA.	Nil.	Castle Bruce, Dominica. Delices, Dominica. Grand Bay, Dominica. La Plaine, Dominica. Mahaut, Dominica. Pointe Michel, Dominica. Rosalie, Dominica. Soufriere, Dominica. St. Joseph, Dominica.
		PORTSMOUTH.	Calihaut, Dominica. Marigot, Dominica. Vieille Case, Dominica.
Montserrat.	PLYMOUTH, MONTSERRAT.	Nil.	Cudjoe Head, Montserrat. Harris, Montserrat. St. Peters, Montserrat.
St. Christopher and Nevis.	BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS.	Nil.	Cayon, St. Kitts. Dieppe Bay, St. Kitts. Old Road, St. Kitts.
		SANDY POINT, ST. KITTS.	Nil.
		CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS.	Nil.
		THE VALLEY, ANGUILLA.	Blowing Point, Anguilla. East End, Anguilla. Forest, Anguilla. The Road, Anguilla.
Virgin Islands.	ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA.	Nil.	Anegada. East End, Tortola. VIRGIN GORDA. WEST END, TORTOLA.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Official names of Money Order Offices (to be printed in the headings of Money Order forms).

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Dominica (Roseau).
Montserrat (Plymouth).
St. Christopher-Nevis (Basseterre).
St. Christopher-Nevis (Charlestown).
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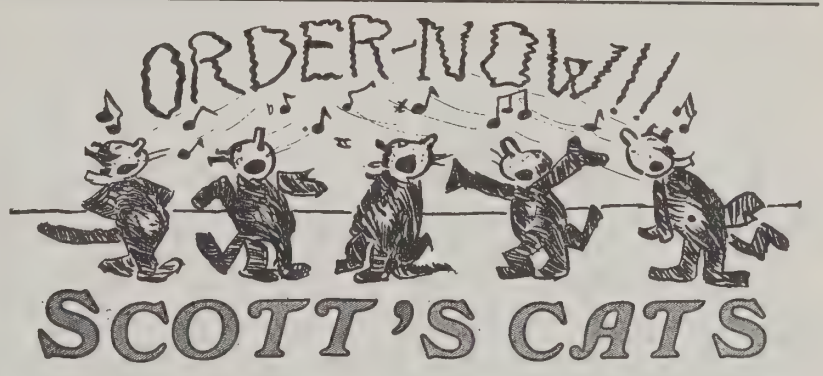

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But this question assumes now-a-days, a more important character than it did of old; the more we undertake to do, the less is our chance of being able to do it well. We know from sad experience that when one, who for years, has quietly collected stamps, first sees the collections of some of our Philatelic Magnates, our primary impressions of delight, are very quickly followed by a feeling of discouragement, and his second thought is that if this is to be stamp collecting, he is not in the race at all, and may as well retire at once.

He is only too apt to look with ungrateful contempt upon his modest album which has afforded him many hours amusement. This is of course foolish, and if the disconsolate one would at once abandon the idea of obtaining the unobtainable, and, on the other hand, resolve to search diligently for those interesting minor varieties, which may often be had for but a small outlay, and the trouble—or rather charm—of searching diligently for them, then he might soon get together a collection which philatelic stars of even the first magnitude, would be glad to pick over.

Looking at the multiplicity of new issues and new values, is it not probable that many of us will shortly be obliged to content ourselves with collecting stamps of some particular country or group? Every year it becomes more difficult to get together a collection of obsolete stamps; every year the new emissions to be looked after becomes more numerous, and one's labours become more arduous."

The above is *not* a modern wail of anguish dealing with the prolific floods of new issues which have been inundating the stamp world since 1914! It is just an extract taken from the *Philatelic Record* of London, dated December, 1879. What would Mr. Pemberton think of conditions to-day, I wonder?

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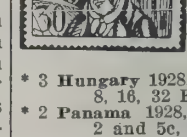

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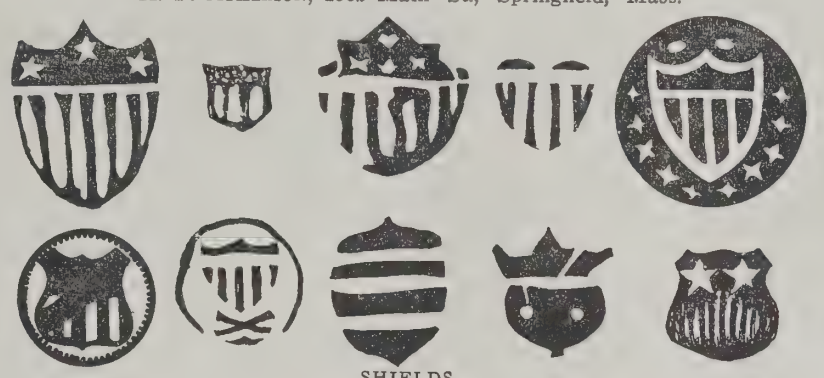

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2.	3c 1857	Burr Oak, Mich.	Blue	D. H. Stafford
3.	3c Amer.	?	Black	S. C. Rogers
4.	3c 1861	?	"	D. H. Stafford
5.	2c 1863	Ithaca, N. Y.	"	A. S. Gorham
6.	2c 1883	?	Purple	E. R. Ryder
7.	3c 1861	?	Black	H. P. A.
8.	3c Amer.	?	"	Dr. A. D. Pierce
9.	3c 1861	?	"	J. D. Bartlett
10.	3c 1861	?	"	D. H. Stafford

Some rather pretty shields here. No. 6 is perhaps the most common, as well as being one of the prettiest. It comes in black also, and probably in blue, or a bluish black, as most of these designs of the period are in several colors, and I have made no actual record of all colors, meaning on these designs which appear on these 2c 1883 stamps. No. 10 is also rather common. There are several designs quite similar to No. 10, some being from Utica, N. Y.

When you removed your Civil War "Patriotics" from the accumulation of old covers you have, I suppose you thought most of the fun was gone from the lot, yet there is something of interest left if you have any luck at all. Listen to what I saw in Toronto.

At the A. P. S. Convention right after the Banquet was over, a request was made by the Committee, that Members fetch in some of their collections to show to the gathering. Soon little groups were in evidence, and the variety of subjects was large and unusual. Not knowing which way to turn, I followed the crowd, and found myself at the group hovering round Mr. H. C. Flierl, who had a large volume of covers before him, though I could not see what was in his book from my point of disadvantage owing to the earlier arrivals, so I hung round waiting for a look.

The sotto voice remarks were highly unintelligible—one man remarked to another "Why that's only five miles from home," while another said ". . . and it was totally destroyed by fire in 1893, I was at that fire myself."

"Now what kind of a collection would that be," says I to myself?

So I stood round waiting to get into the front row, or at least near enough to see what this was. It was a large volume of Old U. S. covers each wearing the return address of some hotel. Many were very handsome, some picturing the hotel itself, while others had appropriate remarks in favor of the traveller resting there for as long a stay as he could make. Some gave views of the hostelry, generally calling it the "new" hotel. They surely made an interesting collection, and if you start such a collection you will soon become much interested in it.

There is a growing sentiment toward saving these old covers with unusual return addresses. Many pretty college return addresses are found. This too, applies to those used by some business firms, they often appearing in neat designs in color, and these things to which we formerly paid a mere passing glance are now sought by the collector who has a historic taste, or a liking for the pretty designs that sometimes come his way.

Railroads and steamships frequently used a small colored design with a picture of the Steamship or Locomotive embossed, colorless; and these are very handsome in some cases, and the Ship Lines and R. R. Routes are welcome adjuncts to the periods of those early days, and enter happily into a collection of '51s, or '69s, etc.

Banks as a rule used the return address on their envelopes; but they were not so well pleased with their buildings apparently as the schools, colleges and hotels, for we seldom see any pretty banks depicted in the "Returns." Generally the return was a conservative heading, all in printed form, with the "If not delivered in ..... days, etc.," and that alone. Not much for the collector who craves the odd and fanciful creations.

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pale printing all over the face of the cover, and shows Chinese subjects, with much lettering. There are many of these soft lithographs, and they are skilfully designed, and very interesting when you have say ten or more to enter as a collection.

After the Civil War certain business firms adopted a portion of the old patriotic designs in the return address, and you will probably notice this if you secure such covers. One candy company used the earth with the flag atop, and a drum mfg. company of Westfield, Mass., used a figure of Liberty.

The embossed envelopes form a nice collection also. One of the commonest patriotics is the little eagle enclosed in a circle of dots, with rays extending from the wings, the design being much like the reverse side of the old "Quarter," and the size is about the same as the quarter. Then there is the Scott, and various flags embossed without color. Colleges and Hotels used the embossed returns, as did many business firms, and they should make a neat collection by themselves.

Telegraph companies used various returns. They make an interesting side line collection. I have one that I like particularly as it is rather historic as well as being an interesting one to look at closely. It is the "Franklin Telegraph Co." At top left is Mr. Franklin sitting on the edge of a little sand bank, right hand lying loosely in his lap just as the photographer placed it apparently, while from his left hand rises a rather sluggish string, which eventually reaches a kite high up among some billowy black clouds. A couple of little lightning flashes are playing round the kite, and Franklin is just sitting there with a happy smile on his face, everything being harmonious and serene—a truly pastoral picture.

Express Returns are of much interest, and they are generally in color to add interest to the collection. They probably exceed in number the Telegraph Co. "Returns," meaning in early covers. The Adams Co. furnished a large variety of these from various parts of the U. S. A.

So you see, you had better give your old accumulation of covers another search before you swap them for whatever you have in mind, as there is plenty of interest if you go in for the various things which are not a minor variety in the stamp itself, or some fanciful postal marking.

I had a card handed me once with a list of the various side lines that this collector was saving, it had three columns of fine print listing what he desired. As this was merely in adhesive stamps, when we come to add cancellations, and then add the various forms of cover collecting, it is no wonder that stamp collecting is getting to be the prize form of amusement among those who have the collecting spirit in any way developed.

Non collecting friends who have returned from "trips" across the "pond" often tell of seeing tourists studying the various stamp collections on display in certain cities, and they marvel at the folks who leave their tourist party for "just a minute" whenever a stamp shop looms up in their line of travel. No tourist party ought to allow stamp collectors to travel with them! And no real collector wants to travel with a party—"aint it the truth?"

NOTES FROM THE FAR EAST

By Percy A. Hill, Munoz, P. I.

Two Philippine Post Dues are here but to date have not been released to the public. Possibly by end of the month will be sold over the counter. My article in Mekeel's of August 2nd, 1926, still bears out my contention in reference to the Madrid-Manila air-mails. The holders demand ten times face and still have considerable stock. If it were not an air-mail issue I should recommend that they hold it some thirty years? ?

From China I hear that after the printing plant is removed from Peking to Nanking—the new capital—an issue will be put out commemorating the Nationalist successes. There are about ten coil machines installed here since last February, selling the 2 centavo stamp in coils, two for five cents. This is the only Philippine coil stamp. Stamps supplied by the Government thru Washington and machines by a private party.

The Chang-Tso-Lin sets surch. SINKIANG were only on sale one day in Pekin to authenticate them. A few days after the Sinkiang Government changed hands to the Nationalists by the assassination of the governor. They should be the scarcest of all. The C-T-L surch. KIRIN are still being sold (July 29th) at P. O.'s there (Manchuria) by request.

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Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

News arrives that causes a shudder to run through our entire collection! We slipped — and slipped badly! Just imagine, a new route opened and no one was there! Miami-Havana flight took place on Sept. 15th, and the plane carried 344 lbs. of mail out of Miami, 1,040 lbs. out of Key West, a total of 1,384 lbs. and not a single cover aboard! D——! Well, here is the story. Mr. George T. Street sends a cover and newspaper clipping, which states that the first flight took place on the above date, the plane leaving Miami at 9 A. M. A stop was made at Key West and the landing took place in Havana at 1.35 P. M. No official cachet was used at Miami, as the New York mail was transferred direct to the plane, not passing through the Miami P. O. The mail leaving New York on the 3.00 P. M. train goes through to Key West as heretofore, but mail leaving on the 7 P. M. train is routed through Miami and given service by plane to Cuba. Passengers are carried over this route, the planes having a seating capacity for eight, and a schedule goes into effect on Dec. 15th, that will give Miami and Havana direct service. This route is the fore-runner of a complete service from the U. S. through the West Indies and back up the Central American coast to Mexico City, connecting there with the Mexico-U. S. route.

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I have received a number of letters from collectors who have sent covers to Postmasters at points where Airport and Air Meet cachets were possible, and the covers have been returned with the statement that no OFFICIAL cachet will be used or is known. For your information —and I thought that all Air Mail cover collectors were familiar with this fact— the Post Office Department does NOT give official recognition to these affairs, confining themselves to contract routes, and in a few cases, very special flights where cachets are used. Consequently, NEVER SEND YOUR COVERS TO THE LOCAL POSTMASTER for the Airport Dedication cachets. Send them to the local Chamber of Commerce, or the American Legion. By so doing, you will relieve the postmasters of considerable work in returning your covers, with explanations, as well as insure yourself of getting any cachet that is to be used.

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The Postmaster at New York sends me the official record of the number of covers carried on the First Trip from Paris to New York by the S. S. Ile de France that was given the special Air Service, and the number carried back to France on the first Eastbound trip. New York to Paris, 657 letters and 856 other pieces, including prints, etc. Paris to New York, 1,606 pieces. In the "Postal Bulletin" under date of Sept. 20th, there appears a notice suspending the ship-to-shore service temporarily, probably due to loss of plane on the last trip to France, and inability to secure a substitute in time to resume service on the next two trips of the vessel.

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Sharon, Pa., held dedication services for an Airport on Sept. 22nd, and covers carry an UNOFFICIAL cachet, oval in design and reading "Shenango Valley Aviation Meet, Sept. 22, 1928, Sharon, Pa."

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Here is a most peculiar Airport Dedication cachet! Typewritten across the stamp "Carbondale, Illinois, Airport Dedication, September 16, 1928", in three lines. This is the first one I have received of this character and it certainly is a novelty, to say the least!

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Mr. C. A. Hartwig writes that another Lindbergh cover was made during the recent National Air Races held at Los Angeles. On Sept. 10th, Lieut. Williams, a member of the Army squad flying under the euphonious appellation of the THREE MUSKETEERS, crashed and was seriously injured during the manœuvers on that date. He died on Sept. 11th, and a special order was forthcoming from the Army Air Corps Headquarters at Mines Field, dated Sept. 12th, appointing Col. Lindbergh his successor. During the balance of the week, the Colonel acted in Lieut. Williams stead, thereby giving the public a complete set of new thrills, and collectors a new set of Lindbergh covers.

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By the time you have read these lines, the two big events of October 1st, will be history and I trust that you were successful in getting your covers through to Mexico City and way stations, as well as Montreal, Quebec and Toronto. If your name is on the Canadian Post Office's mailing list, you probably were aware of the Toronto-Montreal extension, through the bulletin sent you. Burlington and Poughkeepsie were left out in the cold,

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the latter point not having a satisfactory landing field, I am informed.

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The coöperator list this week is a long one and the many clippings, letters, covers and information received are appreciated by collectors throughout the country, I can assure you. Paul P. Wentz, A. L. H. Kirkwood*, H. C. Carpenter*, E. Strasser, E. C. Cantrell, George T. Street*, Buel A. French, C. E. Jandrue, Jr.*, F. O. Nelson*, J. W. Barta, L. O. Dutcher, Wm. Esselen, Jr., A. C. Henderson, C. A. Hartwig*, Harold K. Frederick*, John B. Jackson, Lloyd H. McEwen, John W. Stanton, C. A. Forster, Billy Burr*, Jos. Glenczewski, Francis C. Ryan, C. S. George*, John Thomas*, Henry F. Kohr, J. J. Lipsey, L. B. Gatchell.*

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Mr. H. C. Carpenter sends a Cincinnati "Airace" cover from that point, dated Sept. 22nd and 23rd, the cachet being in the form of a rainbow. NOT OFFICIAL.

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Another novelty has been received from Mr. H. K. Frederick, the cover carrying a cachet that reads "First Nonstop Pickup From The Ground While Plane Is In Full Flight, etc., etc." The cachet is square and was applied by the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce, Chillicothe, Mo. The event was the successful attempt of B. M. Tuxhorn, inventor and pilot, to pick up a sack of mail without landing his plane. Mr. Tuxhorn made two trips to St. Joseph, Mo., with mail picked up in this manner, the letters being forwarded from that point by Air Mail. Mr. Harry F. Kohr sent in the newspaper account of the affair.

Mr. C. F. Jandrue, Jr., has presented me with still another novelty, this time an Ile de France cover, mailed Sept. 3rd, AT SEA, and shot from the vessel in the plane on the same date, arriving in Boston ON THE SAME DATE! Can you beat that for service? Mr. Jandrue states that "luck was with me and it was a long chance," but he certainly must have worked fast to get the covers through!

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On Sept. 24th, a marker was to be dedicated to the memory of W. C. (Billy) Robinson at his grave in Grinnell, Ia. Billy was one of the pioneer Air Mail pilots of the country, holding, it is believed, the second Government license ever issued. Back in 1914, he carried out a flight under the auspices of the Des Moines Capital, taking mail from Des Moines to Chicago via Kentland, Indiana. Starting his flight October 17th, he was delayed by fog, finally arriving in Chicago. A special cachet was applied on Sept. 24th, to Air Mail which read "Dedication of Memorial for Billy Robinson, Grinnell, Ia., September 24, 1928, Second Authorized Government Air Pilot, 1914." I am indebted to Mr. C. S. George for the above facts and a cover from the affair.

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We may illustrate the cachet to be used Oct. 9th, at San Antonio, Texas, for the "Record Air Mail Flight," that is being sponsored by the San Antonio Chapter of the N. A. A. during the American Legion Convention. Through the courtesy of Mr. E. C. Cantrell.

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Mr. J. J. Lipsey advises that on Aug. 1st, the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce applied a special cache[t] Air Mail reading "First Flight Unde[r] Rate, Pikes Peak, Colo. Springs, [Aug.] 1st." 1,590 letters were carried f[rom] Colo. Springs to Denver, and 200 [were] sent out to Pueblo. Not very many [cov]ers to the latter point, that is certain

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Lansdowne Field, Greenville, [Ohio] was dedicated on Sept. 23rd, covers b[ear]ing a four line cachet. This field [was] named after the commanding officer [of] the Shenandoah, who met death [while] in the discharge of his duties on [the] vessel.

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The new 5c Canadian Air Mail st[amp] was issued on Sept. 21st, and is most [at]tractive. The color is a shade of br[own] the design, an upper portion of a gl[obe] showing the Dominion, two female f[ig]ures clasping hands, an airplane in fl[ight] and other details. The color will [not] take cancellations well, as covers re[-]ceived so far have been conspicuous [by] the fact that the cancels completely [ob]merge the stamp.

New Approval Books

From the Estate of a recently deceased Newark collector—I have bought a number of collections of countries in which he specialized during the last twenty years. This collector only bought early 19th Century stamps and selected them very carefully for condition. The following are now arranged and priced very reasonably:—

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Three books. The 1854-55 are a fine lot, many unused blocks of four. Fine pair with side margin of the rare ½a red, 26 copies of the 4a red and blue, including pairs with blue wavy line and pair with the 5½mm between the stamps.
The 1855-59 are also a fine lot and include two unused 2a green and other uncommon varieties.

VICTORIA
Four books. All issues to 1890 are strongly represented in choice copies. A number of pairs and strips. Many rare watermarks, roulettes, etc. Two of the scarce 5/- yellow (unused and used), etc., etc.

URUGUAY
Three books. Nice lot of early issues, large margins and scarce cancellations. This country is well represented up to the issues of 1906.

BRAZIL
Three books. A very fine lot of 1843 (Bull's Eyes) and nice pairs and blocks in the issues of 1844-46 and 1850-54. Good book of Don Pedro Issues.

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ph Stewart, Executive Assistant Postmaster General, will leave York on the Leviathan, October 6, end the meetings of the Commis- f Studies of the Universal Postal ess in Paris, it was announced by aster General New today.

Stewart represents the United on the Commission, which will up for consideration and recom- tion to the Universal Postal Con- meeting in London next year the itions submitted by the postal ad- rations of the world to the Con-

will be accompanied to Europe by Frankhauser, his secretary, and E. Lamiell, post office inspector, attend as functionnaires attaches sist in the work.

mail rates and regulations will be the most important questions to sidered at the Paris meeting. Va- ther questions which will also come the London meeting will be con- l by the Commission. These in- revision of international postage conditions of mailability and trans- s. Transit rates are those paid by untry to another for the service ed it in carrying its mail across her's territory or for forwarding y sea. This question is always a ive one, both at the Commission g and at the meeting of the ess.

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By William Lycett.

You may be interested in knowing that Bishop J. C. Hartzell, retired Bishop of Africa, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who died September 6, aged 86, was an ardent collector of stamps, specializing in Africa after his election to the bishopric in 1896. He was a friend of mine, and his predecessor, William Taylor, was also an acquaintance. Thirty years ago my source of supply of Liberia stamps was Bishop Taylor's son, Ross, and they were not cancelled to order either. For many years my collection was mounted in the albums, discarded by Bishop Hartzell when he began collecting Africa only, and later many an African good stamp came from the Bishop. In his work in Africa, he often acted in a government diplomatic capacity, and once was plenipotentiary for Liberia to Great Britain and the United States, at which time he was instrumental in saving Liberia from foreign aggression.

As a recent issue of *The Christian Advocate* of New York, says, "Civil governors recognized his superior quality and treated him with unusual respect. Diligent in his business, he did not hesitate to stand before kings. The Portuguese monarch entertained him at his private table with the German Kaiser, and granted him special concessions for Methodist activity in Angola and Inhambane." Just a little story to show what friends he had: Once, while at my home as a guest, he brought his African collection with him. He had the later 19th century stamps of the various South African colonies practically complete in mint condition. Looking at the ten and twenty-five pound stamps, I remarked: "Do you know, Bishop, if you had put the same amount of money in unused United States stamps, it would have been a much better financial investment?" He replied, "How do you know I put any money in them?" to which I replied, "I hardly thought you got them for nothing." "Well, I did; Cecil Rhodes gave me those stamps, and more besides."

The Bishop was at one time a member of the S. P. A., but honorably resigned for lack of time as he advanced in years. And I will incidentally tell you that he was not the only Bishop of the Methodist Church interested in stamps either.

AIR MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effective October 1, 1928, Air Mail Service will be established from New York to Montreal, via Albany, on Foreign Air Mail Route No. 1. The postage rate will be five cents for the first ounce and ten cents for each additional ounce or fraction. A special cancellation will be used at New York and Albany, and we are advised that the Montreal office will also use one. Mail for dispatch from Montreal must be prepaid in Canadian postage at the above rate. We are not in a position at this time to furnish the schedule of this route, but understand the northbound trip is to leave New York in the morning with arrival at Montreal that afternoon. Service from Montreal to Toronto and return will be established on that same date.

On October 1, 1928, Air Mail Service between the United States and Mexico will be inaugurated, and CAM 22 between Dallas and San Antonio will be extended to Laredo, Texas, arriving at the latter point at 12.55 p. m. The southbound service to Laredo will be commenced on Sept. 30th, and the northbound service from Laredo on October 2, planes in each case making connection with the planes to and from Mexico, which will operate out of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, at 8.30 a. m., Oct. 1, arriving Mexico City, 5.40 p. m., that date, and leaving Mexico City 9.15 a. m., Oct. 1st, arriving at Nuevo Laredo at 6.25 p. m., that date.

San Antonio and Laredo will be furnished with first flight cachets to be used on Sept. 30th, southbound, and Oct. 2nd, northbound. The rate of postage to Mexico will be twenty cents per ounce or fraction thereof. Service from San Antonio to Laredo will be prepaid at the usual rate. Articles posted in Mexico for dispatch via Air Mail should be prepaid with Mexican postage in the amount of 60 centavos for each 20 grams or fraction thereof. Stops will be made at Monterrey, Saltillo, San Luis Potosi, and Queretaro on the line between Nuevo Laredo and Mexico City.

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I regret to report the death of Henry J. Larsen, of Cleveland, Ohio. This occurred Wednesday, Sept. 26, 1928. Mr. Larsen was about 71 years of age, and a resident of Cleveland for many years, being Member No. 163 in the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, and No. 4145 in the American Philatelic Society.

He attended many Conventions of the A. P. S., including the recent one at Toronto.

While not a deep student of philately, Mr. Larsen loved his stamps, and in turn he was loved by all his good friends, and his cheery smile and unfailing good will, will be missed by many.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Larsen's family.—W. G. Whittaker.

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WHEN one can say with sincerity that the impending stamp season is to be the most active and prosperous ever known, if indications are not wholly misread, one records the announcement most cheerfully. It is usually the case with successful enterprises that each twelve-months' business shows a gain over the preceding year's aggregate; and so it is natural that the institution of collecting exhibit the same condition. A growth of interest in stamps due to an augmented number of collectors makes a profitable season a certainty; and it must follow that the publicity that collecting has been receiving will bring many recruits to philately's standard. We think that those who are interested in the development of philately may indulge in a bit of back-slapping on the eve of the new season.

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A SURGE of satisfaction that was felt upon seeing the words, "The Postage Stamp" by Dr. Frank Crane, in the newspapers carrying the doctor's syndicated essays was succeeded by one of disappointment at the treatment accorded the subject. He merely uses the stamp as an object-lesson as for instance, it needs a good licking first of all. The text reads somewhat like a sublimated study of the postage stamp by Josh Billings. With the exercise of imagination, the result would have been different. With a sentimental touch, a great picture could have been painted, as stamps are a panorama of the world.

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MR. NORMAN B. ELDREDGE relates the following interesting story: "I had a piece of good fortune a week ago. In looking over the effects of an aunt, I found a large Bible, which opened at a page where reposed a block of twenty-two of the one cent U. S. of 1861, unused, and of fine color, even though the centering was not very good. The stamps had gum and make a nice addition to my collection." We always have hopes of turning up similar things in old books, because once we did find a few three cent, 1869, in a dictionary at a book-store; and we bought the volume for 25c or so. Did we call the seller's attention to the stamps? To our shame, no, but some months later when we went to the west side to make peace with the bookman, there was a For Rent sign on the window and the neighbors did not know where he had gone; and no trace was found of him subsequently. However, we did penance of some kind and removed the sting of conscience.

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RECENTLY, a friend brought a lot of nearly two hundred stamps, all three cents of 1857-60, 1861 and 1869, respectively, to us for examination that he had torn off envelopes that he had just found in a store-room. It is to be noticed that in this lot of letters, there was not a single 1c or rather strip of three of the 1c. Over 100 of the 3c, 1861, produced just six really fine copies, not one of which was superb, and excepting several very fine 3c, 1857-60, and one magnificent 3c, 1869, there was not a full catalogue stamp in the assortment. The "over catalogue" U. S. comes about once in a hundred, in the case of stamps that do not depend for added value on their cancellations. We know that collectors find prices on U. S. puzzling, but after all, it may be said that they are based on the fruits of experience, as a rule.

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IN connection with the foregoing remarks, we make room for the following quotation: "Used United States stamps in fine condition, especially the earlier issues, in fact all prior to 1890, stamps priced from about 20c to several dollars each, are getting very scarce and dealers' stocks throughout New York, as well as in other cities, are strikingly short of this class of material. There is an abundance of the same stamps in average or good condition, but very little that is fine. For exceptional copies full catalogue and more is often asked, while the general run can be bought at 50 *per cent.* discount and less. It has been predicted in high places that prices in the catalogue must rise to meet the situation. Therefore, those who take advantage of the present prices will have nothing to regret." This is a fair review of the subject and its findings may be applied to conditions as they exist at present, although it is interesting to find that the paragraph is taken from a number of the old *Philatelic Gazette* dated in the year 1912.

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A READER, Mr. George A. Emory, St. Louis, says that "last year I was in Monrovia, Liberia, for a few hours and found the postmaster (or his assistant) eager enough to sell stamps. I should judge that the postal needs of the country are not extensive and it seems to be accepted as a matter of course that the greater demand for issues is wholly philatelic. I did not have time to get any news of particular interest to collectors, but I do not find Liberia any more 'benighted' than certain other countries that make no secret of 'collectors first'." We should like to have further observations from Mr. Emory.

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THE following criticism was received from Mr. F. W. Bohle, Oakland, California, soon after the new air mail stamp appeared: "I am an engraver by profession and cannot say that I favor the design or size of the new 5c air mail stamp. The size of the stamp is too much of the label variety; perhaps a quarter-inch less in height would have been more appropriate. The border in red is all right but the blue I find all wrong. We are advertising 'air mail'. It seems to me that the beacon light shows far more prominently than the air plane, which, indeed, could not have been engraved smaller. I have received several letters on which the stamps are lightly canceled but it takes little ink to cover entire 'air plane' and leave the beacon light still showing. Take off the large beacon light, insert a fine large air plane in center (more like No. 610) and you have a design advertising air mail. The beacon light could remain but its size and position would have to be changed."

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MR. GRANT L. JONES of Minneapolis, Minnesota, writes a sharp letter to say that in many respects the prices on United States Stamps are preposterous. He does not object to elevation of them, but to their misleading character, and he says that catalogue quotations are meaningless. He cites an experience that he had with one stamp: "I get around the country and call on dealers when I have the chance. I was in need of a fine 12c of 1869 and had to pay $5.00 for a suitable specimen; the stamp is catalogued at $3.50. When fair copies cost one-half catalogue, why should a perfect copy bring $5.00? Mr. Jones has more to say and we can understand his contention. While a price of half-catalogue might be assumed in view of the condition of a stamp, what is there to indicate a price of double catalogue, let us say? Mr. Jones is speaking of straight stamps and not those that have an added value through their cancellations. If he will read his catalogue he will find that the prices quoted are for specimens in good condition and "in most instances extra fine copies bring far higher prices." Even so, there is a further restriction that "good condition" in early U. S. is not on a par with "specimens from countries where more care is taken in perfor... and lighter cancellations are u... These are fair generalizations and... press in a few words the price plan... prevails in valuing United States sta...

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N one of Gluyas Williams' comic strips, "Snapshots of a Boy Getting ressed," one of the slow-motion pic-ures has the boy putting on his shoes hile looking through his stamp collec-on.

N the Chicago *Tribune's* column, "Do you remember way back when," a orrespondent harks back to the time hen boys collected tobacco tags as they d postage stamps. It is no feat of emory to recall those days and prob-bly we have a copy somewhere of the *ag World,* published in 1886 or 1887, at contained stamp news as well as that f its specialty.

MR. J. MAX GOLDING, Chicago, has been elected as vice-chairman f air mail extension board for the U. by the Civil Air Corps International nstitute in U. S. A.; and because of s knowledge of "expanding relations" ith Mexico he has been elected as one f the commissioners to Mexico.

FROM Mr. C. S. George, Grinnell, Iowa, we have received the special r mail impression: "Dedication of lemorial For Billy Robinson, Grinnell, owa, September 24, 1928, Second Au-norized Government Air Pilot, 1914."

A VISIT from Mr. O. J. Olson, St. Paul, Minnesota, discloses the fact at Mr. Olson again is giving attention o his fine collections, after a period of omparative philatelic inaction. Wel-ome to our midst, say we.

HERE are a few lines that read well: "The pioneer postman had to travel hrough trackless forests, was sworn to ehave civilly, and to blaze a path, by harking trees, for the guidance of trav-llers who might follow him."

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COLLECTING BY EXCHANGING—SOME EXPERIENCES

By Percy A. Hill.

I have often wondered what kind of a collection of stamps a chap could get together by merely exchanging with others. Of course I am not saying that it could not be done, or at least some kind of a collection made. But such a collection would never be worthy of meriting more than a leather medal at best. From experience I have found the art of exchanging to be x— the unknown quantity. In my earlier days of chasing the elusive adhesive I was stung and re-stung so often that I swore off after the manner of Omar the Tentmaker, but being an ardent collector of personal covers, I swore on again, being of the genus homo anyway.

I once exchanged duplicates with a fellow in the near-millionaire class, and after exhausting some reams of paper and a pound of stamps found that he was—near. On the other hand a lone washerwoman in Peru supplied me with some rare pieces. An Indian from Karachi wrote me once offering exchanges, and not knowing him from Adam or Ghandi, I bundled up a lot of Neurope and sent him. He came back at me bewailing the fact that I had only sent him "the commonest very" and enclosing a few good Persians, which was rendering good for evil. Naturally I made up for my faux pas by swapping him good values to our mutual satisfaction.

Another would-be financier sent me some "scarce imperforates" from which he had carefully clipped the perforations, and was deeply grieved when I did not add these priceless gems to my collection. A European once sent me a set of fakes so evident that a blind man could feel them with his stick. In exchange he said I "must"—using the imperative—send him nothing that catalogued less than 300 francs. I sang with joy at that chap and only hope he got my letter properly translated into Esperanto. Again there was the lady from "down under" in Australia who sent me a bulky parcel upon which I paid fifty-eight cents postage due. I was under the impression it was a Xmas surprise packet and paid sight unseen by a messenger. The 2,300 Australians were of about ten kinds gleaned with great labor from the common herd and were to be exchanged against ten complete current sets with a value of fifty dollars. Again I swore off collecting and wondered how that astute lady acquired my address that I might pay the return of her package of—Oh well, used postage stamps. I don't think she was a plump lady, anyway.

Another, a Russian, sent me six stamps with a catalog value of twelve cents, Scott money, and wanted the low-down on incubators. I sent him the information to the best of my ability and have often wondered if he wanted to hatch out stamps or merely boil them. Another dusky gent from Travancore offered me by postcard 300 of the one and two chuckram stamps of that district in exchange for a first class camera. I expect he wanted to set up as a photographer, anyhow, he was no true philatelist.

Then again was the chap who used a high-class letterhead and offered charming prices for some high values purchased at the Postoffice, and I fell again, both philatelically and financially, and then of him—no more. He has the stamps and I the experience. Cost, twenty dollars.

Speaking in general there is nothing to be gained by exchanging stamps except in rare cases when one runs across an honest and conscientious individual, and he may be a fat man at that. They say the best risk, philatelically speaking, is a fat man, so that we may expect that a snapshot will be the best form of introduction. The amount of hard cash spent in postage and registration and effort, would, if properly invested, bring much better stuff and more desirable items than the common junk one gets in exchanges.

As I say, not being infallible, I often fall, but the sole excuse is that I collect covers personally addressed, even more elusive than stamps. A collector who prides himself on immaculate condition, will of course accumulate a lot of duplicates in his career. From these he can salvage the best items and full sets and sell to a dealer for what he can get. The junk—and there are 10,000 varieties of this—can be given away on the quiet to the kiddies, as a quasi-criminal action.

One of the greatest philatelic crimes in the decalogue is that of the dealer who, desirous of extending business, gets the names of Club members or Philatelic societies and sends these surprised gents a fine collection of one hundred different Germany or Hungary at a bargain. The indignant addressee sends these back indignantly. But he is not thru with it. By the next mail they are the pleased recipients of a missive claiming that as they did not include the set of Mozambique or Brazil they owe the dealer $9.58, which he would be pleased to receive in U. S. Currency. As the inclosures only existed in the imagination of the dealer most chaps register a red-hot comeback. The best way is to simply ignore these Wallingfords and let it go at that. I shall not publish a list of these dealers, or short-dealers, as it might cause them embarrassment, but I will head a subscription to give them a brick house—a brick at a time—by mail C. O. D.

Experience has shown me that if a collection is to be built it needs responsible dealers and responsible collectors, the one with the goods and the others with the cash. But if one is not particular he can patch up a kind of a collection by exchanging, which was the fashion of our grandfathers years ago before the business became modernized. His collection will be open at both ends as well as in the middle. He may get an odd value of a set, but the page will remain odd, till he buys or steals the balance, or if he is a peaceable and optimistic gent, he can watch and pray.

Part of the exchange problem has now been taken up by more efficient agencies. Without either boosting or knocking any, I would like to call attention to the service rendered by those dealers in new issues. I notice at times there are quite a few who work themselves into a passion about percentages charged for this service. While they may have a slight reason about values costing over $5.00 I would like them to do as I did, before new issues came into vogue.

I found that in trying to get issues to the two shilling value that it cost me in postage, draft-costs, registration and return postage just about what it costs me now for the issues themselves. Furthermore, postmasters and agents often returned remittances in case a "scarce or speculative" issue was sold out. It takes special agents to often locate these, who are due a commission, all of which cannot be attended to by the lone collector. If anyone disbelieves this statement, he has one course open. He can try it himself. And as Confucius says, experience is the surest and most bitter of teachers.

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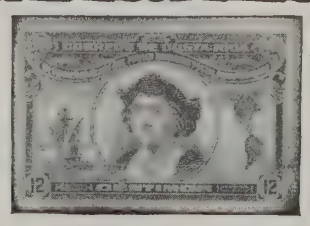

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Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

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Onorate L'Altissimo Poeta.—This inscription on Italy's 25c Dante stamp means "Honored be the most exalted poet."

Prisoners' Letters. — Letters mailed by prisoners of war, which are not as a rule franked with stamps but bear some indication of the fact that they are from prisoners.

Pristina.—This is a city of Turkey and its name with certain Turkish characters is found on Turkish stamps that were overprinted to commemorate a visit of the Sultan to Rumelia in 1910.

Stadt Post Basel.—The only inscription on the stamps of Basle meaning "Town post of Basle." "Basel" is the German form of the town name, "Basle" the English and "Bâle" the French.

Stamp Duty.—An inscription found upon various fiscal stamps or overprinted or engraved on postage stamps to denote their use for fiscal as well as postal purposes.

Junior News Items

By Beach Conger, Jr.

Albania.—Ahmed Zogu, former president of Albania, has been crowned King of his small mountain country. This event seems to forecast a new issue for the newest crowned head of Europe. Supplies of the 1 and 5 qind have been running low and the 10 and 25 qind have been surcharged 1 and 5 respectively to take care of the demand. Undoubtedly the administration is waiting until most of the other values are used up before they put a new set on the market.

Ecuador. — To commemorate the opening of a new railroad track from Quito to Cayambe in Ecuador, the Post Office Department surcharged several current values with the inscription "Frril. Norte-Julio 8 de 1928 Est Cayambe." The surcharge was red, and new values were placed on each stamp. As the complete issue, said to be 4,500 was sold out the first day, we cannot give any more information at present.

French Colonies.—On September 24th, a new value appeared in several of the French Colonial Post Offices, the 1.10Fr. 20 all told were supplied. The 30 centimes stamp of Gabon, Guinea, Guiana, Mauritania, Senegal and Sudan were issued according to the color scheme of the U. P. U., as were the 15c Madagascar, 45c Senegal, 75c Oubangi and Tchad, 1Fr Guiana, Madagascar and Togo. Current values ceased to circulate on that date.

Italy.—The Italian Post Office has announced two new commemorative sets. The first commemorates the 4th centenary of the birth of Emanuele Filiberto, and the second the Victory of Vittorio in 1918. The former consists of 6 values. The 20, 25, 30 cent. and 5 lire show the profile of Filiberto. The 1.25 and 20 lire portray him on horseback. The second set consists of 4 values, 50 and 75 cent., 1.75 and 10 lire, and shows an allegory of the victory.

Colman & Law

A firm of booksellers and druggists of Gonzales, Texas, who issued 5c and 10c stamps in that town in 1861, these

labels being used for local postage until they were replaced by the general issue for the Confederate States.

Cayman Islands

A group of three small islands (Grand Cayman, Little Cayman and Cayman Brac) in the Caribbean Sea under the government of Jamaica, from which they are about 200 miles distant. They have a total area of 225 square miles and a population of about 6,000. The islands were discovered by Columbus in 1494

and named "Las Tortugas" by him on account of the numbers of turtles found there. Turtle fishing is still the staple industry of the islanders. Prior to 1900 this small group managed without its own postage stamps, but in that year special ½d and 1d values were issued, and these were followed by a more extensive set in the year 1901.

Junior Dictionary

Printer's Waste.—A term sometimes applied to errors and freaks in postage stamps which may reasonably be suspected of having become circulated by more or less illegitimate means.

Prir. — An overprint shown on certain Iceland stamps issued in 1897. The first letter is not a true "p" but a Saxon letter signifying "th". The whole word means "three."

Private Perforations. — Applied to imperforate stamps unofficially as a matter of private convenience in separating the labels one from the other. The varieties most frequently met with are those made in the United States by various concerns for use in the coil machines of different patterns.

Private Stamps.—Issued by private individuals or societies, with official sanction, and recognized by the Governments of the countries in which they appear as having proper franking power within certain specified limits. Instances may be found in the private stamps for Civilian Rifle Clubs issued in Portugal, and the stamp issued by Senor Duro in Spain in 1881.

Pro Combattenti. — An overprint or inscription shown on various stamps issued in San Marino in 1918 meaning literally "for the troops." The stamps were sold at a premium over their postal value, the extra amount being devoted to a special fund in connection with the Italian Red Cross.

HERE AND THERE—

We have received a clipping from the Worcester *Telegram* of Sept. 15, which consists of a letter from Fred Schiller from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Frank L. Coes of Worcester, portraying the tragedy that lurks in the ice wilderness of the Arctic, and the gallantry of the men who venture forth in frail airplanes so that the great natural phenomena may be photographed. Mr. Schiller writes an interesting story, which we would be glad to reprint had we the space. We have mentioned him before as residing at Fairbanks, the world's farthest north city. Point Barrow, mentioned in the letter, is the world's farthest north post-office.

The address of Ward R. Chapin, Detroit, Mich., has been changed to 3684 Concord Avenue. Correspondents will please note.

We learn from a Fairfield, Iowa, paper that Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Spielman were recently in a serious automobile accident when their car was hurled fifty feet, thrown completely over endwise and yet landed on its wheels headed in the opposite direction. Mr. and Mrs. Spielman were both painfully bruised, and fortunate indeed in escaping serious injury. Many who attended the Cleveland Exhibition will remember the great interest they evidenced in the exhibits.

Morris J. Babis, 277 S. 63 St., Philadelphia, Pa., is sending out a special list of sets and single stamps. It has some thirty-two pages and will be sent to any address on request.

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WASHINGTON IN PRAYER

By A. T. Witbeck.

I have just read Mr. Ray B. Grove's ticle on Washington at Valley Forge published in the issue of the 17th. No living person knows whether ashington was a religious man, except om hearsay or from contemporary his- ians. Naturally the latter would be best authority. An American histo- n contemporary with Washington ght be to some extent warped in his lgment, but a British one undoubtedly uld not. May I then be permitted to ote from "An Historical, Geographical, mmercial and Philosophical View of American United States," etc., by W. nterbotham, London, 1795.

Mr. Winterbotham, writing as he s a little earlier, in 1791, of Washing- 's Inauguration (Vol. I, page 590, last ragraph), says:

"Several circumstances concurred to der the scene of his inauguration un- ually solemn—the presence of the be- ed Father and Deliverer of his coun- —the impressions of gratitude for his t services—the vast concourse of ctators — *the devout fervency with ich he repeated the oath, and the rev- ntial manner in which he bowed to s the sacred volume*—(Italics mine). the bottom of page 591 he has the lowing note: "'It seemed, from a nber of witnesses', said a spectator of scene, 'to be a solemn appeal to ven and earth at once. Upon the ject of this great and good man, I y, perhaps, be an enthusiast'," etc. t is highly improbable that Washing- ton just "got religion", therefore, isn't it fair to assume that if he was so fervent in 1789 that it is probable that he was just as religious in 1777, or 1747 for that matter.

I think that Mr. Grove should furnish the stamp collecting world with the name of the author of the matter mentioned. This person either should be made to prove his statement, which is very doubtful if he be able to do so, or all good collectors should endeavor to throw their business elsewhere, until such time as this traducer should learn not to mix his personal opinion with business.

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COVERS

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1847—10c, six single copies used together.

1847—5c, used with 1c 1851 and both tied to envelope with greenish town postmark. Only one I've ever seen.

1847—5c, eight single copies used together.

1847—5c, used with 1c and 3c 1857 to make 9c rate (3 times 3c). Philadelphia to New York. If it isn't unique it should be.

1847—5c, tied to cover with Philadelphia postmark and cancelled with blue 5 in circle.

1847—10c, on cover to Cape Breton and tied with an extremely rare New York postmark. (Have seen only two other '47 covers with this postmark.)

1851-56—5c, beauty used to France and tied with black N. O. postmark dated 1857.

1857-60—1c plate 11, used on news band.

1857-60—5c red brown type I on cover to Nova Scotia, grid canc., Philadelphia octagonal postmark.

1857-60—3c used with pair of 1c, common types to Hong Kong.

1863—24c used with two Black Jacks making 28c rate to some place with a German name in Hessen-Cassel. From La Paz in Ill. Too bad it wasn't from La Paz in Bol. U. S. on covers from Bolivia are so intriguing!

1861—5c red brown used with 10c and 30c to make 45c rate to Singapore.

1862—10c used with pair of 5c to Guatemala, "by favour of Panama R. R. Co."

1869—6c used from Lansing, Mich., to Bay City. One of those towns used a mighty pretty eight-rayed flower to cancel the stamp.

1869—1c used with two 12c making a 25c rate to Rosario, way down south in the Argentine. Feb. to May, 1870—a long journey in those years.

1871—24c purple used with pair of 10c equals 44c postage on cover to India. Mark of Sea Post Office on back.

1871—1c pair with pair of 3c and 6c pair makes 20c, which equals a pair of 10c rates on this cover from Yokohama, Japan. If you've ever seen a cover from Japan with three different U. S. stamps on it, you've seen more than I'll admit to.

1896—Japan 5c No. 77 tied to cover with Foo Chow 1c green from China to New York via Yokohama and San Fran. The Chinese war canoe on the Foo Chow sticker alone is worth the price of admission and no extra charge for the Shanghai postmark.

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The 1869 issue from 1c to 90c is a wonderful lot and of the 10c, which happened to be a favorite with the collector, there are numerous cancellations that are generally picked up one at a time. I note two used in Japan, one with a French Steamer postmark, one cancelled with the well-known bumble-bee, several stars of different designs in black and blue, two with the foreign mail cancellations usually found on the later issues, numerous flowers, shields, town cancellations, crosses, etc., in red, black, blue and green. There is also a strip of four, something very unusual. The reissue is complete in magnificent singles lightly cancelled.

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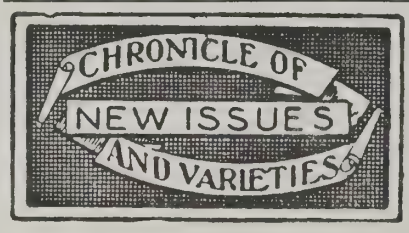

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United States

Envelope News

Under date of September 18th the Postmaster General awarded to the International Envelope Corporation of New York the contract for furnishing the Post Office Department with 12,800,000,000 stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers for the four-year period beginning January 1, 1929.

It will be recalled that the original bids for envelopes were thrown out due to slight discrepancies and when the new bids were opened on September 17th, it was found that material reduction had been made by those firms submitting quotations. In the final bids the successful contractors, which are subsidiaries of the International Paper Company, quoted around $100,000 less than the present contractors, the Middle West Supply Company, who have been supplying our envelopes for a period of twenty years, with the exception of a short period of a few months. The present contract calls for an expenditure in excess of $13,000,000 and as it is a substantial saving over the prevailing prices, it would not be surprising if in time the Department found it advisable to cut the stamped envelope prices to the public. In view of the change, it is not likely that the air mail envelope will be ready by January first, as had been expected. It is the Department's intentions of having the die completed as soon as possible and after the new firm starts its production the air mail envelope will appear in due time.

It is quite probable that the new contractor will erect a plant in Dayton, the location of the present contractors, for the manufacture of these envelopes. Dayton is a centrally located point and has satisfactory railroad connections with all sections of the country, so that envelopes may be shipped efficiently, anywhere desired.

The present contractors have started to turn out the precancelled stamped envelopes recently described and the first that have been noted without the corner imprints are those placed on sale at the Philadelphia Post Office. Precancel collectors of entire envelopes will find that some of the varieties now appearing are likely to be scarce as the watermark will change under the new contract. The engraved dies, however, will not change at that time, for it would take some months to engrave the necessary new dies, so that the new contractors will start their deliveries with envelopes produced in the prevailing designs.

Under date of September 20th Mr. R. S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General, instructed all postmasters to return to Washington the dies used for overprinting the new value 1½c upon t old 1c envelopes, stating that there do not appear to be any further need f their use. On their arrival in Washin ton, they no doubt, will be checked a destroyed, as was the case with the pr vious 2c dies.

Hawaiian Surcharges

When the numerous varieties of ove print of the Hawaiian surcharges we noted it was assumed that the defec were due to broken or worn types, but now learn from Mr. A. W. Hall, Direc or of the Bureau of Engraving a Printing, that this is not the case. H states that this condition is not due broken letters occurring after the plat had been used for a length of time. T plates for the overprinting, which we made by the Government Printing Offic were perfect when received, and wh again examined on September 21st th were still found to be in first class co dition, with no broken or incorrect lette

Mr. Hall states that the surchargi was done on the rotary press on mois ened paper and the overprinting was a plied while the paper and the plate prin ing ink were still wet. The type at tim filled up with the wet plate printing in and in such cases did not give sha letters or figures. The Director ca attention to the fact that the ink us for precancelling rotary work does n give the same sharp print as when us for surcharging surface printed d work.

The orders for these stamps contin to be received in great numbers at t Philatelic Agency, and those on hand present are more than sufficient to use all of the supplies on hand with the po sible exception of a few that are bad off center. If the applicant is not sati fied with this, it is suggested that h not place his order, as it will be impo sible to supply satisfactory copies. It not the intention of the Department issue a further supply.

At the present time, the Agency from two to three weeks behind in the work and it is impossible to add new i experienced help on these special occ sions where the demand is much greate than normal. Every effort is being mad to complete the orders as soon as pos sible and realizing what the Agency i doing for us, it is suggested that com plaining letters not be addressed to th Department. The Air Mail stamp havin been issued about the same time is als bringing to hand numerous orders whic swell the volume.

Air Mail Increases

The sale of the new 5-cent air mai stamp throughout the country has bee enormous and the reason will readily b seen when it is noted in the remarks o the Postmaster General given out o September 10th wherein statement i made that during August when the rat was 5 cents, the amount of mail in creased 95% over the month of July when the rate was 10 cents. Compare with June the increase was just shor of 100%, and compared with May it wa in excess of this amount.

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29	"	10c black on bluish	19.50
35a	1851,	10c green	3.00
42f	1857,	1c blue	.75
43	"	3c rose, type I	.45
47	"	5c brown, type I	6.75
51	"	12c black	3.00
63	1861,	1c blue	.45
63b	"	1c dark blue	1.25
68	"	10c yellow green	.45
68a	"	10c dark green	.60
69	"	12c black	1.40
70	"	24c red lilac	5.00
71	"	30c orange	1.60
72	"	90c blue	8.00
73	1862,	2c black	.20
76	"	5c brown	1.40
77	"	15c black	2.00
78	"	24c lilac	1.40
112	1869,	1c buff (Franklin)	1.60
113	"	2c brown (Horseman)	.45
115	"	6c ultr. (Washington)	2.25
116	"	10c yellow (Coat of Arms)	1.90
117	"	12c green (Steamship)	2.25
118	"	15c brown & blue (type I)	5.00
119	"	15c brown & blue (type II)	2.00
120	"	24c green & violet	6.00
121	"	30c blue & carmine	3.00
122	"	90c carmine and black	25.00
149	1870,	7c vermilion	1.50
150	"	10c brown	.50
151	"	12c dull violet	.90
152	"	15c bright orange	1.00
153	"	24c purple	3.00
154	"	30c full black	2.00
155	1870,	90c carmine	$3.50
160	1873,	7c vermilion	1.75
161	"	10c brown	.20
162	"	12c blackish violet	1.00
163	"	15c yellow orange	1.25
165	"	30c gray black	.60
166	"	90c rose carmine	4.25
179	1875,	5c blue	.25
186	1879,	6c pink	.35
189	"	15c red orange	.50
190	"	30c full black	.90
191	"	90c carmine	3.50
*213	1887,	3c vermilion, 75c, used	.90
217	1888,	30c orange brown	1.25
218	"	90c purple	4.00
*227	1890,	15c indigo, unused	1.10
		Used	.50
*228	"	30c black, unused	2.00
		Used	.60
*229	"	90c orange, unused	3.75
		Used	1.75
238	1893,	15c dark green	1.00
239	"	30c orange brown	1.30
240	"	50c slate blue	1.40
276	1895,	$1 black	1.00
*291	1898,	50c sage green, unused	4.25
		Used	2.50
311	1902,	$1 black	.50
*478	1916,	$1 violet black	9.00
479	"	$2 dark blue	.65
480	"	$5 light green	1.25
522	1918,	$2 orange & black	2.25
523	"	$5 green & black	2.00
547	1920,	$2 carmine & black	.35
572	1922-6,	$2 deep blue	.30
573	"	$5 carm. & dark blue	1.35

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145-52	1870-1, 1c to 15c	3.75
182-90	1879, 1c to 30c	2.00
219-29	1890, 1c to 90c	2.35
230-40	1893, 1c to 50c	3.40
*285-90	1898, 1c to 10c, unused	3.25
	Used	1.40
*294-9	1901, 1c to 10c, unused	1.90
	Used	1.25
*323-7	1904, 1c to 10c, unused	2.50
	Used	1.45
*328-30	1907, 1c to 5c, unused	.50
	Used	.25
*397-400	1912, 1c to 10c, unused	1.10
	Used	.30
*520-2	1918, Air Mail, 6-24c, unused	1.20
	Used	.70
*548-50	1920, 1c to 5c, unused	.35
	Used	.20
*608-10	1923, Air Mail, 8-24c, unused	.75
	Used	.35
*614-16	1924, 1c to 5c, unused	.20
	Used	.15
*617-19	1925, 1c to 5c, unused	$ .20
	Used	.15
*620-1	1925, Norse, 2 and 5c, unused	.35
	Used	.27
*624-6	1926-7, Air Mail, 10c, 15c, 20c, unused, 60c; used	.25
*581-91	1922-6, 1c-10c, perf. 10 rotary	.90
1450-61	1912-13, Par. Post, 1c to $1	1.90
1514-23	U. S. Interior, 1c to 90c	4.35
1546-55	" P. O., 1c to 90c	6.00
1571-81	" Treasury, 1c to 90c	5.60
1582-92	" War, 1c to 90c	5.00
*2291-5	1912, P. P. Dues, 1c to 10c	1.00
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1928, 5c Air Mail carmine and blue (No. 648), very fine used, blocks of 4 .12

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With the new time saving schedule wherein coast to coast trips will be made in twenty-four hours, it is expected that the use of the air mail will be greatly increased. The transcontinental air mail route when first established was regarded as a superlative marvel of speed. The time for carrying a letter from New York to San Francisco was approximately 36 hours. When the beaconed airways and other improvements were developed, this was cut to 33 hours. Recently the schedule has called for 31 hours, but it was found that this did not fit in with the business hours at either terminus.

The Post Office Department is now about prepared to shorten the distance to 24 hours, which will clip off an entire business day from the delivery period for transcontinental mail. A new type of plane capable of 145 miles an hour is to be used on this new service. Under the new schedule an air mail letter from New York will be delivered in San Francisco almost as quickly as a normal letter by train to Boston.

Air Mail Fields are being dedicated weekly in some part of the country so that the time is not far distant when almost every city of any size will be a stopping point for the air mail service. Mr. Erwin Strasser kindly sends a cover from the Lansdowne Field, which was dedicated in Greenville, Ohio, on September 23rd, at which time a special marking was used.

Current Shades

In a recent Chronicle, it was stated that used copies had been seen of the current 11c Hayes in a greenish shade. We are now thoroughly convinced that there is no possibility of this variety being a changling, as mint blocks have been submitted by Messrs. Arthur R. Davis and W. M. Potts. Mr. Davis described this shade as a Paris green and states that it is on sale at his local office. So far, there has been noted three distinct shade varieties of this stamp, ranging from the blue, which first appeared when the stamp was issued, then the light blue and now the green, which is certainly worthy of catalog rank.

The 2-cent Valley Forge has been noted in the normal shade, as well as in a very dark lake. Mr. Davis now submits a block in a lighter shade, which he describes as "strawberry." Two or more shades have been noted in all denominations from ½c to 50c inclusive, in addition to the $5, which comes in two very distinct colors. As yet, I have noticed no difference of importance in the case of the $1 and $2.

25c Imperforate Horizontally

We had the pleasure of announcing the discovery several months back of the 25-cent green, Niagara Falls, imperforate horizontally and perforated 11 vertically, which Scott now describes in the Advance Sheets as No. 568-A.

At the time, other than noting two vertical strips of three, we were unable to obtain much information. It is now learned that a block of about twenty was found in the Atlanta, Georgia, post office during 1927, and that this was broken up into pairs and strips, with the exception of one block of four which bears plate No. 14063 on the right, showing that the variety comes from one of the right panes. We are most pleased to be able to report these details, for the place where the few errors which occur, are located, is always of interest.

Argentine Republic.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that a new 5c stamp has been issued in commemoration of the centenary of peace between the Empire of Brazil and the United Provinces of the River Platte. The stamp is oblong in shape and watermarked multiple suns RA in centre. A 12c blue, similar to the 5c, is to be issued, but as yet is not ready to be placed on sale.

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626	" .10	" .05
1574	" .20	" .10
3864c	" .20	" .10
3847a	" .35	" .17
3849c	" .60	" .30
4012	" .40	" .20
4040	" .50	" .25
4047	" .75	" .35
4057	" .60	" .30
4083	" .20	" .10
4085	" .40	" .20
4099	" .40	" .20
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"There is an official notice to the effect that a series of Antituberculeux stamps will be on sale on December 1st, comprising the undermentioned.

Subject.	*Value.*	*Surtax*
St. Wadru Cathedral, Mons,	0.05c	+5c
Notre Dame Cathedral, Tournai,	0.25c	+15c
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"These stamps are to be printed in Paris.

"The 1.75 (?), 2.35, 3.50, and 5.25 will represent Hotel de Ville, Brussels, Notre Dame d'Anvers, la Cuvette de Gand, and the Palais des Princes Evêques de Liége. Letters express and cards.

"A new series is in preparation to replace the present ordinary stamps of the Houyoux type, 1c to 50c, and 10fr, 25fr, 50fr, and 100fr.

"An aviation series of four stamps representing La Plage Ostende, La Rade and le Steen at Antwerp, La Citadelle de Namur, and the Belfry of Mons, with machine flying overhead. No prices stated for these last stamps. A 1fr railway or parcel post stamp has been issued."

"Parcels of Newspapers" provisionals.—According to the Amiens *Echo,* there has been a second printing of the "Journaux-Dagbladen 1928" provisionals, owing to the unexpected demand from stamp dealers. The quantity of the second printing appears to be small; it does not seem necessary for us to give the actual figures.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Bolivia.—The "competition" mentioned in our June 16th issue has been won by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., Ltd., who have contracted to supply for the sum of £733 6s 8d, including freight and insurance charges to Mollendo, the following:—

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Meanwhile three provisionals are reported, viz.:—15c on 20c blue, 7,000; 15c on 24c violet, 350,000; 15c on 50c orange, 193,000.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Chamba State.—The following values of the stamps of India, Nasik printing, have been surcharged for use in this state: 3 pies grey, ½a green, 2a purple, 3a blue, 4a olive, 8a magenta, 12a claret and 1R brown and green. Also the ½a green, 2a purple, 4a olive and 12a claret bear the additional surcharge "Service."

France.—*Joan of Arc Commemoratives.*—From several sources it is learnt that France contemplates issuing a series commemorating the 500th anniversary of the inauguration of Joan of Arc's campaign to liberate France in 1429.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

French Colonies.—*Stamp Collecting* supplies the information noted below: A new definitive denomination, 1fr 10c, will appear for the following Colonies on September 24th:—Cameroons, Congo, Dahomey, Gaboon, Guiana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Martinique, Mauritania, Oceanic Settlements, Oubangui, Réunion, St. Pierre Miquelon, Senegal, Somali Coast, Sudan, Tchad, Togo, Wallis and Futuna Islands.

More color changes.—The same date is decreed to witness stamps in new colors for the following:—Gaboon, 30c; Guiana, 30c, 1fr; Guinea, 30c; Madagascar, 15c, 1fr; Mauritania, 30c; Oubangui, 75c; Senegal, 30c, 45c; Sudan, 30c; Tchad, 75c; Togo, 1fr.

New Guinea.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 6p, in pale yellow bistre, same design as before. They are the work of the Commonwealth Treasury at Melbourne.

South West Africa.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 6p grey postage due stamp with the surcharge "S.W.A." overprinted on the top of th new type stamp, which has "South Afri ca" at the top and "Suidafrika" at th bottom. Mr. Roberts is also informe that the 3p in this type has appeared.

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* 6	**Belgium** 1928, Orval-Jub., 5c-5Fr, mint	
* 9	1928, Orval-Jub., 5c-10Fr	" 1.
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* 3	**Roumania** 1928, Air Mail, 1, 2, 5 Lei, Issue limited	" .6
*44	**Switzerland** Pro Juventute 1913-27 (Scott 20.00)	" 7.
044	Pro Juventute 1913-27 (Scott 16.70)	used 5.
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"September 23, Greenville, O." I the lower left-hand corner of this cove is an oblong rectangular cachet in viole with the inscription "Lansdowne Field Greenville, Ohio, Dedication Day, Sept 23, 1928." Cover from E. Strasser.

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CATALOGUE COMMENT

By Charles A. Weiller.

May I, since it appears to be "open season" for this sort of comment, make a few remarks concerning the advance sheets of Scott's 1929 catalogue, in regards to two of the U. S. Colonies? I do not profess to know as much as some of the other learned philatelists who have commented on the U. S. Stamps, but believe that I do know a little about what I am now writing. The first I want to take up is the Canal Zone.

Canal Zone

What appears to be the hardest stamps to obtain, both from the standpoint of the collector and the dealer, are the so-called "picture stamps" of the Canal Zone, and which are numbered in the catalogue No. 48 to 56 inclusive. To make a little rhyme with the word "inclusive," I would say that they are very "elusive." Not only "elusive," but they are practically impossible to obtain (and particularly in superb condition). Try the dealers; they have very few, and hardly any of them has a complete stock of all the above mentioned numbers. These stamps were first issued by Panama and then some of them were surcharged for the Canal Zone. The Panama stamps, which were issued in far greater numbers than the surcharged Canal Zone, are still "easy" to obtain, yet the new advance sheets price the Canal Zone, in many instances, lower than the Panama stamps. Panama issued more than Canal Zone, of this set, and hence the numbers given in the chart below are not in regular order. Here is the story:—

Denomination.	*Canal Zone No. & Price.*		*Panama No. & Price*	
1c,	No. 48	$ .30	No. 205	$ .12
2c,	No. 49	.30	No. 206	.25
5c,	No. 50	.40	No. 209	.40
10c,	No. 51	.60	No. 210	.75
12c,	No. 52	.60	No. 214	2.00
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Now the question is:—Wherefor the difference? The demand and supply which are usually governing factors in settling the price of a stamp in the catalogue, points out, surely, that the Canal Zone should be much higher than the Panama stamps, of these same issues. Can any one of your readers furnish any information as to the number of the Canal Zone stamps that were issued for this set? I know, personally, that dealers (and I am not a dealer) can get all the Panama stamps they want for their requirements, and the requirements of collectors, but it is practically impossible for them to obtain a supply of the Canal Zone stamps. I know that some of these Canal Zone stamps of this issue are offered to dealers, in small quantities, at double the catalogue price. It appears that the above prices, the difference, is "just one of those things," but I believe it is one that should be corrected, and that collectors should help Scott in setting the prices for the advance sheets. There are a number of them that do so, dealers only, I think, but the collector:—the one who tries to get them, writing to one company after another, and receiving replies that "we do not have it in stock," are ones who can materially help the compilers of the catalogue in arriving at the correct prices for stamps. If no one has certain stamps, they should be advanced, as that means that there are no more on the market.

Now, a little more, on this colony, but along a little different line. Scott tells us that the second issue of United States stamps that were surcharged "Canal Zone," were surcharged with two different types of surcharge. They do not say that all of them were surcharged in the two different types, but in a footnote at the bottom of the tabulation of the issue, they give the ones that had each kind of surcharge:—which were surcharged with the type showing the "Flat A" and which with the "Pointed A." I have tried everywhere to obtain the ½c, number 66, and the 1½c, number 68 in the "Pointed A" type, but have been unable to obtain them. I am always told that they were never issued that way. Who is correct? Have any of your readers any authentic information on this subject? I would pay good prices for these two stamps.

In the catalogue, the different surcharges are usually listed by different numbers, or at least an "a" number, but Scott does not see fit to do this with a *United States Colony*. They should have different numbers, as they are as important, and more so, than many other surcharges that appear in the catalogue and are given numbers. This same statement holds good for the issue of Postage Dues that had, also, two different types of surcharges, and I would certainly like to obtain the 1c, number 114, with the "Flat A" surcharge. It just isn't on the market at all. In cases like this, the stamps should have different numbers and be priced differently.

Philippines

The dollar values of the Philippine issues of 1899 and 1903-04, have always been scarce stamps, and the prices given in the advance sheets are not nearly what they should be in comparison to the scarcity of these stamps, the desirability and the demand. I am herewith below giving you the prices of them for the 1928 catalogue, and the 1929 advance sheets:—

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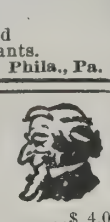

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Portuguese Indies.—Here we find a plethora of types of the locally engraved (Goa) stamps. They may be best tabulated thus:—

1871: REIS in Roman capitals. 33 lines in background, 4 dashes as side-ornaments.
1871-2: REIS in block sans serifs, 44 lines, 5 dots as side-ornaments.
1872: Die I (worn) re-issued, lines of background consequently thicker.
1874: The 10 and 20r of above with smaller figures of value.
1875: Die II (worn) re-issued, 10, 15 (new value), and 20r smaller figures.
1876: Die III: Background, 41 lines above, 43 below "Reis."
1877: Die IV: Background, 33 lines; in these last two the "V" of "Servico" is barred, resembling an inverted "A." Later, Dies III and IV, 10 reis, with star added above and bar below value.
1877, end: Die V: Background, 41 lines above, 38 below "Reis," star and bar as before.

This completes the varieties of this type for the present, and we come to the 1882-3 "Crown" series; perf. 12½ and 13½, two types of orb at the top of the crown are to be observed. The first is quite plain, while the second shows a distinct circle at the crosspiece. The first types were re-issued in 1883 in the new currency, 1½ and 6 reis, Die IV, with star and bar; and 1½, 4½, and 6r in Die V, with white oval round background, star and bar also.

St. Thomas and Prince Island.—Crown type (ordinary paper only). There are two varieties of the 5 reis black, two of the 10 reis, grey-green, two of the 50 reis blue, all perf. 12½. Figures and "REIS" practically touching the upper and lower lines of value-label in I, quite clear of them in II.

Roumania.—Here a number of small varieties are to be found, beginning with the 20 paras red of the Prince Couza type of 1865. The oval containing the head does not touch the inside frame in one variety, but does so in the other. The "I" of "Deci" in the former is disproportionately high, while it is normal in the latter. The same value of the Prince Charles (1866-7) is found in three varieties, the top upright of the Greek key-pattern immediately under the value-figure being under "0" of 20 in A, under the "2" in B, while the very much scarcer C type is determined by the addition of a small ball immediately to the left of the before-mentioned upright, and occurring (roughly) between "2" and "0". Follows the somewhat similar type of 1868, changed currency. Here the 2 bani is to be watched, distance of the top of the head from the pearled circle being so much closer in one as to constitute a distinct variety from that with head further removed; both common.

The local impressions from M. Hulot's Paris plates, 1879, provide, in the 11, 11½ perfs., slight varieties in the 15 and 50 bani, as follows: 15b has no serifs to "1" in A, distinct ones in B; 50b has very small squat crossbar to "5" in A, longer and tapering in B.

Over 50 years' issues follow without variety worthy of comment, but the 1923-26 labels show the 2, 3, and 5 lei each in two distinct types of figures of value; a thin "2" and a very much thicker one; ball to upper limb of "3," no ball to same; and short crossbar with thin down-stroke to "5," longer bar and thicker stroke. All these three are easy of distinction, besides which the word "LEI" in the first two also differs, particularly as to the "L."

Russia.—Carefully examine all copies of the 3 kopeck black and green of 1868-71 on horizontally laid paper. The background of the normal variety is made up of small figures 3 in design, but an error, where it is composed of small V's (the groundwork of the 5 kopecks) makes a comparatively scarce variety, while the 1 kopeck black and orange with inverted background is very rare. The succeeding 1875-9 series comprises a 7 and 8 kopecks of exactly similar colours (carmine and grey), the only difference being the figures of value, which, being small, might easily cause the two separate values to be taken for one. Here also is to be found the 20k orange and blue, where the "T" of the lowest inscription has its trunk extended over the top bar, giving it the appearance of a cross. Inverted background to the 2k and inverted centres to the 10 and 20k are remarkably scarce items.

The first (1883) issue under Czar Alexander III has no thunderbolts across the posthorns placed beneath the embossed eagle, but these were added to the stamps issued in 1890-2. A few sporadic inverted centres or backgrounds are known, but are very, very elusive.—*Australian Stamp Journal.*

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By R. J. SCHWARZ.

e National Air Mail Society of Chi-
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ans were made whereby a sales de-
ent exclusively for air mail covers
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ons at which many prominent men
present both at New York and
on. Three planes made the trip
ways, and the three pilots, T. O.
man; H. I. Wells, and LeRoy
npson, each made a round trip from
York to Boston and return.

om the official count of the number
eces of mail carried from each city,
given in detail by Mr. Behrens, it
shown that if the number of pieces
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ble as the Boston covers, and the
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ber of the Society is to receive a
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of the number of pieces carried.
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Oct. 17—*The Johannes Elster* (Berlin, Germany). Collection of Danish West Indies.

Nov. 7—*Wharton Sinkler.* Exhibit. U. S. Departments in singles and blocks.

Nov. 21—*Henry C. Needham.* Exhibit. Confederate States.

Dec. 5—*Charles Curie.* Exhibit. General Collection.

Dec. 19—Ten minute papers with small exhibits by members.

Jan. 2—*Alfred F. Lichtenstein.* Exhibit. A few early British North Americans.

Jan. 16—*Competition Night.* Any 20 pages from a member's collection. To be judged for its interest and not for its rarity.

Feb. 6—*Waterbury (Conn.) Night.* Members of the Waterbury Stamp Club will visit us and give a display.

Feb. 20—*Henry P. Lapham.* Exhibit. German States.

March 6—*W. G. Hawkins.* Exhibit. United States 20th Century and Carrier stamps.

March 20—*Providence (R. I.) Night.* Members of the Providence Stamp Club will visit us and give a display.

April 3—*Edward R. Wood, Jr.* Exhibit. U. S. 1847-1869, mint, in singles and blocks and on covers.

April 17—Joint Exhibit of Patriotic Envelopes of the United and Confederate States.

May 1—*O. A. Schenck.* Exhibit. Mexico. Eagle Issues and their subconsignment numbers. Outlining suggested arrangements.

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Tuesday, April 16, Albany, N. Y.

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

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Number 784

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3c 1902, o. g., not centered	.50	.13
10c 1902, o. g., not centered	.70	.25
13c 1902, o. g., not centered	.60	.22
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Scott No.		Price
* 17	**Aitutaki** 1916-17, 6p carm. rose ..	$1.00
* 19-21	1917-20, ½p to 1½p	.35
* 50-2	**Antigua** 1921-2, 3p to 1sh	.65
* 55	1921-2, 5sh green and red ...	1.75
* 1-5	**Ascension** 1922, ½p to 3p	1.20
6	1922, 8p brown viol. and black	1.00
7	2sh ultram. and black	3.25
8	3sh viol. and black	4.50
* 10-20	1924, ½p to 3sh, complete	3.25
* 18	**Austr. Commonw.** 1913, 6p lake..	1.65
* 48	1915-20, 5sh yellow and gray ..	1.60
* 49	10sh pink and gray	3.60
* 66-72	1923, ½p to 4½p	.60
* 73-4	6p and 2sh	.80
* 75	£1 gray	6.40
* 37	**Bahamas** 1902, 6p bistre brown..	1.25
* 38	1902, 1sh black and carmine ..	1.00
* 41	1903, 5p orange and black	.75
43	3sh green and black	1.50
* 44-7	1906-11, ½p to 6p	1.40
55	1912-18, 5sh viol. and ultram. ..	1.35
* 56	£1 green and black	7.60
* 58a	1917-18, 3p brown on yellow ..	1.10
* 65-9	1920, Peace issue, complete ...	.60
* 77	1921-6, 2sh ultram. and black..	.65
* 78	3sh green and black	.96
*101	1916, 5p Special Delivery	3.00
*102	1917, 5p Special Delivery	.55
*301-3	1918, ½p to 3p	1.20
*306	1p carmine and black	.40
*307-10	½p to 1sh	.40
*311-12	1918-19, 3p, both	.30
*313-16	1919, ½p to 1sh	.40
*100-3	**Barbados** 1905, 1f to 2p	.95
*104	1905, 2½p ultram. and black ..	.75
*105	6p lilac and black	1.65
*110	1907, 2½p ultram. and black ..	.65
*127-34	1916, ¼p to 6p	1.75
127-34	Same set cancelled	1.50
*148	1920, 1sh green and black	.90
148	Same stamp cancelled	.90
*149	2sh brown and black, rare ..	1.75
149	Same stamp cancelled	1.75
*150	3sh orange and black	1.80
150	Same stamp cancelled	1.80
*160	1921-4, 2sh dark violet on blue	1.85
*161	3sh dark violet	2.65
*165-75	1925, ¼p to 3sh	2.45
174	1925, 2sh violet on blue	.45
*201b	1907, 1p on 2p	.45
* 5	**Barbuda** 1922, 6p vio. and red vio.	.75
* 6	1922, 2sh viol. and ultram.	1.75
* 7	3sh green and violet	3.00
* 8	4sh black and scarlet	4.25
* 10	1sh emerald	1.10
* 11	5sh green and red	5.25
* 26-8	**Bermuda** 1902, ½p to 3p	.90
* 29	1903, 6p violet	.60
* 31-4	1906, ½p to 2½p	2.40
* 35-39	1908-10, ¼p to 4p	1.75
* 40-8	1910-19, ¼p to 1sh	1.65
* 49	1917, 2sh 6p red and black	1.20
49	Same, cancelled	.75
* 50	5sh red and green	2.00
* 53	1920, 2sh ultr. and dull viol. ..	.80
53	Same, cancelled	.75
* 54	4sh carm. and black	1.35
* 61	1sh gray green	.75
* 81-88	1922-7, ½p to 6p	1.00
*185	**Brit. Guiana** 1913, 48c, blk. & vio.	.85
*186	1913, 60c green and carmine ..	1.00
*190	1916, 96c black and red	1.50
* 58	**British Honduras** 1902, 1c green	.60
* 61	20c violet	.85
65	1904, 10c viol. and green	.50
* 66	25c violet	1.25
* 74	1911, 25c green	1.50
* 85-7	1915, 1c to 5c, complete	.65
* 91-8	1921, 1c to 50c	1.30
* 99	$1 scarlet and black	1.35
*100	$2 red viol. & grn., I printing	2.90
*100	Same, II printing	2.70
*102	25c emerald	.90
*103	$5 black and violet	7.00
* 8-14	**Brit. Sol. Isl.** 1908, ½p to 6p ..	2.00
* 19-24	1913, ½p to 11p, complete	1.10
* 32-35	1914, 4p to 1sh	.95
* 37	2sh 6p black and red	1.25
* 38	5sh green and red	2.50
* 40	£1 violet and black	6.40
* 41	1921-3, 3p violet on yellow	3.50
* 42-58	1921-28, ½p to 10sh, complete..	7.20
* 22	**Brunei** 1907, 50c brown and green	1.10
* 34	1908, $1 red and black on blue	1.00
* 89-94	**Canada** 1903, 1c to 20c	1.45
95	1903, 50c purple	.75
* 96-103	1908, ½c to 20c, complete	2.50
*139-40	1926, 2c on 3c, both	.60
*141-5	1927, I Confederation, complete	.65
*146-8, *262	II Conf. complete	.55
141-8	Both sets used	.90
* 62	**Cape of G. H.** 1902, 3p red violet	.55
* 63-70	1902-4, ½p to 1sh	1.75
* 21-4	**Cayman Isl.** 1907, ½p to 3p	1.05
25	1907, 4p blk. & red on yell., rare	5.50
* 26-7	1907, 6p and 1sh	1.25
* 28	5sh green and red	3.75
* 30	1908, 10sh green and red	7.00
* 32-9	1912, ¼p to 6p	.90
* 43	1913, 3p violet	.45
* 44	1sh green	.50
* 49	1916, 1sh green	.45
* 50-8	1921-2, ¼p to 3sh	1.95
* 59-61	3p to 1sh	1.35
* 63	10sh carmine	8.75
* 64-8	1923-6, 3p to 10sh	5.30
*101	1917, 1½ on 2½p, mint or used	1.25
*102	1½ on 2½p, mint or used ...	.30
*168	**Ceylon** 1903, 4c yellow and blue..	.30
*183-4	1904, 12c and 15c	.50
*192-4	1910, 10c to 50c	1.25
*195	1 rupee violet	1.00
*196	2 rupees scarlet	2.25
*222	1913, 5 rupees green	3.25
* 41-7	**Cook Isl.** 1916, 1½p to 1sh	2.40
* 48-53	1919, ½p to 3p	.50
* 54	3p viol. brown	1.00
* 55-60	4p to 1sh	2.25
* 61-6	1920, ½p to 1sh	.90
* 67	1921, 2sh blue	1.00
* 68	2sh 6p brown	.80
* 69	5sh green	1.60
* 70	10sh deep claret	3.20
* 54	**Cyprus** 1904, 9pi brown and rose	.75
66-7	1912, 4pi and 6pi	.45
69	12pi or. brown and black ...	.75
70	18pi black and brown	1.25
71	45pi	4.50
77	1921, 4pi green and red viol. ..	.75
* 79-83	1922, 3pa to 2¾pi	1.10
* 84	6pi ol. brown and green	1.25
* 93-104	1924, ¼pi to 12pi	2.20
*105-7	18pi to 90pi	5.40
*108	£1 violet and black	6.25
* 46-52	**Dominica** 1908, ½p to 1sh	1.05
* 59-65	1921, ½p to 6p	1.30
* 68	1921-2, 2sh 6p red and black ..	4.00
* 69-77	1923, ½p to 1sh	.95
* 81	3sh, old CA	3.75
* 82	5sh, old CA	3.50
* 84-5	1927, 3sh and 5sh	3.20
*151-5	1916-19, ½p to 3p, compl.	.50
* 31-9	**East Afr. & Ug.** 1907, 1c to 75c..	3.00
* 40-7	1912, 1c to 50c	1.00
* 30-5	**Falkland Isl.** 1912-14, ½p to 1sh	1.30
* 38	1912-14, 10sh red on green	3.50
* 40	1914, 5sh plum	1.75
* 41-51	1921-5, ½p to 3sh	1.60
*101-3	1918, ½p to 1sh	.50
64	**Fiji** 1903, 4p violet and black ...	.30
67	1903, 1sh green and carmine ..	1.25
* 76	1906, 1sh green	.75
* 28-30	**Gambia** 1902, ½p to 2p	.85
* 33-4	1902, 4p and 6p	1.40
* 43-6	1904, 2½p to 5p	4.25
* 57-61	1909, 1p to 5p	2.25
* 70-81	1912, ½p to 1sh	2.75
* 86-94	1921, ½p to 10p	4.00
*102-11	1922, ½p to 1sh 6p	1.35
*112-16	2sh to 10sh, at 32c per sh.	
*117-18	4p and 7½p (not centered) ..	.55
*119	1sh viol. and black	1.25
*201-2	**Germ. E. Afr.** 1916, ½p and 1p..	.60
211-19	1917, 1c to 75c	1.40
* 52	**Gibraltar** 1904, 6p viol. and purp.	.65
* 62	1907, 1sh green	1.50
* 66-71	1912, ½p to 1sh	1.35
* 71a	1sh emerald green	1.00
72	2sh viol. and ultram.	.60
* 77-83	1921, 1p to 1sh	1.30
* 87-9	1925, 2sh 6p to 10sh	4.80
* 8-11	**Gilbert & Ellice** 1911, ½p-2½p	1.10
* 14-22	1912, ½p to 1sh	1.10
* 23-5	2sh to 5sh	5.00
* 30	1924, 10sh green and red	3.20
* 31	£1 violet and black	6.40
* 58-62	**Gold Coast** 1907, 2p to 1sh	1.70
76	1913, 2sh violet and blue	.45
80	20sh violet and black	3.00
* 83-90	1921, ½p to 1sh	1.00
*301-4	1923, Dues, ½p to 3p	.75
*127-36	**Great Britain** 1901, ½p to 9p ..	1.75
* 11-12	China, 1916, 50c and $1	1.75
1-12	1916, 1c to $1	1.35
* 18-25	1922, 1c to 25c	1.70
* 27	$2 black and red	2.75
* 82	Morocco, 1914, 12pe on 10sh ..	3.00
* 83a	1914, 2sh 6p	2.00
66	1907, 4p brown and green ..	.75
108	Turkey, 1921, 180pi on 10sh ..	.65
51	**Grenada** 1902, 2½p vio. & ultram.	.45
* 62	1904, 3p viol. and orange	.50
* 63	6p viol. and green	.75
* 64	1sh green and orange	1.00
* 79-85	1913, ½p to 1sh	1.10
86	2sh viol. and ultram.	.90
* 89-90	1914, 3p and 1sh	1.10
* 91-5	1921, ½p to 6p	.75
* 97-103	1922, 1p to 1sh	2.20
*104-7	2sh to 10sh, at 32c per sh.	
*311-14	1921-2, Dues, 1p to 3p	.50
86	**Hong Kong** 1904, $2 scarl. & blk.	1.75
87	1904, $3 deep blue and black ..	2.25
* 94-6	1907, 20c to 50c	1.40
113	1912, $3 viol. and green	1.25
*132	1921, $2 black and red	1.60
* 1-9	**Iraq** 1923, ½a to 1 rupee	1.30
* 11	1923, 5 rup. orange	2.25
* 12	10 rup.	4.50
*110	Official, 2r black	1.20

The following numbers and prices on Irish Free State stamps are based on Scott 1929 catalogue, this country having been entirely revised.

* 1-8	**Irish Free State** 1922, ½p to 10p	3.50
* 9-10-11	1922, 2½p to 9p	1.80
* 12	2sh 6p brown	3.60
* 13	5sh carm. rose	7.00
* 14	10sh gray blue	14.00
* 15-18	1½p to 1sh	1.75
* 19-22	½p to 2p	.40
* 23-29	½p to 4p	3.25
* 30-33	5p to 9p	3.00
* 34	10p light blue, rare	4.50
* 35	1sh bistre	1.20
23-35	½p to 1sh, complete	2.50
* 39-43	½p to 1sh	1.50
* 44-55	1922-3, ½p to 1sh	3.20
* 56	2sh 6p light brown	1.50
* 57	5sh carm. rose	3.00
* 58	10sh gray blue	9.50
* 65-76	½p to 1sh light blue	1.50
* 77-9	1926, 2sh 6p to 10sh	5.75
*301-4	1925, Dues, ½p to 6p	.35
* 33-6	**Jamaica** 1903-4, ½p to 2½p	.45
* 40-2	1905-9, ½p to 2½p	.80
* 43	3p olive green	.50
* 45	5p yellow and black	4.50
* 46	6p orange yellow	2.00
49	5sh violet and black	2.00
* 50-3	1906-10, ½p to 3p	.75
* 55	6p dull violet	.65
* 56	1sh green	1.25
57	2sh violet on blue	.65
* 58-9	1911, 2p gray and 4p red	.55
* 60	6p red viol. and violet	.75
* 61-8	1912-19, 1p to 1sh, complete ...	2.25
69	2sh ultram. and violet	.75
* 70	5sh scarlet and green	4.00
* 71-3	3p to 1sh, white backs	1.25
75-83	1919-21, ½p to 1sh	1.00
84	2sh brown and blue	1.25
85	3sh orange and violet	6.50
86	5sh ochre and blue	4.00
* 87	10sh dark myrtle green	9.00
* 1-6	**Kenya** 1921, 1c to 15c	.50
* 18-27	1922, 1c to 1sh	1.30
* 28-30	2sh to 5sh	3.10
* 31	10sh ultramarine	3.10
* 32	£1 orange and black	6.25
* 17-19	**Leew. Isl.** 1902, 1p/4p to 1p/7..	1.25
20-4	1902, ½p to 3p	1.25
* 22-3	2p and 2½p, the two	.75
* 31	1905, 2p violet and bistre	.60
* 39-41	1907, 2, 2½ and 3p, mint or used	1.20
* 46-53	1912, ¼p to 1sh	1.10
* 55	5sh green and red	2.50
* 60	1921, 2sh viol. and ultram.	1.00
* 61-71	¼p to 2sh	1.25
* 76	1922-3, 2½p orange	1.50
* 44	**Malta** 1907, 4p scarl. and black, * or used	.40
* 47	1sh green	.75
* 52	1914, 2p gray	.60
* 54	3p viol. on yellow	.60
* 59	1sh green	1.50
* 59a	1sh emerald green	2.00
* 60	2sh ultr. and violet	3.00
61	5sh scarl. and green	9.50
* 62	1sh green	.85
64	1919, 2sh 6p olive green	8.50
* 66-70	1921, ¼p to 2½p	.75
* 78	1921-2, 2½p ultramarine	.85
* 79	3p viol. on yellow	.60
* 80	6p lilac and red viol.	.75
* 81	1sh em. green	1.20
* 86-90	¼p to 2½p	.55
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*111-15	1923-4, 1p to 3p (5 var.)	.75
*128	1926, 5sh ultr. and orange	2.50
*129	10sh ol. br. and gray	3.50
*401-10	1925, Dues, complete	2.40
*411-20	½p to 1sh 6p	1.35
*106-9	**Mauritius** 1902, 4c to 25c	.75
*146-7	1910, 25c and 50c, the two	1.25
*156	1912, 1 rupee green	.75
*159a	10 rupees green and red	5.00
*160	25c surface colored	.75
*173-8	1922, 4c to 1 rupee	1.00
*180	5r green and red	3.00
*184-7	1925, 3 on 4c to 15 on 20c	.90
*189-98	2c to 20c, complete	1.75
* 24, *26-7	**Montserrat** 1904, 2p, 3p, 6p	1.15
* 50	1916, 2sh viol. and ultram. ..	1.10
* 52	5sh green and red	4.50
* 53-7	1922, ¼p to 5p	2.25
* 62-9	1923, ½p to 1sh	1.40
* 88	**Natal** 1902, 5p orange and black	.35
* 90	1902, 1sh blue and rose	.45
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*104-5	1904, 4p, 5p, the two	.90
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* 13	10sh blue	5.50
* 14	1920, 2sh 6p brown	1.00
* 17-27	1924, ½p to 1sh	1.30
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* 10	5sh green and red	3.50
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* 28	10sh green and red	3.20
* 10	**Niue** 1903, 6p rose	.75
* 16-17	1911, 6p and 1sh	.90
* 19	1917, 1p carmine	.90
* 20	3p viol. brown	6.00
* 30	5sh green	1.60
* 31-6	1920, ½p to 1sh	.90
* 38	2sh 6p brown	.80
* 39	10sh deep claret	3.20
* 49	**North. Nigeria** 1912, 2sh 6p black and red	1.10
* 1-6	**Nyasaland** 1908, ½p to 1sh	2.60
* 12-19	1913, ½p to 1sh	1.20
* 21	4sh black and red	2.00
* 22	10sh red and green	3.75
* 23	£1 black and viol.	6.40
* 65-7	**Orange Riv. Col.** 1903, 3p, 4p and 6p	1.15
1	**Palestine** 1918, 1pi deep blue	7.50
* 1a	1918, 1pi ultramarine	.30
* 2	5m on 1pi ultramar.	1.50
2	Same, used	.75
* 3-10	1918-19, 1m to 5pi, the set	.55
* 11	9pi bistre	1.00
* 12	10pi ultramarine	.85
13	20pi gray	1.75
* 15-22	1920, 1m to 5pi, the set	1.25
15-22	Same set cancelled	.75
* 23	1920, 9pi bistre	.75
23	Same used	.85
* 24	10pi ultramarine	.90
24	Same used	.85
* 25	20pi gray	1.75
44	1921, 5pi plum	.50
* 45	9pi bistre	1.60
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* 46	10pi ultramarine	3.75
* 47	1921, 20pi gray, rare	5.75
* 48-62	1922, 1m to 20pi, complete	3.90
48-62	Same set, used	1.90
*301-5	1923, Dues, 1m to 13m, complete	1.50
301-5	Same set cancelled	1.50
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2	1918, 5m on 1pi, fine used block of 4	2.75
* 25	**Papua** 1907, 1sh orange and black	
* 26	1907, 2sh 6p brown and black..	
* 32	1907-10, 6p dark green & black	
* 33	1sh orange and black	
* 50-6	1911, ½p to 1sh	
* 57	2sh 6p rose	
* 59	1915, 1p light red	
77	**Rhodesia** 1905, 5sh violet	
79-81	1906, 2sh 6p to 10sh	
97-9	1909, 5sh to 10sh	
110-11	1910, 10p and 1sh	
118	£1 slate and carmine	
129-30	1913, 1sh and 2sh	
*138-9	1917, ½p on 1p, the 2 var.	
* 48-9	**St. Helena** 1902, ½p and 1p	
* 50-3	1903, ½p to 8p	
* 56-8	1908, 2½p to 6p	
* 61-6	1912, ½p to 3p	
* 69	2sh ultr. and black	
61-8	½p to 1sh, postally used ...	
69	2sh, postally cancelled	
* 70	3sh viol. and black	
70	Same, postally used	
* 79-86	1922, ½p to 1sh	
* 87	7sh 6p orange and black ...	
* 88	10sh green and black	
* 90-2	4p to 2sh 6p	
* 93	5sh green and black	
11	**St. Kitts** 1905, ½p green and viol.	
* 12	1905, 1p carm. and black	
* 13	2p brown and viol.	
* 20	1907, 1sh orange and green ..	
* 23	1907, 5sh green and gray viol.	
32	1920, 2sh ultram. and viol.	
* 33	2sh 6p red and black	
33	Same, used	
* 34	5sh red and green	
* 35	10sh red and green	
* 50-5	1923, ½p to 3p	
* 42-3	1922, 2½p and 3p	
* 48	**St. Lucia** 1902, 1sh grn. and blk.	
* 46	1902, 2½p viol. and ultram. ...	
* 61	1907, 6p viol. and red viol.	
* 64-8	1912, ½p to 6p	
* 87	1924, 2½p orange	
* 92	**St. Vincent** 1907, 2p orange	
* 94	1907, 3p dark violet	
*104-12	1913, ½p to 1sh	
*118-26	1921, ½p to 1sh	
*114-19	**Samoa** 1914, ½p to 1sh	
114-19	Same set used	
*120-1	1914-18, 2sh to 5sh	
122	10sh red brown	
123	£1 rose	
*124-30	½p to 1sh	
*136-41	1920, ½p to 1sh	
*155	1922, 3sh violet	
* 29-32	**Seychelles** 1901, 3/10c to 6/8c ..	
* 38-44	1903, 2c to 30c	
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* 51-9	1912, ½a to 12a	
* 64-73	1921, ½a to 1 rupee	
* 74-6	2r to 5 rupees	
* 6	**South. Nigeria** 1901, 1sh black and green	
* 24	1904, 2½p ultr. and black	
* 36-9	1907, 3p to 1sh	
* 37-8	**South West Africa** 1923, 2p, horizontal pair	
* 39-40	1923, 3p horiz. pair	
* 47-8	1sh 3p, horiz. pair	
* 49-50	2sh 6p, horiz. pair	
* 51-2	5sh, horiz. pair	
* 69-70	1924-5, 1sh, horiz. pair	
* 71-2	1sh 3p, horiz. pairs	
* 73-4	2sh 6p, horiz. pairs	
* 77-8	10sh olive green and blue, horiz. pairs	
* 79-80a	£1 light red and gray green, horiz. pairs	
* 81-3	1926-7, 4p, 3 var. complete	
* 85-90	1926, ½p-6p, horiz. pairs	
* 93-8	1927, 2p to 1sh, horiz. pairs ...	
* 99-100	2sh 6p, horiz. pairs	
*101-2	5sh green & black, horiz. pair	
*103-4	10sh ol. br. & blue, hor. pair.	
*311-12	1923, Dues, 3p, horiz. pair	
*343-4	1924, Dues, 6p, horiz. pair	
*369-70	1925-6, Dues, 3p, horiz. pair ..	
*353-4	5p viol. and black, horiz. pair	
*371-2	5p viol. and black, horiz. pair	
*387-8	1927, 5p viol. & blk., horiz. pair	
* 8-9	**Tanganyika** 1922, 1c and 10c ...	
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* 19	1sh green and black	
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* 21	3sh black	
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1-7	**Trinidad & Tob.** 1913, ½p-1sh..	
* 12-15	1921, ½p to 6p	
* 18-20	1922, 1p to 3p	
21-6, 29-30	½p to 1sh	
* 12	**Turks & Caicos** 1905, 3p violet ..	
* 24-32	1913, ¼p to 6p	
* 37-42	1921, ½p to 6p	
* 45-52	1923, ½p to 6p	
* 55	3sh red	
* 56-9	1925, ¼p to 2sh	
* 10	**Union of So. Afr.** 1913-15, 2sh 6p green and claret	
* 11	1913-15, 5sh blue and claret ...	
* 12	10sh ol. gr. and blue	
* 13a	1927, £1 red and gray green ..	
*301-4	1925, Airmail, complete	
* 34-5	**Virgin Isl.** 1904, 6p and 1sh	
* 55	1922, 5p dull lilac and ol. gr. ..	
* 57-9	3p to 2sh 6p	
112	**Zanzibar** 1908, 5 rup. blue	
*129	1913, 1 rup. green	
133	5 rup. blue	
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e aeroplane "Bremen" will now be o Germany to be repaired and then back to New York for the ım."

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By Martin J. Rauscher, Chicago, Ill.

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Seven Consuls representing as many different Latin-American countries were present. Captain Benjamin B. Lipsner, First Superintendent of U. S. Air Mail in 1918, Mr. Paul Richter, Chairman of the International Board, and Mr. J. Max Golding, Vice-Chairman of the International Board and Commissioner for Mexico, had made all preparations for the inauguration of this new route.

Among the distinguished guests were Captain Walter von Etzdorf, President of the German Sport Flyers' Club; Wm. D. Saltiel, City Attorney; Cosme Hinojosa, Jr., Chancellor of Mexican Consulate, representing his father, Cosme Hinojosa, Postmaster General of Mexico; Captain Royal N. Allen, President of the Commercial Aircraft Association of Illinois; John J. Enright, Superintendent of Air Mail, representing A. C. Lueder, Postmaster of Chicago; R. W. Ireland, General Manager of the National Air Transport, and Thos. Wolfe, Jr., District Manager of the National Air Transport. Also three Mexican flyers carrying mail from Mexico to the United States, two Canadian flyers, two German flyers and others. The Chicago Aero Philatelic Society, of which every member held an invitation, was represented by the President, J. Max Golding, M. A. Vogel and Chas. B. Molloy, Directors, and about 20 members.

Letters were sent to the President of Mexico by Mayor Thompson, Hon. Luis Lupian, G., Captain B. B. Lipsner and J. Max Golding. Letters were also sent to the Postmaster General and to other Postmasters and American business firms in Mexico. Some letters were addressed to Hon. Harry S. New, Postmaster General of the United States; Mr. Irving Glover, 1st Assistant Postmaster General; Arthur C. Lueder, Postmaster of Chicago; Wm. H. Conkling, Postmaster of Springfield, Ill.; W. A. Steiger, and other prominent collectors in Springfield. Some to Rudolph Brauer, Superintendent Division 6, U. S. Mail; B. F. Myers, General Traffic Agent; W. A. Devine, Postmaster of Madison, Wis.; G. Ohnhaus, and other collectors in Madison. There were about 200 others from all over the country.

All these letters were cancelled with a very attractive special cachet which depicted Uncle Sam shaking hands with Mexico across the Rio Grande and an airplane flying into Mexico and marked "Chicago to Mexico—October 1, 1928."

Photographs were taken at the Air Mail Field when Pilot C. C. Melton received the mail and of the honored guests and moving pictures were taken when the mail was put into the pouch. The cars going to and from the Airport were escorted with motor police. Every Chicago newspaper showed the pictures and articles that were written concerning this epochal event.

A total of about 350 letters with the special cachet applied were all that was carried.

MR. WEST EXHIBITS

By Philip H. Ward, Jr.

The members and visitors at the meeting of the Philadelphia Stamp Club, on September 25th, had the pleasure of viewing the very wonderful collection of United States, gotten together by Mr. William West, during the last three years. Mr. West has practically everything in the way of singles, and has a very wonderful lot of blocks and covers. Condition is of prime importance throughout, and those in attendance enjoyed viewing such things as the 1847 5-cent in blocks and 10-cent in strip of four, several of the August issues, all of the inverted centers, including a very fine 30-cent of 1869 from the Ackerman Collection. In the twentieth century issues, the collection includes practically everything in mint blocks.

Mr. Clarence W. Brazer has kindly consented to exhibit at the Club, on Tuesday, October 23rd. All interested are invited to be present. Mr. Brazer has gotten together one of the finest collections of U. S. proofs now in the hands of a collector and the exhibit is looked forward to with great interest.

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THE following memorial has come from Bill Bloss, Los Angeles, California: "My heart is sore to-night, as I share my grief with the hundred of friends who will lament the passing of August Roterberg, the eminent dealer specialist in Latin-American stamps. A. Roterberg passed away at his home in Pasadena on the evening of September 23rd, after a lingering illness of many months. As one of my dearest friends, I probably knew Gus better than most of his many friends and correspondents, and his passing leaves a void that can never be filled. A student of his specialties, a kindly man versed in the psychology of man, a square dealer to his fellows, he leaves the world with his house in order and in peace. Truly, philately has suffered a severe loss in his passing. Mr. Roterberg is survived by his wife, son, Fred Roterberg, and daughter, Mrs. Walter Parker, and four grandchildren." Mr. Bloss speaks truly, and Mr. Roterberg's death comes as a shock particularly to his friends in Chicago, where he spent so many years and where he will be sincerely mourned. His philatelic scholarship was well known and his human qualities were greatly admired. His association with Chicago collectors will be remembered as the happiest of contacts by those of us who remain and whose thoughts followed him to California, where for a time he improved so noticeably in health. As a dealer, he did much to advance the merits of South and Central American issues in a collecting sense. His work in these stamps was congenial for he had an affection for them, although it is not to be said that he did not like all stamps. His business, while not large in volume, perhaps, was one that was carried on in a way to satisfy the most exacting correspondents, as Mr. Roterberg, himself, gave attention to all the details and it may be said that to him, stamps were at once a vocation and an avocation.

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MR. G. M. ZIEGLER, New York, writes: "I was interested in the article on Andorra in the issue of October 1st, and having got to the borders of the 'tiny republic' on a trip to France last year, I heard something about its history. This was before the issue of surcharged Spain for the country, but I learned something of its political estate. It is true that it has paid a tribute of about two hundred dollars a year to the Spanish Bishop of Urgel, who is said to hold the only temporal rights in Europe, but similarly, it pays about the same sum to a bureau in Paris, that to some extent administers Andorran Affairs. The independence of the country is due to the fact that since mediæval times both Spain and France have had invested rights in Andorra, and this balancing of claims assures the liberty of Andorra."

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THE following letter has come from Mr. H. M. Brehm, Appleton, Wisconsin: "I am the recipient of a recent cover that was mailed to me as a registered letter, franked with a 2c stamp and three of the 5c on the new Hawaiian commemorative series. The postal clerk here not knowing of the Hawaiian stamps took them for precanceled and finding that the letter had originated in Fairfield, Iowa, levied 15c postage due, writing on the envelope, 'Due 15c account cannot use precanceled stamps at any other post office than of issue.' I do not know just how well postal clerks are supposed to be posted on stamps newly issued, but do not suppose that very many of them have attempted to collect postage due on this kind of franking." Two other readers have written to say that the postal clerks have questioned the propriety of the use of the Hawaiians on mail in this country. One is not surprised that there is some misunderstanding on the subject of the employment of these surcharges, and a similar situation prevails as that of years ago, when the use of Philippine and Puerto Rico surcharges on U. S. stamps was allowed in our country. The postal clerks should have their attention called definitely to the present circumstances of the legitimate use of the Hawaiians by collectors here; and we predict that as time passes, steps will be taken to inform the employees of the service unmistakably in cases of the kind.

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A READER sends a clipping that is unidentified as to its source telling of a battered old lock, fashioned by hand, bearing the inscription, "General Post Office U. S. America-1798" that has been placed in the Smithsonian Institute. The relic was sent to the department by Rufus B. Smyer, postmaster at Birmingham, Alabama, according to the account, who got it from a locksmith, who, in turn, traded a new lock for it when he saw it in the possession of an old negro. No doubt, this lock was used to secure the door of a local post office in the south.

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MR. ALFRED E. FRITZ, Chicago, has handed in a copy of "Rogers' Priced Catalogue of the Market Values, May 2d, 1892, of the Postage Stamps of the United States, 'Government Issues'." The little book sold for one dollar and was arranged by Mr. Rogers, who called himself a stamp broker, and who incidentally was connected with the great International Exhibit at New York in 1926, thirty-four years after his compilation was published. Mr. Rogers gives prices for unsevered pairs of the imperforate stamps, "the way in which so many collectors prefer to collect them." His closing sentence in the preface reads: "Complete your U. S. Postage Stamp Collection as quickly as possible, if you do not desire in the coming five years to pay much higher prices. By higher prices, I mean from 50 to 100% higher than they are priced today." Mr. Rogers' outlook was not unduly roseate and time confirmed his judgment. He priced a pair of unused 10c of 1847 at $11.50, while in used condition, the quotation was $4.00. An unused pair of 5c of 1851 was appraised $20, and used at $10.00. The 12c, 18 in pair was $2.00, and the single imperforate 24c unused, $25. The 1869 inverted centers were given these modest figures: 15c, $60; 24c, $65; and 30c, $75. The of high or dollar values, State Department, were priced at $60. These quotations are taken at random from little book, which has blank spaces prices current in the three years following, 1893, 1894 and 1895.

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WHILE on the subject of changes prices, we shall dispose of a price list that was issued, judging from context, about 1880, by Edwards, P & Co., P. O. Box 384, Chicago, While the name is printed, "Peek," properly it should have been Peeke; and the '80's the firm was a flourishing c under the direction of Mr. Peeke. the section devoted to single stamps, following prices of U. S. are given: 1847, eight cents; 1c and 2c Executed used, four and six cents, respectively. Further, a discount of 10% was allowed on orders over one dollar. As Mr. L. Wilbur, who forwards the list, says "Is it not reasonable to suppose that a half-century from now, the prices of many stamps will show the same ratio of advance?"

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What is the highest denomination of stamps desired? .....

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Any combination of first day issue covers with unused is permissible, single FDC with unused block or plate block, block on FDC with unused single, etc.

The service charge is in addition to the face value of the new stamp. A first day cover of a new 2c stamp costs 22c; of a new 5c stamp, 25c; etc. A first day cover of a block of four of a 2c stamp costs 38c; of a 5c stamp, 50c; etc. A first day cover of a single and an unused single of a new 2c stamp cost 29c; first day cover of a single and an unused block of four of a new 5c stamp cost 55c; etc.

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- ☐ D. One cover from each city of each new contract air mail route, mailed direct to patron.

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EXPERIENCES OF A NEW STAMP DEALER

By R. A. Moll.

These are some importing experiences that have become mine during the past year, and may be of some help to new stamp dealers.

After buying about $25 worth of Congo from the Brussels P. O., $20 of which was clear profit to them; I sent them eight letters, each having a complete Congo Air Mail set thereon, and asked them to please forward them to the capitol city of Congo, for mailing to me.

Very shortly they were returned with a long letter in French, so I decided to cross the Brussels P. O. off my list. And mind you, half the stamps they did send were so badly off-centered that the perforations cut into the stamps.

Cuba comes next. I knew they had a bad habit of sending a goodly portion of straight-edged stamps, so I plainly stated when sending for Cuban regular and Lindy Air Mails to please kindly send only perforated-on-four sides stamps; but they did not, so I returned them, reminding them of my request, and they returned them to me with a long letter in advanced Spanish. No. 2 crossed off my list.

Next I sent to the Stamp Agent in Monrovia, Liberia, for the new 1928 Liberian set, and there were enough creased and torn to make the lot a loss; so I'll not send to this gentleman again.

Amsterdam sent two good lots, but just received the New Curacao set and it's a loss from creases, before trying to sell the good ones. Postage and Registration on one lot from here amounted to over 50c U. S. Current, and it didn't weigh 2 ozs. So an X for this P. O.

I've sent to quite a number of English Colonial Postmasters, and always received superbly conditioned stamps, prompt service, and most courteous replies. I often wondered why so many dealers made a specialty of English Colonies, and now I know. It's because you always get your money's worth fro an English Colonial Postmaster.

Why not drop the unsatisfactory, "Ji ping," unfair P. O.? If we all would, wouldn't be long before all P. O.'s wou model after the English system, and ou troubles would be over. You get you money's worth from the Philatelic Age cy in Washington, but they can take lesson in courtesy from any English C lonial Postmaster; and after all courte goes a long way in helping to sell ar article.

WINNIPESAUKEE R. P. O.

By F. F. Persans.

(We are very pleased to have Mr. Persans ad this information to that already published our columns in regard to the floating P. O. Detroit River. It will dim the lustre of D troit's glory in this direction, but Mr. Boe will take it good-naturedly.—W. O. W.)

I noticed your article in one of th September numbers regarding the onl floating P. O. in the U. S. on the De troit River. For your edification, not following:

In August of 1926, I visited the Whit Mountain section of the N. E. state While at Laconia, N. H., I boarded th good ship, "Uncle Sam," which take mail from the trains at that point an distributes same to the various islan and shore dwellers of Lake Winnipesau kee, at the same time collecting outgoin mail, taking care of registers, M. O.'s insured mail, etc., etc.

The captain of this boat is a U. S Postmaster and he has a clerk and assis tant to take care of such matters as sell ing stamps, cancelling mail and bagging same for the north and south bound trains.

Would you not say that this comes un der the category of a floating Post Of fice? The killer for mail matter on thi boat is an R. M. G. cancel. Enclosed herewith a copy of same.

This boat has been in service for some years, I was told, and was at time the only boat of its kind in the States.

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d brown and blue, #63 ..... .80
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sades Park, New Jersey

Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
40 Wilshire Park, Needham, Mass.

ur subscribers are urged to send air news direct to Mr. Markee and espe- advance news concerning first flights, names of cities served. The scope of department will not allow the treat- of flights from other than the purely telic standpoint.)

number of readers have written me information covering the Central rican and West Indian flights that scheduled to take place on January and I have been endeavoring to get line on what will take place. So my efforts have not been productive ything of a definite nature, and Mr. rving Glover writes me that the De- ment has nothing to offer at this I am in touch with the contract- however, so any information that is coming from that direction will ap- in these columns as promptly as ved.

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ise, Idaho, dedicated an Airport appropriate ceremony on Sept. 29th 30th. Covers received from that carry a three line cachet, enclosed frame and reading "Air Pageant Dedication—Sept. 29 and 30, 1928— Airport, Boise, Idaho."

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tional Air Transport, Inc., announce due to the heavy increase in Air they are discontinuing carrying ngers, effective October 1st, until place in service new planes capable rrying increased loads of mail, pas- rs and express.

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e Post Office Department announces the Air Mail service will be divided g fifteen Railway Mail Service Di- s, for closer supervision, inspection, No change in personnel will result, hange being made for the speeding f the transportation and delivery of Mail letters and packages. The e becomes effective Oct. 1st.

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eeport, N. Y., dedicated an Airport ept. 30th. The cover received from Arthur W. Gilbart, Jr., did not car- y cachet, although I understand one used.

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.C. F. Barnes, San Jose, Calif., ad- that the landing field at that point ing prepared and that the First t is expected late in October or in November.

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e Boston Radio and Aero Show d October 1st, and will continue gh the week, closing on the 6th.

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The same cachet was applied to Air Mail posted at the Show, as was used last year. I attended the opening day and was informed by Geo. H. Kieley, Supt. of Air Mail, that about 35 lbs. of mail would go out that evening. A large number of planes were on exhibition and attracted a vast amount of interest. The Colonial Air Transport, Inc., operators of CAM No. 1, had a nicely fitted out display of Air Mail stamps, photographs and posters. A number of Boston collectors were availing themselves of the opportunity to purchase Air Mail stamps and dispatch their covers in the Post Office booth. The cachet was applied by the Colonial and covers turned over to the Post Office, for dispatch.

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The Pan-American Airways announces the opening of the first leg of the West Indian route, when service from Miami to Porto Rico begins on December 15th. As stated above, this is all the information we have on this route at present.

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The coöperators this week were—C. A. Forster, William J. Kotab, J. H. Brackett, Dr. C. F. Barnes, S. Kurkjian, F. O. Nelson, Arthur W. Gilbart, Jr.*, Todd Fagan, H. A. Bass*, Harry E. Klotzbach*, Fred B. Harrison*, Wilfred T. Foster*, Ross Shumaker*, E. F. Inglis*.*

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W. Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, represented the Post Office Department at Montreal during the opening of the Montreal-New York route.

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Speedboats are to be used to convey the Air Mail from the Oakland, Calif., Airport to San Francisco, early in November. A canal has been constructed, and this service will speed up delivery of the Transcontinental mail about half an hour. This about completes the circle. We have had motorcycle, bus, and now speedboat service, not to mention submarine and pony express. What next?

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Covers received from Council Bluffs postmarked September 28th, at 12.30 P. M., and supposedly picked up by the special stop of the Air Mail planes did not bear any special cachet. We understood that the Chamber of Commerce was going to make a big day of it, but apparently the plans fell through, so far as the philatelist was concerned.

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Possible cachet at Philadelphia during Aircraft Show, Nov. 3rd to 10th? Show is being sponsored by the Aero Club of Philadelphia, and we hope some of our Quaker City readers get after them.

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Also, how about Chicago? Big Air Show there Dec. 1-8, and our Chicago friends should be on the job. I'll bet they ARE and will break loose most any day with the details.

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Cleveland, Ohio, will have been 10 years an Air Mail port on October 17th, and we understand an attempt is being made to secure a cachet, although it is doubtful that it will be forthcoming.

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Just as I was putting the finishing touches to the Column for the week, along comes the Montreal-Albany flock of covers, sent by a number of coöperators. It was a most successful flight from all angles, and in conversation with a representative of the contractor, I was told that one of the heaviest mails ever transported in the East, made the journey. As only the Montreal covers have arrived back, I am unable to state how much of a variety was shown in the cachets. The one used at Montreal measures about 1½ x 2 in., and depicts a winged Globe, resting on a frame in which appear the words "First Flight—Air Mail Service—Montreal-Albany-Canada—U. S. A.—Premiere Depeche Aerienne," spread over five lines.

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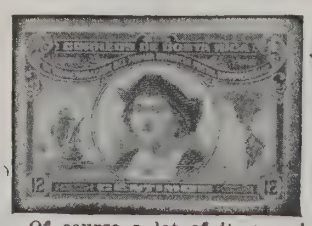
American Press news articles stated that the northbound Mexico City-Laredo plane was so heavily loaded that great difficulty was encountered in getting the plane off the ground. Hope our covers are nicely tucked away in the plane and that they will arrive in good shape. We are anxious to see what they have applied for a cachet.

LITTLE THINGS WELL DONE



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Chahi

The value in which most of the Persian stamps issued since 1885 are expressed. Prior to that date the coin was spelled "shahi," this being the English

spelling, transliterated from the Persian. "Chahi" is the French spelling to accompany the French inscriptions. A chahi is the twentieth part of a kran and is worth about ½c in American money.

Brain Teaser Contest

We had no fewer than sixty-four entries in our latest brain teaser contest and it has been quite difficult to select the one to whom the 1929 Scott's Catalog should be sent. Nearly all the entries were perfect. Some failed upon one item alone, while others failed in giving the complete list of Presidents found on U. S. stamps.

It was necessary for us to be somewhat arbitrary in the selection of the winner and we were compelled to take into consideration not only correctness of replies but the descriptive matter, neatness in preparation, and general excellence of the entry. The honor of first place goes to Doak Blassingame, 1217 W. Gandy St., Denison, Texas. His entry was as follows:—

(1.) *Q.* **What European country pictured an airplane on one of its stamps of 1914?**

A. I am unable to find any European stamp issued in 1914 bearing the picture of an airplane, and therefore believe that "1914" was intended to be "1915." In 1915 Austria issued a set of five semi-postal stamps, one of which, the 35h and 3h ultramarine, bore the picture of an airplane in flight. This, I suppose, is the stamp referred to.

(2.) *Q.* **What country's stamp shows the ship "The Olive Blossom"?**

A. "The Olive Blossom," the ship from which the West Indian island of Barbados was first sighted, appears on a stamp issued by that country in 1906. The stamp has always been a great favorite with collectors because of its beautiful coloring.

(3.) *Q.* **On what stamp is Victoria Falls portrayed?**

A. The 1905 issue of Rhodesia has for its central design a picture of Victoria Falls. They are located on the Zambesi River, and surpass our own Niagara in height, although not in grandeur.

(4.) *Q.* **On how many U. S. stamps does President McKinley appear?**

A. The picture of President McKinley appears twice on U. S. stamps: first, on the 5c Louisiana Purchase, issue of 1904; and second, on the current 7c black.

(5.) *Q.* **Upon what stamp is a picture of Mt. Ararat?**

A. Mount Ararat, the famed peak upon which Noah's Ark is supposed to have landed after the Deluge, is depicted on the 25,000 ruble stamp issued by Armenia in 1921.

(6.) *Q.* **What U. S. stamp pictures a foreign ruler?**

A. The 5c Columbian Issue of 1893 pictures Queen Isabella, ruler of Castile and Leon in Columbus' time. Her picture also appears on the 8c, 10c, 15c, $1, $3, and $4.

(7.) *Q.* **Name three famous women who appear on U. S. stamps?**

A. Isabella of Castile and Leon, Martha Washington, Pocahontas. Isabella's picture appears on the stamps listed under the answer to Question 6. Martha Washington appears on the 8c stamp of 1902 and also on the 4c of our current set. A portrait of Pocahontas is found on the 5c Jamestown Exposition Issue.

(8.) *Q.* **On how many U. S. stamps does Niagara Falls appear?**

A. Niagara Falls appears on two United States stamps: first, on the 5c Pan-American Issue; and second, on the 25c of the set we are now using.

(9.) *Q.* **What presidents have had their pictures on U. S. stamps?**

A. The following presidents have had their pictures on U. S. stamps: Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Taylor, Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt, Harding, and Wilson.

(10.) *Q.* **What country presents a picture of Mt. Wellington?**

A. Mount Wellington is pictured on the one penny carmine Tasmania, issue of 1899.

The names of the other entrants follow:—

Neal W. Hughes	John Golabeh
Charles Bush	Warren Tingley
L. Marmorstein	Kathleen Petersen
Jas. F. Abell	John Haley
L. E. Fletcher	Roger Richard
A. Silverman	Atwood Collins
Maxine Herzler	Chas. Dolansky
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Arthur Fleming	Albert Hagadorn
Robert Davis	Myron J. Levin
Paul Hardacre	D. H. Rosenbloom
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Geo. Buckman	Susan J. Barr
Earle S. Nason, Jr.	E. J. Mathias
L. G. Shepard	S. G. Miller
H. E. Turgeon	

We feel greatly pleased with the success of this contest and will doubtless respond to the requests of numerous contestants who urge that more features of this kind may appear in the WEEKLY. There were two entries where the names of senders were omitted.

Junior News Items

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

Bolivia.—A new set of stamps w three separate designs is now be printed in London for the Bolivian g ernment. The values are not yet kno but the designs represent first, the nati arms below a condor, second, a port of the President, and third, a map Bolivia.

Portugal.—The celebration of independence of Portugal is the exc for another set about to appear in stamp issuing country. There are six ferent designs, covering 16 different ues as follows: Taking of Santarem 1147, 3c, 15c, 80c. Portrait of Gual Paces, Campaigner in 1100, 2c, 25c, $1 Battle of Rolica, 1805, 4c, 16c, 50c. tle of Atoleiros, 5c, 40c, $1.00. D Joana de Gouveira, heroine, 6c, 32c, Matias d'Albuquerque, victor of Mo jo, $4.50.

Bury's City Post

A local post of the United States tablished in the fifties (actual date

certain) in connection with which a stamp was issued. The location of post itself is also uncertain.

Junior Dictionary

Private Telegraph Stamps. — Iss by various private telegraph companie Great Britain for the prepayment of t graphic messages before the various li were taken over by the Government.

Pro Fondazione Studio Lire 5.—T inscription on a set of "charity stam issued in Fiume in 1919. It may freely translated as "5 lire for the Be fit of the Educational Fund." This f was for the assistance of students Fiume who were studying in Italy. stamps were good for postage at th face value but all were sold at 51 vance over face.

Pro Juventute.—A Latin inscript meaning "for youth" which heads cert charity stamps issued by Switzerla The excess price above the postal va was given to the "Pour la Jeunesse" stitution of the Swiss Public Uti Society to aid in its fight against tub culosis among children. The stamps w for interior use only but were rec nized by a few nearby countries.

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LEO TOLSTOI

By Frederick Wall.

Science and Esperanto have already en honoured philatelically by the So-et authorities, and now, with the Tol-oi Centenary Celebrations, comes the rn of Literature. Two stamps are to issued this month on the 100th anni-rsary of this writer's birth: one, of 14 pecks value, bearing his portrait; the ıer, a 28 kopeck, showing him plough-g upon his farm with the primeval, nd-made, Russian two-horse plough or oka." This picture is from a well-own painting by I. Répin and figured, identally, upon the postcards issued in 98 to celebrate his literary jubilee.

It is no exaggeration to say that Tol-oi was one of the most remarkable and traordinary men of the last century. e was born a nobleman. At an early e he was orphaned, and left in care a beloved aunt. He went to the uni-rsity at Kazan, but left without gradu-ng. He joined the Artillery, and for ne years led a gay, idle, dissolute life. At the end of the Crimean Campaign, kened by the scenes of bloodshed and im warfare he had witnessed, he left e Army, married, settled at his country sidence at Yasnaya Polyana, and occu-d himself with writing novels and aring a large family.

Then, in later midle age, already fa-us as the author of "Anna Karénina," War and Peace," and other novels ich are still enjoyed to-day, he aban-ned literature and found his avoca-n in religious philosophy.

This was no sudden change. In the diary of his early manhood we see the germ of his later reasoning, morality and philosophy. His new creed was Simplicity, a Utopian Socialism. He became a vegetarian, and banned both alcohol and tobacco. He decided to divide his estate among his peasants, but, on reconsideration, apportioned it instead amongst his family, an act which left his domestic status unchanged. He worked in his fields with the humblest of his labourers. He did his share of the housework and all manner of menial tasks. He lit his own fire in the top attic wherein he worked, allowing no one to infringe his creed by doing for him what he could well do himself.

In youth, though always a great sportsman, he had been rather weakly—in his diary he is constantly complaining of being unwell, and for many years he imagined himself to be consumptive, as one of his brothers had died of that disease—but the spartan life of his later years preserved him wonderfully, so that, at the age of seventy, his bicycle was still his chief method of conveyance, and he could still enjoy without undue fatigue several hours of hard tennis.

His literary works are nearly all in part autobiographical. In many of them we are able to detect some portion of his life or character. In "Resurrection" he is Neklúdoff, the man who gives all his estates to the poor. In "Anna Karénina" he is both Wronsky and Levine, for his own love affair is said to be the model on which he based that of Levine and Kitty.

Tolstoi is quite readable, so perhaps these two Russian stamps will serve to re-arouse interest in his works.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

BOOK REVIEW

We have received from Theodore Champion the familiar Yvert & Tellier-Champion Catalog for 1929. It is a very comprehensive book of thirteen hundred pages and is fully up to the standard of all previous editions. We take special pleasure in calling attention to the superb illustrations that accompany the text. The price of the book is 38 francs, and it may be obtained by addressing Theodore Champion, 13 Rue Drouot, Paris, France.

MISCELLANY—

A NEW stamp club has been organized at the Central High School, Evansville, Ind. Clarence Traupe is president and Henry Meyer faculty sponsor.

J. D. MITCHILL favors us with a copy of *The Philatelist*, published in New York, August, 1884, Vol. 1, No. 3, Joseph Holmes, Jr., was the publisher at 40 Fulton St. One of the advertisements announces the issue of Vol. 1, No. 1, of the *Philatelic Journal of America*. The paper consists of four pages, two columns to the page.

WE are indebted to Stanley Gregory, Henry A. Kiehl and A. E. Gorham, for first day covers in connection with the Montreal-Albany airmail service inaugurated October 1. Two of the covers are Montreal postmarked, and the airmail cachet is printed in blue with both English and French inscriptions. The Albany-Montreal-Beverly bears a diamond-shaped cachet in purple with regulation lettering. All the covers bear back-stamping.

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20c on 6c	rose	2.50	..
1c	black, type II	.45	..
5c	blue	..	.75
a 5c	dull blue	..	.75
b 5c	ultramarine	..	3.00
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20c	rose	..	4.50
1866-67			
5c	blue	.90	.40
a 5c	dark blue	.90	.40
10c	green	.90	.35
15c	orange yellow	..	1.30
20c	rose	..	.90
1877-79			
1c	red brown	.12	..
	block of four	.65	..
5c	green	.14	.06
	block of four	.75	..
10c	vermilion	.25	..
	block of four	1.20	..
20c	bistre	.40	.14
	block of four	2.00	..
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	block of four	12.00	..
a 1p	blue	..	5.00
1880-83			
1c	brown	.35	.20
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	block of four	3.00	..
1c	green	.18	..
	block of four	1.00	..
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	block of four	1.20	..
a	imperf. pair	1.00	..
	block of four	2.00	..
1c	green	.25	..
	block of four	1.25	..
2c	red	.30	..
	block of four	1.60	..
a	imperf. pair	3.50	..
	block of four	7.50	..
5c	blue	.70	..
	block of four	3.00	..
a	imperf. pair	2.50	..
	block of four	5.00	..
10c	brown	.60	.60
	block of four	3.00	..
5c	green	.50	..
1884-87			
1c	on 10c vermilion	.06	..
	block of four	.25	..
a	small figure "1"	1.10	..
	one in block of four ...	2.50	..
b	invert. sur.	1.50	..
	block of four	7.50	..
c	double sur.	3.50	..
	block of four	20.00	..
2c	rose	.30	..
	block of four	1.75	..
5c	ultramarine	.60	.70
	block of four	3.50	..
	imperf. pair	3.50	..
	block of four	7.50	..
5c	blue	.30	..
	block of four	2.50	..
	imperf. pair	7.00	..
	block of four	15.00	..
1c	olive green	.18	..
	block of four	1.00	..
2c	vermilion	.17	..
	block of four	.80	..
5c	slate blue	.65	.05
	block of four	3.50	..
5c	slate blue (b)	1.25	..
	block of four	4.00	..
5c	violet	.06	..
	block of four	.30	..
7c	dark brown	.80	..
	block of four	5.00	..
10c	olive brown	.30	.08
	block of four	1.75	..
20c	red violet	.70	..
	block of four	4.00	..
25c	gray violet	.70	..
	block of four	4.00	..
10c	red lilac	.90	..
	block of four	5.50	..
1888			
1c	green	.15	..
	block of four	1.00	..
2c	rose	.08	..
	block of four	.50	..
5c	light blue	.12	.04
	block of four	.75	..
7c	orange	.50	..
	block of four	3.50	..
20c	bistre brown	.80	..
	block of four	5.00	..
25c	vermilion	.70	..
	block of four	4.00	..
1889-90			
5c	violet	.16	.12
	invert. sur.	2.00	..
1c	green	.05	.03
	block of four	.35	..
2c	rose	.06	..
	block of four	.35	..
5c	deep blue	.30	..
7c	bistre brown	.35	.20
	block of four	2.25	..
10c	blue green	.35	.08
	block of four	2.25	..
20c	orange	.90	.20
	block of four	5.00	..
25c	red brown	.90	.35
50c	light blue	1.75	1.50
1p	lilac	2.00	2.00
1891-92			
1c	green	.15	.15
	block of four	.80	..
	invert. sur.	7.50	..
	double sur.	6.50	..
	double sur., one invert.	3.00	..
	block of four	15.00	..
	"Provisorio"	2.50	..
	one in block of four ...	6.00	..
5c	violet	.10	.08
	block of four	.50	..
	"1891"	1.50	..
	double sur.	..	2.00
	invert. sur.	2.00	..
	1c on 20c orange	.13	..
	invert. sur.	2.00	..
	block of four	10.00	..
5c	on 7c bistre	.10	..
	block of four	.50	..
	invert. sur.	1.75	..
	block of four	9.00	..
	double sur., one invert.	3.50	..
	block of four	18.00	..
	double sur.	3.50	..
	block of four	18.00	..
1c	green	.05	.03
	block of four	.25	..
2c	rose	.06	.03
	block of four	.30	..
5c	blue	.08	.03
	block of four	.45	..
	vert. pair, imperf. bet.	.80	..
	block of four	2.00	..
10c	orange	.40	..
	block of four	2.00	..
1894-96			
1c	dull blue	.05	.02
	block of four	.30	..
	vert. pair, imperf. bet.	2.50	..
	block of four	7.00	..
	horiz. pair, imperf. bet.	3.50	..
	block of four	10.00	..
2c	red brown	.12	.05
	block of four	.75	..
5c	rose	.20	.05
	block of four	1.00	..
	vert. pair, imperf. bet.	3.00	..
	block of four	8.00	..
7c	green	2.25	1.75
10c	orange	1.00	..
20c	brown	2.00	1.00
25c	vermilion	2.25	..
50c	lilac	3.00	..
1p	light blue	4.50	..
1c	bistre	.05	.03
	block of four	.25	..
2c	blue	.10	..
5c	red	.18	.03
	block of four	1.00	..
	pair imperf. horiz.	3.00	..
	block of four	7.00	..
7c	deep green	1.00	.70
10c	brown	.45	.15
20c	green and black	1.30	.30
25c	red brown and black ..	1.25	.40
50c	blue and black	2.00	1.00
1c	brown violet and black	.07	..
	block of four	.40	..
5c	pale blue and black ...	.12	..
	block of four	.60	..
10c	lake and black	.30	.25
	block of four	1.25	..
1897			
1c	brown violet and black	.06	..
	block of four	.30	..
5c	pale blue and black ...	.12	..
	block of four	.60	..
	invert. sur.	3.50	..
10c	lake and black	.20	.15
1c	slate blue	.03	.02
	block of four	.20	..
2c	claret	.06	.03
	block of four	.30	..
5c	green	.15	.03
7c	orange	.60	.30
10c	red	.60	.10
20c	claret and black	.90	.25
25c	pink and blue	.90	.25
50c	green and brown	1.10	.70
1p	yellow brown and blue	2.50	1.50
2p	bistre and carmine	3.00	.60
3p	lilac and carmine	..	.70
1c	slate blue (R)	.40	..
2c	claret (bl)	.75	..
	invert. sur.	1.25	..
	block of four	6.00	..
5c	green (bl)	.70	..
	invert. sur.	3.00	..
	block of four	15.00	..
10c	red (bl)	1.25	..
1898-99			
½c	on 1c blue (B)	.04	..
	block of four	.20	..
½c	on 1c bistre	.04	..
	block of four	.20	..
½c	on 1c brn. vio. & blk. (R)	.05	..
	block of four	.25	..
½c	on 2c blue (B)	.10	..
	block of four	.50	..
½c	on 5c pale blue & blk. (R)	.10	..
	block of four	.50	..
½c	on 7c deep green (R)	.15	..
	block of four	.80	..
5m	rose	.03	..
	block of four	.15	..
5m	purple	.04	..
	block of four	.20	..
5m	light blue	.02	.02
	block of four	.12	..
2c	orange	.08	..
	block of four	.40	..
5c	steel blue	.12	.03
	block of four	.60	..
1900			
5m	orange	.02	.01
	block of four	.12	..
7c	carmine	.80	..
	block of four	4.00	..
20c	light blue	.40	.10
	block of four	..	.60
5c	on 10c lake, black & red	.13	..
	block of four	.60	..
1c	yellow green	.03	.01
	block of four	.15	..
5c	dull blue	.13	.01
10c	gray violet	.22	.05
	block of four	1.00	..

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The 1869 issue from 1c to 90c is a wonderful lot and of the 10c, which happened to be a favorite with the collector, there are numerous cancellations that are generally picked up one at a time. I note two used in Japan, one with a French Steamer postmark, one cancelled with the well-known bumble-bee, several stars of different designs in black and blue, two with the foreign mail cancellations usually found on the later issues, numerous flowers, shields, town cancellations, crosses, etc., in red, black, blue and green. There is also a strip of four, something very unusual. The reissue is complete in magnificent singles lightly cancelled.

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United States

Washington Notes

A communication sent out to postmasters under date of September 24th, by Mr. R. S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General, should be of interest to all stamp collectors, in view of the fact that heretofore postal clerks have refused to permit air mail stamps being used on communications between points where there was no air mail service.

This new regulation permits the use of air mail stamps in payment of all postage where full air mail rates are paid, irrespective of the fact that the letter or package may not actually be carried through the air. The order reads as follows:

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The Postmaster General announced under date of September 27th, that Mr. Joseph Stewart, Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General, would attend meetings of the Commission of Studies of the Universal Postal Union in Paris.

Mr. Stewart represents the United States in this Commission, which will take up for consideration and recommendation to the Congress meeting in London next year, the numerous propositions submitted by the postal administrations of the world.

Air mail rates and regulations will be one of the most important questions to be considered at the Paris meeting. Among other questions will be revision of international postage rates, conditions of mailability and transit rates, etc.

Transit Postmarks

Mr. Eugene Klein has recently shown me a cover without stamps, posted from Nashville, Tenn., May 8, 1846, addressed to New Orleans, which contains a transit marking of unusual interest. This marking, which is applied in black, is elliptical in shape, with bric-a-bac around the edges. Within we find in white letters with black background, "From Steam-Boat, Tennessee, W. T. Yeatman, Master."

Mr. Klein has located a further cover not noted heretofore, consisting of a 3c 1861, addressed to Providence and tied to the cover with a red circular marking reading, "Steamer Perry." As there are no notations on the envelope, nor no communication enclosed, it is not known from what point this cover originated.

Unusual Postmark

Mr. A. W. Bork has sent for inspection an impression from a cancellor, which he states is being used at Prescott, Arizona, on registered communications. It represents a "Smoki Snake Dancer" holding two snakes, one in his mouth and the other in his hand. Mr. Bork writes:

"I suppose that you have heard of the Hopi Indian Snake Dance, which is a prayer for rain. Well, this is one of the dancers in a pageant given here in Prescott each year, which authentically reproduces these dances. We have also used a man riding a bucking bronco to cancel registered mail, as we have a big rodeo here each Fourth of July."

Brazil.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 10,000 reis claret, type of A72, engraved and watermarked large stars multiple with letters Casa da Moeda between. The perforation is 11½.

Germany.—We are informed by Arns & Schrott that the new Zeppelin airpost stamps have appeared and were put on sale September 20. These stamps were issued in connection with the American air flight of the new airship "Graf Zeppelin." There are two values, two and four marks, the same size and form as the large German picture mark values. They are printed on white paper with net watermark in sheets of fifty copies and are engraved. The design shows an airship in transit between America and the Continent. This is t first postal issue in philatelic histo made especially for the American-Co nental Trans-Atlantic service.

Greece.—*1929 Programme.*—Acco ing to the *Morning Post* two new co memorative sets are to be issued in 19 One set will commemorate the Centena of the Greek P. O., founded by Ca d'Istra at Aegina (at that time capita in 1829. The second set is in memo of the formation of the Greek State a the termination of the War of Indepe dence.

We also learn that the sale of the Na arino issue will discontinue at the end this year.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Hungary.—Whitfield King & C advise that they have received the 2 fill blue with the new watermark.

Italy.—*More Commemoratives!* Er manuel Philibert, Duke of Savoy, is t reason for Italy's latest stamps. Two d signs have so far appeared, one showi a full length portrait of the Duke in a mour and the other showing him in a mour on horseback. The latter is reproduction of the statue in St. Charl Place, Turin. The stamps are unfort nately not well produced and Dr. Emil Diena, the leading Italian philatelist hin self says: "I hardly think you will co sider these productions as works of ar You are entitled to expect better of th country." The values already issue are: Portrait: 20c, brown and ultram rine; 30c, green and brown-red; 25 carmine and green. Statue: 1125c, blu and black; 20l, violet and black. Fou more values are to complete the set an these will also commemorate the 10t Anniversary of the victory of the Gre War by symbolising Victory as applica ble to both the Duke's campaigns and th recent world struggle. These values are 50 and 75 cent and 1175c and 10 lire.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Latvia.—Mr. George H. Jaeger send for chronicle copies of the 15 san. wit the new swastika watermark and the 3 san. blue also on the new watermarke paper. The former appeared on the 11t of September, while the 30c was issue two days later. Mr. Jaeger further ad vises that the so-called Invalids stamp were obsolete on the 25th of September.

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igeria.—Mr. A. E. Hopkins writes: ave just received the current 2d K. rinted in deep chocolate on unsur- d paper exactly the same colour as just obsolete 1d K.G. of the Gold t. This rather looks as if the 2d rown on surfaced paper will be e, as it has only had a life of a few ths."—*Stamp Collecting.*

. Vincent.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 1 pound value has been received olet and grey, script watermark. It ite a different shade from the old rmarked stamp which is described auve and black, the new issue being a blue-violet and greyish black.

am.—Whitfield King & Co. have for chronicle the 1 baht blue and , in the new 1928 set. The stamp upright oblong shape and carries the rait of the King in an oval. Our espondent also writes that the fol- ng values have also been received: black and orange, and 50s yellow- n and black, both in the King's d design, 2 baht carmine and sepia, t green and black, 5 baht purple and -brown, 10 baht olive and puce, 20 blue-green and brown, and 40 baht and sepia all in the larger size de- noted above.

rkey.—Mr. H. L. Meeken has n us the 20pa orange, 1gr rose, r gray-black and 10gr blue of the issue overprinted with Turkish acters meaning "Smyrna Exhibition 28." We understand that the whole s has been thus surcharged, but only above mentioned values have been ved to date.

MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

By "Philatelia."

Obsolete v. Current.—The article, in a provincial newspaper, where it was stated dogmatically that the only stamps worth collecting, from a financial viewpoint, were fine Classic Rarities and current British Colonials, has already been referred to in this magazine. Anyone who has studied values of stamps from year to year knows that the vast majority of obsolete stamps rise in price progressively, and the current stamps keep stationary in unused state, and tend to get commoner in used condition, as long as they remain current. This is where the speculation in buying unused stamps comes in, a small minority may suddenly go out of use after a very short life, but the vast majority tend to remain current. As long as they are current, or even if they become obsolete yet plentiful, they may show a small loss to the *collector* if he sells them on the open market.

Obsolete Colonials that have, or are becoming, scarce, generally make a finer investment, as increase in value is fairly certain, whereas some of the Scripts now in use, may easily continue for another 10 years in use, whilst the modern collector likes to see his stamps go up quickly!

Of course it is easy to point to a large number of Colonial stamps during the last 25 years that had short lives, and which turned out very scarce on withdrawal, but we must remember that a variety of events caused frequent changes during this period, but there is no reason to suppose that equally rapid changes will occur during the next 25 years. During this period three different watermarks were brought into general use, a Sovereign passed away, several colour schemes were tried and a World War caused numerous changes, such as overprinting, provisionals, experimental papers, etc.

It is not to be expected that such a concatenation of events will occur very often, and with a veto by the Secretary for the Colonies on frequent changes of stamp design, we may expect a much more tranquil period as regards Colonial stamps, until some new watermark or other startling change is brought about.

Obsolete Scripts.—As is only to be expected from their short life those scripts that *have* already become obsolete are turning out very good, and it is these that are worth concentrating on. A writer in the last *P.M.* spoke of the investment value and interest in used scripts. Those that have become or are about to become obsolete are well worth acquiring in used state, as generally speaking their life has been short.

The majority of scripts already obsolete are those that have been unobtrusively withdrawn as redundant, and many of them are very good and have already been the subject of comment in these notes. These stamps are also mostly better used than mint owing to their short life, but *current* scripts cannot be equally recommended from a financial viewpoint as they will tend to get commoner.

Certain items such as 4d, 5d, and other withdrawn values of the Leeward Is. series are particularly worth while picking up in used state at present. Owing to the notice received most dealers will have imported supplies in time and such items as the 5d may be far rarer used than mint.

The two stamps in the Leeward group that ran out before it was known they were being withdrawn, are of course, relatively, the best, these are the 5d duty of Montserrat and Virgin Is., which are quite scarce mint or used.

Speaking of scarce used scripts as a whole, a recent writer in the *P.M.* said: "There is only one really rare script," and then went on to enumerate two, the 15/- St. Helena and the 10/- St. Kitts Tercentenary. To these might have been added such items as Malta 10/- 1st script, Gibraltar 8/- script, Kenya 50ru script, Cyprus 45pi script. All these will cost a good deal of money in either state and all except the last named are rarer used than mint.

Relative Value of Mint and Used.—It does not follow that because a high value is five times as rare used than mint, that it is worth that times as much or even very much more; generally speaking, even if it is ten times or more rarer in the postmarked condition it may be worth only a very small fraction more in market value.

The reason for this is that many very high value stamps of small countries or colonies would be almost if not quite unknown postally used if it were not for the demands of philatelists, as they are issued principally for fiscal purposes. A number, however, are specially used on registered letters to satisfy the somewhat limited demands of collectors, but if the demand was greater more would be used and postmarked to level off the price difference. As long as a stamp will fetch slightly more in used state, it pays to get it used. Copies also that have lost some of their gum and value as mint specimens, may be sent through the post and reappear as "superb postally used" examples.

It seems rather anomalous that very high duties which could never be needed for purely postal purposes, are sent through the post to satisfy the demands of collectors, although the majority still prefer to collect such stamps in mint state. Amongst the lesser of the high values, collectors interested in getting everything used will find such stamps as Kenya 2s50c and 7s50c particularly hard to get in used state.

Many collectors of used Colonials would, however, prefer to get the stamps of the medium values and Colonies that are actually being used commercially and which can usually be bought cheaper than mint specimens. There does not seem much object in excluding a country or colony because it does really use its stamps for postal requirements. Relatively, they should prove just as good financially as the others, provided fine copies are secured at reasonable prices. —*Philatelic Magazine.*

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"That low, rumbling noise that you have been hearing lately is not thunder, Big Berthas or an elephant's digestive apparatus in operation, but the muttering of air mail cover collectors who are trying to decide just how far they want to follow these new airport dedications! The way the cachets are coming in lately, the mutterings will increase in volume until they either terminate in song—or cussing!"

Bear with us while we mutter a bit.

As one who has the air cover collecting game deeply at heart we are inclined to believe these special and unauthorized covers are being overdone. Full well can we appreciate the local pride of a collector or when a nearby airport is dedicated, but it must be remembered that this has only a local significance, unless it is tied up with a regular mail route. We have been inclined to agree with the postal authorities who have taken the stand that they cannot authorize a special cancellation for these dedications. Usually, however, this is overcome by local interests by adopting a stamp of their own and oft-times complaisant postmasters coöperate in allowing the use of these markings. We are inclined to believe if this practice becomes too flagrant the department at Washington will find it necessary to compel a strict compliance with the rule that permits no marking of any kind on the face of an envelope except a return card and the address. Mind you, all our objection to this is mild, almost indifferent, but we do have in mind the growing number of collectors who are taking up air mail (and remember that every new collector increases the value of the other fellow's collection) and who may become just a bit weary trying to keep up with the procession of these souvenir covers, which usually come out on short notice and then are held closely in a few hands at a price out of proportion to the regular and authorized government cancellations.

Do we expect to get by with the above without a protest from some one? We do not. Even at that we may be all wrong. Who knows? Be that as it may, it does add zest to the game by interjecting a little discussion now and then, and at that we get more fun out of it than discussing the presidential candidates.

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

An item in "Air Transportation" states that the Chicago-Atlanta service may begin operations the latter part of the month (October). Officials of the contract company have recently completed a survey of the route with a view to beginning operations on a daylight schedule.

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Lima, Peru and Telar, Honduras, were connected by Air Mail service on September 13th, thereby completing another link in the Central-South America route.

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Possible cachet points—Cleburn, Tex. — American Legion Con. — Nov. 10-11. Philadelphia, Pa.—Aircraft Show—Nov. 3-10. Chicago, Ill. — Aircraft Show — Dec. 1-9. Amarillo, Tex.—Airport Dedication — Nov. (?). Washington, D. C. — Int. Aero. Conference — Dec. 12-14. Kitty Hawk, N. C.—25th Anniversary of the Airplane, December 17th.

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Coffeyville, Kan., applied a cachet to Air Mail covers in celebration of the dedication of their Airport, Sept. 26th. *Not Official.*

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Early establishment of the Omaha-Kansas City route seems to be indicated by the announcement from Washington that bids for the lighting of the route will be opened Oct. 22nd.

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News items received recently state that the official dedication of the Newark Airport has been postponed until next Spring, although transfer of the Air Mail service will be completed as soon as possible. I was informed by one of the pilots that considerable work remained to be done before planes could find dry land to alight on.

It begins to look as if collectors will have to agitate a new ruling regarding the backstamping of Air Mail covers. Just why the Department fails to backstamp covers intended for Air Mail service, when they are given only train service, remains a mystery. As preferred mail—as well as higher priced—it seems reasonable to ask that the Department backstamp *any* Air Mail, regardless of whether or not it arrived at destination by plane or rail. Covers sent to Albany for the Airport Dedication, *"For Despatch via Air Mail,"* received train service. No backstamp. Other cases are constantly coming to light and if the support of Air Mail cover collectors is desired, the Department must make some change in their backstamping rule.

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The special cachet used at Freeport, N. Y., was applied by the Airport officials to envelopes distributed among the spectators in case they wished to send souvenirs to friends. Mr. W. R. Humphrey sends a cover bearing the cachet and states that out of about 1000 envelopes distributed as above, only a hundred and fifty or so were actually mailed. *Not Official.*

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The Postmaster at Omaha advises me that no stop of the Eastbound mail plane occurred on September 18th at Council Bluffs.

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The Albany Air Meet came off on schedule time, but was carried over to October 7th on account of bad weather on the 6th. An addition of this date was made to the special cachet used and Mr. Charles G. Riess states that very few covers received service on that date.

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Mr. Douglas Harwood writes that there is a possible chance of a cachet at Bridgeport, Conn., on the dedication date of the Airport. As this date is not positively fixed as yet, covers may be sent to Mr. Robert A. Crosby, Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce, 99 Broad Street, Bridgeport, Conn., with proper instructions and if a cachet is used, Mr. Crosby will see that it is applied to your covers.

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Covers received from the New York-Montreal-Albany flight were exceptionally clean and attractive, it being evident that extra pains were taken to assure collectors of desirable cancellations and cachets. The New York covers in particular, are above the average in this way, the face cancels being lightly applied and well placed. My 'round trippers went through in perfect shape—hope yours did!

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As expected, the Mexican covers continue to dribble in each day, first one lot and then another. Press reports all stated that a 24-hour delay occurred in the arrival of mail at the border, due to the various celebrations held along the route. Well, off hand, we would say that they are running true to form down there. What are a few hours, more or less, to a Mexican? The Mexican cachet looks like two geese flying, one East and the other, West. Most covers received were far from clean, poorly cancelled and nothing to brag about. I note an error in one bunch, the face cancel reading "1 Oct. 27" instead of "1 Oct. 28." Other covers received on the same mail—registered—bear the proper date.

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I have recently been shown a cover that is purported to have been carried by Wilmer Stultz in the "Friendship" when that ship crossed the Atlantic. Face-cancelled Trespassy and bearing several Newfoundland stamps, it also carries an English postage stamp and London cancel. Five days elapse between cancels. An effort is being made to get further information, as it was supposed that no mail was carried in the Friendship.

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The Wilmington, Del., dedication of Bellanca Field came through as scheduled and covers received carry a large cachet, poorly designed and applied. I have seen several covers that were sent to Wilmington several weeks ago and returned about September 26th, with a much smaller cachet than that used on October 6th. Evidently the first design was too small and a new rubber stamp was made up for the official opening date. The first cachet was about one-third the size of the latter.

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The Post Office Department has called for bids to be opened October 15th, for carrying the U. S. mail by air between Miami, Fla., and Nassau, Bahamas, for a term of ten years to begin not later than six months after awarding contract. The trip will be made one way, three times a week. Maximum mail load which may be required is 800 pounds. Approximate mileage is given as 187 miles. A bond of $25,000 is required with bid.

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Another very notable exhibit will consist of Mr. Henry Harvey's Victorian stamps, mounted in 20 volumes, and the most complete of its kind; it is valued at £20,000. The most valuable stamp of our State, issued in the old Colonial days, is the "half-length Queen Victoria, twopence," with the face-value omitted; it is worth about £500. Not more than two dozen copies exist, probably fewer.

At the October exhibition, of course, fine collections of Australian Colonial stamps and Commonwealth issues will be displayed. They will include Mr. P. Malone's collection of Tasmanians, awarded a gold medal at New York in 1926, and are at Durban this year. Another "gold medal" collection to be exhibited consists of South Australian stamps. Very notable Commonwealth collections are those owned by Mr. A. A. Rosenblum, editor of the *Victorian Philatelic Record*, and Mr. J. R. Purves, respectively. There will be shown, also, fine collections of the stamps of New Guinea of Pacific Islands, of the United States and South American and European countries. Air mail stamps, in much favor will be exhibited—and here is romance again. — Sydney, Australia, *Morning Herald*.

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As indicating the activity in the philatelic world, no fewer than three new weekly stamp papers are to enter the lists in a short time, according to announcements that have reached us. Mr. E. B. Power, New York, has plans well matured for a weekly, and Mr. George W. Linn, Columbus, Ohio, who for many years has had an ambition to run a weekly is soliciting support for his venture. As for the third publication, news of it reaches us in a roundabout way and if rumor may be given credit, a semi-weekly is a possibility. Here we have evidence of the growth of philately, and we are pleased to have more company.

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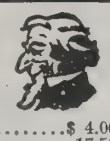

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ON October 3-6, an Aircraft Exposition was held at Albany, N. Y. We have received a cover from Walter C. Ritter, bearing postmark of October 3, and an Aircraft Exposition cachet in the lower left. We do not know the length of time the letter was in the air.

A PHILATELIC exhibition is scheduled for St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 16-19. It will be held in the Vinoy Park Hotel under the auspices of the St. Petersburg Stamp Club. Practically the entire mezzanine floor of this beautiful hotel will be turned over to the exhibits. Edward M. Fisher is president of the local club, and A. C. Anderson is chairman of the publicity committee.

GEORGE T. BUSH, Bellefonte, Pa., who took an active part in the Toronto A. P. S. session is arranging for a lake trip to Minneapolis next year. Members of the A. P. S. and their friends can board the steamer at convenient points and several days of genuine philatelic pleasure will be affored the party en route to Duluth and Minneapolis. Interested parties will please write Mr. Bush.

WE extract the following from a letter just at hand from Philip R. Hough:—"I have an old stampless letter dated Nov. 16, 1815, which I believe is from the island of St. Bartholomew althouhg written 'St. Barts'. The letter speaks of its being one day's sail from St. Croix. In the upper right-hand corner is the pen and red ink notation 'Ship 32,' and also a rubber stamp impression in capital letters SHIP. In the lower left-hand corner is a circular rubber stamp impression also in red ink 'New Haven, Ct. Dec. 12.' There is also the name of a ship and ship's captain which has been partially obliterated. The letter is directed to Maine, and it was no doubt placed in the hands of the ship captain, who upon arriving in New Haven deposited it in the post-office for delivery."

THE Kiwanis Club at Bellefonte, Pa., was recently addressed by George T. Bush. He gave an interesting account of the Toronto convention, and in doing so made the members of the club acquainted with philately and what it represents. Mr. Bush believes there should be more publicity of this kind.

K. BAUMANN very kindly sends us a newspaper picture of the new German airmail stamps which have already been described. The illustration is not good enough for us to reproduce.

THE fall convention of the Maine Association of Philatelic Clubs will be held at the Wooster House, Hallowell, Maine, Saturday, October 27, at 2 P. M. The committee in charge has arranged a very attractive program, including an exhibition, private auction, etc., including one of the Wooster's famous dinners. All stamp collectors residing in Maine are cordially invited to meet with us. Plan to bring your collection and get acquainted with other collectors. Further information may be obtained from Reuel W. Smith, Pres., 78 Main St., Auburn, Maine, or Abbott B. Cragin, Secretary, Waterville, Maine.

DETROIT was well represented at the big celebration held by the Chicago Philatelic Society. Herman W. Boers informs us that Harry Carter, Alex. Livingstone, Horace Hartwell, Charles Brisley and Karl Koslowski made up the Detroit Delegation. Mr. Boers also states that Henry Fritz, secretary of the Wayne Stamp Society, has just located a cover with a strip of five 1857 No. 8 imperforate, beautifully cancelled. An additional stamp was pasted on t cover.

THE 2c Canal Zone with Goethal's p ture was issued October 1 and fi day covers are at hand from Har Leonard, Emile Mizrahi, C. C. Lafler a the Canal Zone Stamp Co. Several our correspondents announce the 1c appearing October 3. We are very gra ful for the courtesies extended.

WE are informed by Thomas Hube that a new stamp club has been c ganized in East St. Louis, Ill., a now has eighteen members. Mr. Hube has recently organized another club Granite City, Ill., with thirteen membe John Shearer is president and Russ Miller secretary-treasurer of the latt club, which will meet at the Y. M. C. building the second and fourth Tuesd of each month. We compliment Mr. H bert upon his genuine good work f philately.

WE have received from Edgar C. Ca trell and Karl Huhndorff, Sr., gree ings from San Antonio, Tex. Th arrived in the form of airmail covers wi a cachet inscribed as follows:—"Amer can Legion 10th National Conventio Record Airmail Flight from San Anton Oct. 9, 1928. Sponsored by San Anton Chapter National Aeronautic Assn." is a striking design and there are tv colors, one blue and the other purp There is no back stamping indicating t end of the airmail flight, but there is question in regard to the flight being assured fact. Our Portland office also grateful to Mr. Cantrell for a spec men cover.

APPLETON, Wisconsin, is using novel design as a canceller upon registered mail. It is a represent tion of an apple with the letters TO in outline in the middle of the desig We are indebted to H. M. Brehm for cover.

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1—30c, blue Wells Fargo Express canc.
1—30c, two with two 3c, making 66c on to Brazil.
1—30c, strip of 3, making 90c on cover nzibar.
1—90c on cover to New South Wales.
1—5c, pair on cover from British Hon-, marked New York Ship Letter, etc.
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1—6c, blue canc. of Fort Bridger, Wy-
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Are you collecting numbers on the current stamps? Maybe you have done it for the 2c brown and got up to 56, or on the 2c 1890 and got up to 62? Collecting them these days is difficult. We find quite a few duplex numeral handstamps coming along without numbers. In studying Browning's poetry, Rabbi Ben Ezra, The Statue and the Bust, Andrea del Sarto, you realized that his trick was a paradoxical turn to enhance his message. But numeral handstamps without numbers is a paradox without any percentage.

Many have written us about colored machine cancels and we believe that they mean colored machine postal markings. We have catalogued some 26 colored machine postal markings, but unfortunately we have only one as a cancel. Anyway we were glad to hear from so many who notice the odd cancels even on the current stamps.

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And of the Standards, about 89% are of the 2c value. Each user of the Standard is furnished with printing dies with interchangeable type blocks showing three values, 1½c, 2c and 4c. With the meters, this is not the case, for a user will show a different meter for each value.

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THE first day use of the new Canal Zone, 2c claret, was October 1st; and we thank several correspondents who have favored us with covers postmarked on that day. The portrait of the genius, Goethals, whose monuments are the banks of the Panama Canal, is on the stamp, which is of pleasing appearance and provides a relief from the line of surcharges.

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UNDER date of October 8, 1928, Mr. B. F. Myers, of the air mail service, Chicago, sent the announcement: "Effective October 15, 1928, San Jose, California, will be embraced for supply on route C. A. M. 8 (Seattle-Los Angeles). A special cancellation will be furnished for use on the Air Mail covers dispatched from San Jose on the first flight." The suggestion is made that first flight covers be sent to the postmaster at San Jose, but manifestly the information comes too late to be of service to collectors.

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MR. ALLAN P. VESTAL, Indianapolis, Indiana, forwards the following interesting particulars that appear on a Western Union telegraph blank that was sent to him under date of October 8th, as follows: "Don't phone 904 Fletcher Trust Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind. Many stamp collectors and dealers have expressed their desire to secure mail carried by the Graf Zeppelin. Western Union has made it possible for each one interested to receive the envelope and stamp mailed from abroad and carried by the Zeppelin. For further details communicate with Mr. Pickett, at our office, 18 North Meridian St., Riley 4321. Western Union Telegraph Co." Mr. Vestal adds: "The price of the letter is $3.50, which the Western Union remits. The stamp collectors will help finance the trip if many of them respond." It is evident that collectors are recognized as a factor in enterprises of this kind and that their influence in a material way is worth cultivating.

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THE one thousandth meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was celebrated on October 4th, according to the somewhat elaborate program that was planned. The attendance of members and others from a distance made the occasion one whose success exceeded the expectations of the most optimistic Chicagoans. Indeed, numerically, the showing was comparable to that of a national convention. The exercises lasted from noon to midnight, and the exhibition of the Lichtenstein and the Hind rarities was an impressive feature. An auction sale held by Mr. B. L. Voorhees was the main attraction of the afternoon, and in the evening the banquet was held. The guest of honor was Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, Philadelphia, who as Member Number One, held court, meeting his old friends and greeting others. He was given a certificate nominating him as Honorary Life Member Number One, and also a gold medal certifying to that effect. The token was in the form of the bronze medal distributed at the dinner, and after the gold piece had been presented to him, he surprised C. E. Severn by giving him a similar medal in gold, inscribed Honorary Life Member Number Two. The banquet was under the direction of Dr. C. W. Hennan, and was marked by interesting responses from Mr. Wolsieffer and the following distinguished guests: Messrs. Alfred Lichtenstein, Charles J. Phillips, G. Mosler, V. M. Rotnem, Hugh M. Clark, Alvin Good, Edward M. Rosenthal and others. As a rule, the speakers took the opportunity to pay deserved tribute to Mr. Wolsieffer, who worked so faithfully through the years to first establish and then advance the Chicago Philatelic Society when he was a resident of Chicago. The presence of Mr. C. J. Gadsden, the first secretary of the society, and incidentally, the first librarian of the American Philatelic Society added to the sentiment of the meeting. One of the speakers in reviewing the philatelic situation mentioned the availability of Mr. G. Mosler, of Cincinnati, as president of the American Philatelic Society next year at the expiration of the term of President Wilhelm; and in effect, Dr. C. W. Hennan, A. Boehm and C. F. Mann, all of Chicago, were nominated at the Board of Vice-Presidents. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hind for showing a wonderful selection of rarities, and Mr. Lichtenstein was complimented for bringing his famous Swiss. A number of the visitors spent several days in Chicago among their friends. It is but fair to say that those who had the arrangements for the meeting in charge are to be credited with having scored heavily.

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A READER in San Antonio, Texas, writes: "The 10th National Convention of the American Legion is made the occasion for a 'Record Air Mail Flight' from this city on October 9th. The flight is sponsored by the San Antonio chapter of the National Aeronautic Association, and a special cachet will record this information." We have received covers in conformity with this description from Mr. Edgar C. Cantrell and Mr. Raymond V. Bahr of Springfield, Ill.

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WE are pleased to have the ideas of Mr. Carlos Gallando Vega, San Juan, Porto Rico, on any philatelic subject, as his interest in all the problems that affect our pursuit is sincere. In following letter, he dwells upon a q tion that while not new, is one on wh there is a variance of opinion: "V often, I have to overcome suspicions the part of collectors as to the genu ness of stamps that we offer them believe that the same thing happens many dealers, due to the fact that though the existence of forgeries o certain stamp is made known, yet method of detecting them is not as wi advertised as it should be. This is m particularly true with the general lector than the specialist. As special tion means a very limited field, relati speaking, the specialist has a be chance of familiarizing himself t larger extent with the issues of country or countries that appeal to than the general collector whose w scope will not allow him to gain same degree of knowledge within a g en time. I believe that it would b very good plan to give full informat as to the forgeries when it is availa and the means by which their charac may be determined. Then the distri tor of the forgeries could be boycot and his sphere of action restricted. you think the suggestion a proper c please submit this matter to your re ers." While it is not to be said that old fear-thought regarding forgeries disappeared, yet it is not so general pronounced even in the minds of in

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By R. J. Schwarz.

Did you ever experience the wonderful sensation of feeling that you were getting your money's worth? The best way to describe the 1,000th meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society is by that question.

The first impression on entering the pretentious Germania Club in which the affair was held was that a society able to organize a gathering in such surroundings must be very solid, indeed. So much for the effect; but what gave emphasis to this effect?

The meeting started at 2.00 P. M., Thursday, October 4th, and during the early part of the afternoon there was a reception by the officers, an auction, a stamp bourse, which hummed like a bee hive, and an exhibition of rarities such as is seldom displayed outside of the great philatelic exhibitions. The chief exhibits were by Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein of New York, and Mr. Arthur Hind of Utica, N. Y.

At 6.30, the climax of the day's events, the banquet. The brilliantly illuminated and spacious banquet hall was completely filled with festively bedecked, round tables. At each place was a large envelope bearing the name of a ticket holder and enclosing a program, and on each of these was a small brown envelope, which was heavy out of proportion to its size—it contained the bronze medal struck off especially for the occasion, and everyone present received one. To meet, see, and hear the philatelic luminaries present was worth any effort to attend.

The minutes of the first meeting of the C. P. S. on October 8, 1886, were read by C. R. Gadsden, a founder of the Society. Mr. C. E. Severn was to read the minutes of the 500th meeting, but he gave way to P. M. Wolsieffer, member No. 1 of the Society, and P. M. read the rather lengthy report of that event which clearly showed the great development of the C. P. S. as compared with the previously read document. Tom Hunter, who is right there when pep is wanted, made a motion that everybody rise in deference to Mr. Wolsieffer, and one would have to go far to see greater genuine reverence displayed by any group. Then Doc. Hennan had a stack of congratulations, but since everybody was longing to attack the savory viands, he gave way to public opinion. The food was excellent. After coffee everybody suddenly got the autograph fever, and justly so, for when would one again get the opportunity to meet so many luminaries in one place?

Mr. Wolsieffer was the first speaker on the program. He spoke in a general way of his happy relations with the Society. Following him Mr. Severn in his fine delivery gave a very stirring speech lauding the work of the "Grand Old Man" of the C. P. S., Mr. Wolsieffer, and presented him with a parchment scroll making him Honorary Member No. 1 of the Society, and a solid gold medal commemorating this event.

Mr. Charles J. Phillips, formerly the manager of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., of London, but now located in his own business in New York, gave a talk which well illustrated his unequalled and varied philatelic experience. He stated that there was probably no club outside of the Royal Philatelic Society of London which could boast of having held 1,000 consecutive meetings. He told the famous story of how Stanley Gibbons received his start with the large bag of Cape of Good Hope triangles purchased of some sailors for a few shillings, and how Mr. Gibbons was persuaded to raise the price of the few color error triangles he found to 5 shillings each (look them up in the catalogue for yourself). He told of how postmaster Lord Derby called him to view a complete unused roll of Mulready envelopes, and an unused sheet of 1840 Penny Blacks, which had been just returned from Dublin where they had been sent in 1840 to be distributed as samples to the various Irish postmasters, but had been placed in a cupboard and forgotten. Consequently they were as fresh and bright as when put away. How he found five unused sheets of 4c gray France, which contained the rare *tete beche* pairs, and one of which even had one row imperforate between; also how he was brought a lot of New Brunswick on original covers containing many bisects which were all absorbing stories. He narrated how in 1907 in writing an article on the stamps of Montenegro he was troubled by the perforations found on these stamps, and on writing to the Government Printing Office in Vienna, Austria, where the stamps had been printed, he was informed that it used indiscriminately some 720 perforating machines, some of which were in use 40 years, thus making it a hopeless task to attempt to classify all the perforations. One of Mr. Phillips' most interesting anecdotes was that King George ordered his firm, Stanley Gibbons, to cancel all sendings of stamps when the Great War broke out, since war work would consume all his energies and time, but that at the end of six months the king sent a message commanding them to send a selection to Buckingham Palace each Tuesday, since he needed relaxation, and for that reason would devote a couple of hours each week to his stamps. We suggest that if he has not already done so, Mr. Phillips write a book of his philatelic experiences, which should be some of the most interesting and popular ever written.

Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein, of New York, followed with a short talk in which he described how his father kept one unused copy of the 15c 1869 issue out of a sheet of these found with center inverted. When the sheet was taken to the post office for redemption because of the defect the clerk told them it was unnecessary to turn the stamps in because nobody would ever notice the defect, and so eventually all but the one stamp were used up. Since there were many members of the A. P. S. present at the meeting, Mr. Lichtenstein nominated Mr. A. Mosler of Cincinnati, who was present and who is now Recorder of Vice-Presidents of the A. P. S., as the next president of that organization, which is to hold a convention in Minneapolis next summer. The motion was seconded from the floor.

Mr. Victor Rotnem of Minneapolis next suggested that since a great deal of responsibility fell on the Board of Vice-Presidents of the A. P. S. that responsible men be nominated, and he named A. F. Boehm, C. F. Mann, and Dr. C. W. Hennan, all very active members in the C. P. S.

The greatest event in Chicago's philatelic circles was concluded by Dr. Hennan, who suggested a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Arthur Hind for the exhibition of some of his rarities at the meeting, and by introducing some of the distinguished guests among whom were Mr. Good, who was secretary to Mr. Worthington, and was largely instrumental in getting together the famous Worthington collection, and Mr. Hugh Clark, who explained how prices are arrived at in Scott's catalogue, and beseeched everyone to inform him when prices are not right, but only if it can be proved what the prices should or ought to be. Mr. Clark closed with, "It is my aim to make the catalogue as correct as possible."

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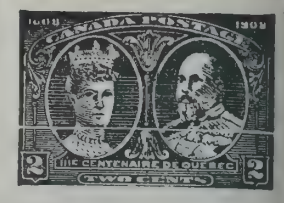

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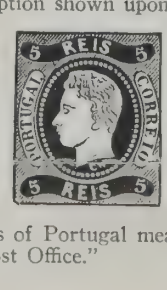

early stamps of Portugal meaning "Postage" or "Post Office."

Afghanistan

A new set has just been issued and two of the designs are pictured above, 2p dull blue and 3r deep green.

Junior Dictionary

Proof.—An impression taken from a die or plate, complete or incomplete, of a stamp design subsequently issued for use. The impressions taken by the engraver during the progress of his work, or from the completed die, are known as die-proofs, while early or trial impressions from a plate are known as plate-proofs.

Proprietary Stamps.—Stamps issued in connection with taxes levied on proprietary articles.

Protectorado Espanol En Marruecos.—(Spanish Protectorate in Morocco)—An overprint applied to the contemporary stamps of Spain in 1915 for use in the Spanish post offices established in Morocco.

Protectorate de la Cote des Somalis.—Shown upon the stamps of Djibouti meaning "Somali Coast Protectorate."

Providence.—The capital of Rhode Island. In 1846 its then postmaster issued special 5c and 10c stamps only to be superseded in the following year by the U. S. governmental issues.

Provincia de Cauca.—Shown on the two stamps issued in Cauca, Colombia, 1892, regarding which there are serious doubts as to their authenticity. The inscription means "Province of Cauca."

Provincie Modonesi. — (Modenese Provinces).—Shown on the stamps of Modena issued under the authority of the provisional government in 1859.

Provisionals. — Stamps temporarily put into circulation pending the issue of a regularly authorised series or owing to a shortage of some value or other.

Provisorio.—Found on a 5c revenue stamp of Bolivia which was issued for postal use in 1893. The word means "provisional."

Prov. R. I.—The centre inscription on the Postmaster stamps of Providence, R. I.

Providence (R. I.) Despatch.—One of the earliest of the companies which made possible the delivery of mail matter. The stamp is exceedingly rare.

Primeira Expedicao.—(First Expedition)—Shown across the base of the design of one of the three types of stamps issued in Portugal in 1894 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Prince Henry the Navigator.

Prussia.—A kingdom of Germany. Postage stamps were first issued in 1850 and the separate issues ceased on Jan. 1, 1868, on the formation of the North German Confederation.

Przemysl.—A city in Galicia, Austria, where in 1919 in the transition period following the World War, stamps of Austria were overprinted "Poczta Polska" by the Polish authorities.

Junior News Release

By Beach Conger, Jr.

Argentine.—In 1914 the United States Post Office was preparing to issue a stamp commemorating 100 years of peace with Great Britain. Unfortunately the war intervened, and the stamp was not issued. But last month Argentine commemorated the 100th anniversary of peace with Brazil by issuing two stamps, 5 cent red and 12 cent blue. The design shows the arms of both nations in ovals surrounded by palm branches and the dates 1828-1928. Below is the inscription: "27 de Augusto-Centenario de la Convencion de Paz Argentino-Brasilera." If the nations signing the Kellogg Peace Treaty should all issue a set commemorating the fact, it would assist world peace to a high degree.

Bolivia.—A set of airmail stamps for use in Bolivia has been already printed in La Paz, according to reports. It consists of 10, 20 and 35 centavos. Ecuador has a set in preparation consisting of two values, 20c and 1 sucre. The South American countries seem to have made great progress in airmail, as far as stamps are concerned.

Roumania.—A new set of official airmail stamps has been prepared for use on the Bucharest-Temesovar, Galatz-Jassy and Czernowitz lines. It consists of the 1 leu brown, 2 lei blue and 5 lei carmine.

Cook Islands

The Cook or Hervey Islands are a group of six islands and nine islets s

uated in the Pacific Ocean about 15 miles northeast of New Zealand. Stamps were first issued February 29, 1892.

FINAL SUBSCRIPTION REPORT

Another year has come to a close and we announce this week the final figures in our subscription contest. First honors go to W. W. Betts, with 284 subscriptions, but the Johnson Stamp Co., with 269, and the Ancher Stamp Co., with 251 follow quite closely. We are grateful to our many friends for the help that has been extended, and we hope for an even larger measure of coöperation in the year just beginning. We shall be glad to furnish subscription forms to any dealer or collector who desires to use them. Those having ten or more to their credit for the last two months of the contest are the following:—

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Ancher Stamp Co.	251
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Hawkeye Stamp Co.	141
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Several hundred subscribers have sent in one and two subscriptions each, and we trust that next year they will secure a large enough number to have their names chronicled. Send for some subscription forms.

The Managing Editor.

ANSDOWNE, PA., STAMP CLUB

By George M. Emery.

(Most of the matter which appears in the EEKLY requires some editing, but here is article which is inserted just as sent in, d we consider it a model of its kind. We all be very willing to give other stamp ubs similar consideration if the work is done ywhere near as well as Mr. Emery has done i.—Ed.)

The Landsdowne, Pa., Stamp Club, nich now has a membership of more an 30, has completed arrangements for third annual exhibition, which will be ld in the offices of the Lansdowne Bank d Trust Company, Lansdowne, Pa., ov. 30 and Dec. 1. Lansdowne is a burb of Philadelphia.

The Lansdowne Club, originally organ-ed by Mrs. Mary G. Cook, has grown pidly in membership and influence and w aspires to take its place among the ding stamp clubs of the United States. draws its members from Delaware unty, Pa., and other parts of the wide-read suburban section which surrounds e city of Philadelphia.

A unique feature of the Club's exhibi-n this year is the fact that every mem-r of the Club will exhibit, and the sses have been so arranged that every llection will be entitled to consideration the awards.

By urging that every member exhibit or a part of his or her collection, the ub officers feel that a greater interest ll be displayed in the exhibit and a eater feeling of co-operation will be couraged among the members. It is o expected that many new members to e Club will be attracted by the display. The exhibition plans comprehend a ore elaborate showing this year than any of the previous exhibits, and it is e belief of the Club officials that many eresting and valuable collections which e majority of its members are known to ssess will be shown. A number of ecially constructed glass frames similar those used by the large metropolitan mp clubs are being prepared by the nsdowne Club for the exhibit.

The exhibition program is divided into e following classes: 1. United States d Possessions; 2. Great Britain and lonies other than Class 3; 3. British rth America; 4. Europe; 5. Asia; Africa; 7. South America; 8. Cen-l America; 9. Proofs; 10. Cancella-ns; 11. Specialties; 12. Covers; 13. niors; 14. Special for outside guests; Grand prize for the best exhibit in show; not open to guests.

Three prizes will be awarded to the nners in each class with the exception class 15. These prizes are in the m of specially engraved certificates different colors.

The officers of the Lansdowne Stamp ub include Dr. F. E. Locy, president; C. Hays, vice president; Robert H. omson, secretary and treasurer; Ed-rd E. Meacham, exchange manager; B. Maris, Justus Sinexon, Jr., and W. Brazer, membership committee. . Hays is chairman of the exhibition mmittee.

For the coming winter and spring, the nsdowne Club has mapped out an ensive program of business and enter-tnment. This program embraces a mber of exhibitions and lectures by owners of notable collections in Phila-phia and vicinity, together with sev-l stamp auctions and Competition ghts open only to Club members.

The Lansdowne Club recently altered constitution to provide for club meet-s twice a month instead of once a nth as originally arranged. This was nd necessary to keep pace with the erest displayed in stamp collecting by members and others affiliated with the ub.

Some of the more noteworthy exhibits t will be displayed at the Club's forth-ming third annual show embrace the ensive collection of United States oofs and essays belonging to Mr. azer, the collection of unused United tes stamps owned by Mr. Hays, the lection of battleship cancellations and mail covers belonging to Dr. Locy, collection of United States cancella-ns on the bank note issues got together George M. Emery, and many others.

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OFF-SIDE—

THE Philatelic Agency said when sending the new Hawaiians (under date of Oct. 11th): "The Hawaiian issue of 2c and 5c stamps was comparatively small in number. The inclosed are not well centered, but they represent the best that can now be furnished from the limited supply remaining on hand."

MR. J. ROSENBERG, Berlin, Germany, was in Chicago recently where he called on dealers with a line of wholesale offerings.

THE last instalment of Advance Sheets of the new catalogue have appeared, indicating that the completed catalogue will soon be here, just as the season gets under way.

MR. HARRY E. KLOTZBACH, Buffalo, N. Y., favors us with the special *cachet,* air mail: "Dedication, Donald Woodward Airport, LeRoy, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1928."

MR. A. HIPPCHEN, Chicago, has removed to his former address, 118 N. LaSalle Street, where he established his business, and from where he moved while the building was being refitted.

MR. J. V. YEGGE, DeWitt, Iowa, calls attention to fact that the morning and the afternoon of philately were present at the 1,000th meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society in the persons of "A. M." Taylor, DeWitt, Iowa, and "P. M." Wolsieffer, Philadelphia.

THE first issue of the *U. S. Stamp News* has been received from Mr. P. A. Chapman, Geneva, Ill., who writes that he intends to make his small sheet of special interest to the younger collectors; and we hope that he fulfills his ambition.

AN announcement has been received of the opening on October 1, 1928, of the Euclid Stamp Shoppe, Inc., at Cleveland, Ohio, and judging from the interesting circular advertising the new company, a real addition has been made to Cleveland's commercial field.

WE notice in an Australian newspaper that "in connection with the West Australian centenary celebrations next year, the Federal Ministry has approved a suggestion that a special commemorative stamp should be issued."

MR. SHIRLEY E. MOISANT, Kankakee, Ill., once a philatelic publisher and stamp dealer and now editor of *Association News,* an insurance paper, is referred to by a contemporary of his paper in these glowing words: "Shirley E. Moisant, secretary of the Illinois Association of Insurance Agents, crack golfer at Kankakee, Ill., editor, publisher, politician and moral uplifter is getting out a crackerjack house organ for the Illinois Association."

THE meeting of the Denver, Colorado, Stamp Club to be held November 13th, will have as its subject, "Air Mail Stamps and Covers," and will be at the Studio of Chas. A. Nast, 827 Sixteenth Street.

MR. H. P. BOYCE of Wakefield, Mass., submits the following query: "Concerning the new 5c air mail stamp issued August 1st, which would you consider the real first day cover: 1. A cover mailed in Washington on July 25th with two of the new 5c stamps for one ounce, or 2. A cover mailed August 1 with only one new 5c stamp affixed?" That ought to be easy to answer, but it is not and we prefer to ask the judgment of some Solomon for the verdict.

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By Henry C. DeWitt, Jr.

(We have been shown by Mr. DeWitt the two exhibits referred to in this article. His description is so accurate that we do not think it necessary to illustrate them. The misspelled name of the pilot is of itself a sufficient difference between the genuine and the forgery for no one to be deceived.—W. O. W.)

When the S. S. Ile de France sailed from Le Havre, August 8, 1928, there was aboard the ship but one rubber stamp from which the special cachet was imprinted on a majority of the letters Lt. Demougeot carried with him on his flight into the port of New York, August 13th. Reports as to the number of pieces actually flown vary, 1,600 to 1,800 covers seems about the correct number. This cachet was applied by the postal authority aboard the ship and from those the writer has seen, is on only about half of the letters.

Exhibit No. 1 is a photostatic copy of this cachet which was printed in a brownish black ink. So far the writer has not seen this cachet on covers other than those posted aboard the ship.

As to the history of this rubber stamp, I quote from a letter from Henry Villar, Purser of the Ile de France: "Only one rubber stamp has been used for the first trip August 8 to August 23, and destroyed at sea on August 23rd."

Exhibit No. 2 is a photostatic copy of the cachet on a cover recently received from a dealer, a casual glance will show that it differs from No. 1. The type faces, size and spacing is different, the accents are not the same, the color of the ink is greenish black, and most strange of all, the pilot's name is misspelled "DEMOUGEUT."

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United States

"Old Stamps Not Recognized"

I have recently been shown a cover posted in Philadelphia, and bearing postmark of that city, dated August 15, 1863, wherein a 3c issue of 1857 was placed upon the cover and addressed to Long Branch, N. J. The Philadelphia postmark appears upon the cover, together with "DUE 3" in black ink, possibly from the same ink pad. In addition, the stamp is tied to the cover in a two-line stamp reading, "Old Stamps Not Recognized." This is the first time that such a marking on a Philadelphia cover has been noted.

Bloods Local on Blue

There has recently been noted an unlisted local, namely, the Bloods envelope on blue laid paper, in Type III. The envelope measures 6¼" by 3⅜", and is addressed to Philadelphia, bearing postmark of May 10, 1856. Immediately upon acquiring this item it was shown to the Dean of the collectors of local stamps, Mr. Henry W. Needham, and he advises that this is the second cover of this uncatalogued variety to come to his attention.

Mr. Lawrence E. Mason confirms the information, and states that the first copy which was in the Ferrari Collection, was somewhat smaller in size than this one. The Ferrari copy passed to Mr. Mason, then to Senator Ackerman, and has recently been acquired by a third collector.

This new copy comes from a collection where it has remained, possibly unappreciated, for many years.

Odd Postmark

Mr. H. M. Brehm has sent a registered cover from Appleton, Wisconsin, wherein the stamps are cancelled in a most unusual manner. The marking which is in black, and measuring about seven-eighths of an inch across, is in the shape of an apple and shows in the center in white letters, "TON," the combination forming the name of the city using the killer "Appleton."

Canal Zone

Through the courtesy of Mr. R. S. Carter, we are able to report the appearance on October first of the new 2c Canal Zone stamp showing an excellent portrait of General Goethals.

The first-day cover shows cancellation of October 1st, 8.30 A. M., and no doubt, since that time the 1c stamp recently chronicled, has appeared, but there has not been sufficient time elapsed, at this writing, to enable the variety to reach this country.

Belgium.—Whitfield King & Co., and Mr. R. Roberts have shown us the Orval Abbey Restoration set of stamps. Values are 5c+5c red, 25c+5c violet, 35c+10c green, 60c+15c brown, 1fr75c +25c blue, 2fr+40c purple, 3fr+1fr orange, 5fr+5fr claret and 10fr+10fr sepia. The first two values are surfaced printed and most hideously executed with a gold overprint ORVAL in block letters. The other seven values are line engraved and of three designs, Sculptor Monk, Duchess Mathilda, and a view of Orval.

Estonia.—We have received from George H. Jaeger specimens of the new set with design of triple heraldic lic inscribed "Eesti" with value. There w be no fewer than thirteen values in t design, ranging from 1 to 60s. Thr high values of 1, 3 and 5kr will ha another design.

Italy.—Whitfield King & Co. infor us that the 5 lire violet and green, sa type as the 20c, in the Emanuele Fi berto series, has been placed on sale.

Latvia-Lettland. — We are advis by George H. Jaeger that the War I valid stamps of Latvia of 1923 with st charge in blue cross and supplementa value 1 - 10, 2 - 10, and 4 - 10 santimi, which 200,000 sets were printed, we obsolete from Sept. 25.

Liberia.—Whitfield King & Co. r port that they have received the brown, map design.

Roumania.—Whitfield King & C advise of the appearance of the 25 ba grey, watermarked wavy lines, Kin Michael design.

Uruguay.—Mr. R. Roberts sends f chronicle a set of three values of stam issued to commemorate the inauguratio of the monument of General Garzo These were engraved by Messrs. Wate low & Sons, Ltd., and are imperfora and of the following values: 2c red, green and 8c blue. Mr. Roberts advis that only 7,500 sets were printed in sma panes of four stamps. They were a parently only on sale for a few hou and there was a mad scramble for ther but the most serious casualties were few torn clothes and lost buttons.

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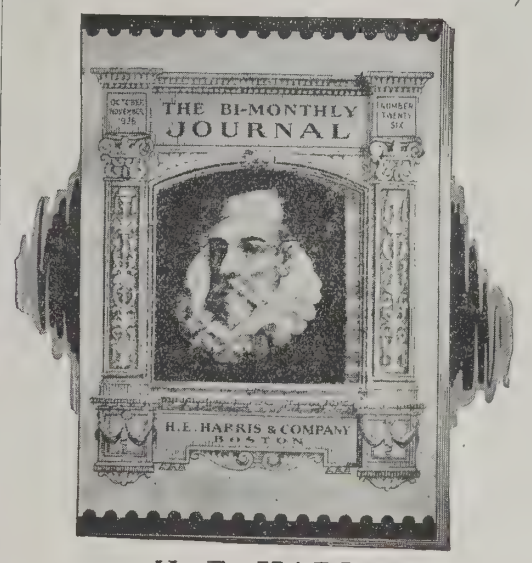

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Argentina.—Two new stamps have been issued to commemorate the centenary of the signing of the preliminary peace terms between the Empire of Brazil and the United Provinces of the River Plate. The denominations and colours are 5c red and 12c blue, both stamps are of the same design, dated "1828-1928" and show the Arms of the two Republics of Argentina and Brazil. At the base of the stamps is inscribed "27 de Agosto Centenario de la Convencion de Paz Argentino-Brasilena." The 5c was issued on August 27th, the date of the signing of the Peace terms, and the 12c on the 29th. We understand the issue is a limited one and that the supply is likely to last only about a month. Nearly all the stamps are poorly centred.

Belgium.—A special set of stamps has been issued to augment a fund for the restoration of Orval Abbey. There are nine denominations, 5c+5c, 25c+5c, 30c+10c, 60c+15c, 1fr75c+25c, 2fr+40c, 5fr+1fr, 5fr+5fr, 10fr+10fr. The stamps are very attractive and there are two designs, one showing the Abbey ruins, another shows a Monk carving a wheel, which is the symbol of reconstruction, the third design portrays Duchess Matilda and the Orval Coat of Arms, whilst the fourth design shows Monks ploughing a field near the Abbey.

China.—We are informed that the Nationalist Ministry of Communications has ordered the Postal Authorities to issue a special set of stamps in memory of Sun Yat Chung Shan, the denominations are to be 1, 2, 4, 10, 50 cents and 1 dollar, but we have no information as to the colours and designs.

French Colonies.—A new stamp of 1fr10c in a definite design has been issued for 20 French Colonies.

Latvia.—A new set of stamps is to be issued on the 18th of November, to commemorate the ten years' independence of the Latvian Republic, the denominations will be 6, 15, 20, 30, 50 santimi and 1 lat. We are informed that these stamps will show a picture of the National Theatre at Riga and other historical views.

Malta.—All values of the current set have been overprinted with the words "Postage and Revenue" and are to be put on sale on October 1st.

Roumania.—For the first time Air Mail stamps have been issued for this country, and we have seen three denominations, 1, 2 and 5 lei. They are very well printed and show a monoplane in flight; inscribed on the body of the monoplane is "C-Raiu," which is the name of the pilot, but our correspondent at Bucarest informs us that this name should be "Captain C. G. Craiu" and that a further lot of stamps is being printed with the corrected inscription.

Russia.—We have received notification from Moscow that the intention to issue stamps to commemorate the anniversary of the 100th birthday of Count Tolstoy has been abandoned.

St. Kitts & Nevis. — We are officially informed that the £1 stamp of the current issue is no longer obtainable, and this stamp will not be re-issued.

South West Africa.—The 3d and 6d Postage Due stamps have now been received in the new type and overprinted "S.W.A.", thus completing the set. In each sheet of the 6d there is an error with the period omitted after "A."

Trans-Jordan.—All values of the current issue have been overprinted in Arabic with the word "Dastour," meaning "Constitution," to commemorate the signing of the agreement between H.M. the King and the Amir Abdullah, and the enactment of the Organic Law setting forth the Constitution of the Government. The stamps were issued on September 1st and were on sale for one month only, so that they are already obsolete. The overprinting was done in Cairo in the following quantities:—2 mils, 21500; 3 mils, 16500; 4 mils, 15500; 5 mils, 25800; 10 mils, 11800; 15 mils, 16200; 20 mils, 9600; 50 mils, 8500; 90 mils, 6300; 100 mils, 6300; 200 mils, 5600; total, 143600 stamps.

Turkey.—It has been stated that special stamps were issued in connection with the recent celebrations of the Turkish victory over the Greeks in 1922, but our agent in Constantinople informs us that these are merely labels issued by the War Orphans' Association and do not in any way pay postage. In these circumstances we shall not include them in our catalogue, nor distribute them through our New Issue Service. The complete set of the 1926 issue has been overprinted with Turkish characters meaning "Smyrna Exhibition, September 9.928." There are fourteen denominations from 10 paras to 200 grouch, and the stamps were on sale only during the period of the Exhibition at Smyrna, which was open from the 9th to the 20th of September.

Venezuela.—On July 21st a 10 centimos stamp printed in green was issued to celebrate the 25 years of internal peace in Venezuela. These stamps were put on sale for one day only without any previous warning and only 20,000 were issued for the whole country. All the stamps were sold out on the day of issue, and our agent writes that although he went to the Post Office immediately on hearing of this new issue he was unable to obtain even a single copy.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

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Then, if I buy when they have "riz,"
They're always sure to drop.
Of woman fair that hesitates
'Tis said that lost is she;
I hesitate to say it, but—
The man that's lost is me.

Some always get in just before,
And clear out on the boom,
But when I wish to come in (late),
Alas! the cry's "No room!"
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In the American Columbian exhibition stamp of 1892, Columbus is shown, smooth shaven, about to land in America. The companion stamp, picturing the landing a few hours later, shows Columbus with a full-grown beard. St. Kitts, a British colony, went the United States one better in its Columbian stamp. It showed Columbus first sighting America through a telescope more than 100 years before that instrument was invented.

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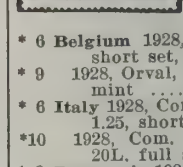

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Here is a flight that we won't have much chance covering! I quote from the Postal Bulletin—"Fairbanks to Beaver. The Supt. of Railway Mail Service at Seattle. Wash., is hereby authorized to employ the Wien Alaska Airways of Nome, to perform one round trip of emergency service from Fairbanks, Circle, Fort Yukon, to Beaver, and return, about Oct. 17th, 1928, carrying not to exceed 400 pounds of mail both ways at the rate of $325 for the round trip; payment to be made, etc."

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New York's first Aeronautical Exposition since 1920 will be held at the Grand Central Palace during the week of Feb. 6th next, under the auspices of Aviator's Post 743, American Legion. This might mean a cachet of some kind.

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Mott, No. Dak., held Dedication exercises on Oct. 3rd for a new Airport, Legion Field. A special three line cachet was applied to covers, reading "Legion Field —Mott, N. D.—Oct. 3rd, 1928." NOT OFFICIAL. Cover received through the courtesy of Mr. F. W. Wright.

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A news item quoted by Mr. Wilfred T. Foster states that a landing mast for dirigibles has been erected at St. Hubert Field in anticipation of the coming of the R 101, now under construction in England.

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Port Richmond, Va. held an Air Derby and Dedication on Oct. 11th and 12th, covers receiving a special cachet in the form of a "birds eye" view of a plane, in outline. NOT OFFICIAL.

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Davenport, Iowa, is to dedicate a municipal field on or about November 12th, and I have been advised that a special cachet is probable, application being made to covers by the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Frank H. Grace writes that he will be glad to co-operate with collectors in the despatch of covers, which may be sent to him, prepared for mailing, at 1119 Iowa Street, Davenport, Ia. I thank Mr. Grace in behalf of my readers, for his courtesy.

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A cover from Havana, Cuba, bearing a special cachet, has been received from Mr. R. Oriol. The cachet depicts the Maine Monument at Havana, in outline, and has been applied to mail during the convention of Spanish War Veterans during the week of Oct. 7th-12th. Probably NOT OFFICIAL, although my information is not complete.

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The "Record Air Mail Flight" cachet, applied to Air Mail from San Antonio, Tex., on Oct. 9th, came out beautifully and certainly is a credit to the San Antonio chapter of the N. A. A., who made the application to covers. This might be termed a SEMI-OFFICIAL cachet, as it was well advertised beforehand and applied by a recognized organization, acting in conjunction with other organizations of a like nature.

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The first Portland, Me., Airpost Dedication cover that I have seen with a cachet has been forwarded by Mr. G. H. Curtis, who states that the Portland Chamber of Commerce did not make up their minds to apply a cachet to mail until a day or two before the dedication dates, Sept. 28-29. As a consequence, very little mail received the four line impression reading "Portland Airport—Dedicated Sept. 28-29, 1928—Chamber of Commerce — Portland, Maine". Covers sent to the Postmaster were returned, sans the cachet.

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I have been shown a cover carried between Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., on what is said to be a First Trip, the flight occurring July 23rd, 1928. The cover, sent in by Mr. E. J. Newcomer, bears a face cancel of Victoria, dated as above and cancelled at 2.30 P. M. Backstamped Vancouver July 23rd, at 4 P. M. A rubber stamp impression on the face of the cover reads "First Flight—Air Mail—Victoria-Vancouver, B. C." Another cover carried over the same route, but dated Aug. 11th, bears a 5c stamp of private origin, being issued by the British Columbia Airways, Ltd., and affixed to the back of the cover.

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A lengthy letter received a day or so ago from the Pan American Airways, Inc., still leaves me much in the dark as to what is going to transpire with regard to the Central and South American flights. I am going to try again and as soon as anything definite is received, it will appear in this column.

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Did your Mexican covers all return satisfactorily? I have heard from a number of readers who have had some tough luck on this flight, but the majority report that everything went K. O. with them.

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As this is being written, they are warping the "Graf Zeppelin" into the hangar at Lakehurst and in a few hours the heavy load of Air Mail will be on its way to the many, many collectors who were fortunate enough to have had correspondents abroad. The Postal Bulletin of today states that there will be an OFFICIAL cachet applied to Air Mail carried on the return trip to Germany; the New York and Lakehurst, N. J., offices are to be equipped with the cachet and will make the application to covers. Remember, the rate is $1.00 per ounce for letters and 50c for each post card IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR POSTAGE FOR THE COUNTRY TO WHICH THE LETTER OR CARD IS ADDRESSED. One ounce is the limit for letters. Covers may be sent to the Postmasters of either (or both) of the above points and should be endorsed "By German Airship L.Z. 127 from Lakehurst, N. J."

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Last week must have been Dedication Week! In addition to the dedications given above, there has been added Le Roy, N. Y., October 13th, Moorestown, N. J., October 13th-14th, and New Castle, Pa., October 13th. Le Roy sent a plane load of mail to Rochester for despatch from that point, most of the covers bearing the cancel of Rochester. A few were canceled Le Roy and despatched. I have seen two different cachets, plus a special printed envelope. Moorestown, N. J., cachet was applied by the Burlington County Aero Club, and the New Castle, Pa., cachet reads: "City of New Castle—Airport Dedication — and — Aero Show — October 13th." None of the foregoing are official.

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Covers from the LZ 127, "Graf Zeppelin," were received in Boston, October 17th, having the New York backstamp of Oct. 16th at 10 A. M., and bearing the face cancel of Friedrichhaven, October 10th. Franked with the new German Air Post stamps, the covers are most attractive. A small, oval cachet reading "Mit Luftschiff L.Z.127 befördert" was carefully applied, together with a small blue label with white letters, reading "Mit Luftpost Par Avion" framed in a white border. The new German Air Mail stamps are the handsomest we have seen for a long time and will be popular among collectors.

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Official announcement from P. O. Dept. states that Pan-American Airways, Inc., have been awarded the contract to carry Air Mail between Miami and Nassau, Bahamas, at $2.00 per mile. No date yet for the First Trip.

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Mr. J. P. Penning writes that a special non-official cachet will be applied to Air Mail covers on November 12, by the Connellsville, Pa. Chamber of Commerce. A special flight will be made from Connellsville to McKeesport and C. A. M. No. 11 will carry the mail forward from that point. Mr. Penning also states that Clifford Ball, c/o Bettis Field, McKeesport, Pa., will apply a special cachet to Air Mail covers, carried over CAM No. 11 on the date of the visit of the LZ 127 to Pittsburgh, whether or not the airship finds time to land.

Exchange

—One Who Finds More Pleasure in Swapping than Buying

By PERCY E. MORSE

In a recent issue I noticed an article by Percy A. Hill, on collecting stamps by exchanging, wherein he says such a collection would never merit more than a leather medal. Now I would like to know what a fellow is going to do who has not the money to put into stamps that the more well-to-do people have, but who has the collecting mania just the same.

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I wonder if the European who sent Mr. Hill the set of fakes and wanted stamps in exchange of a value of 300 francs or more, was the same "bird" who wrote to me asking to exchange and wanted stamps valued at 300 francs or more? Needless to say we did not do business.

I expect the collections of us little fellows if placed alongside the collection of the big fellows, would look like a tramp beside a society queen, but as long as w cannot afford the rare stamps and jus collect for a hobby instead of a busines I think we will go on exchanging and b satisfied with a leather medal until w can merit a bronze one.

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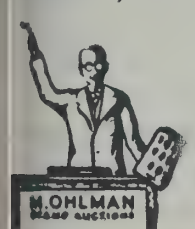

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—Interesting Pronouncement In Relation to the Policy of P. O. Dept.

A most interesting pronouncement of the New Zealand's Postal Department's policy in regard to the issue of stamps was contained in the following paragraph which appeared recently in the Christchurch *Sun:*—

"No special stamp will be issued by the Post and Telegraph Department to commemorate the first flight across the Tasman Sea, states the Secretary of the Department.

"To issue such a stamp would take at least six months, for the Department has decided to have all future designing of, and making plates for, stamps, done in Great Britain. Furthermore there is etiquette between postal departments which would make such an issue by the New Zealand Post Office out of place. The Dominion is the second leg of the flight, and any action taken should be in Australia.

"In addition, there is the fact that philatelists view issues of stamps with suspicion, and New Zealand has no desire to lay herself open to the criticism that she is attempting to make money from such an issue. A clear profit of from £4,000 to £5,000 is made by the Department from collectors on each new stamp issued. New stamps should be issued for events of the first importance."

Insofar as the issue of a special stamp, to commemorate the first flight across the Tasman, is concerned, we believe—and no doubt most collectors in New Zealand will agree with us—that such a stamp would have been welcomed.

Although we are heartily in agreement with the Department that no administration is justified in issuing stamps with the principal object of benefitting financially from collectors, the national importance of a trans-Tasman flight would certainly justify a philatelic commemoration.

And so far as Departmental etiquette is concerned there is the precedent that Australia, although the "second leg" in the "Ross-Smith" flight, thought fit to issue a special stamp for use on correspondence carried from England.

In common with all loyal New Zealanders, we are strongly in favour of local products provided the quality is equal, or at least only slightly inferior, to an imported article. But, judging from past experience, and with the memory fresh in our minds of the "Admiral" type stamps, we think that the new policy of the Department, to have all issues not only engraved but also designed in Great Britain, is a step in the right direction.

Although New Zealand has been responsible for some really beautiful stamps, the appearance of a representative collection is certainly marred, from an artistic point of view, by some very crude designs which, in every instance have been the work of local artists and draughtsmen, who have lacked a proper appreciation of the special requirements of a design for a stamp.—*Postage Stamp.*

STAMPS STOLEN

Mr. Tom V. Binmore, secretary of the American Stamp Dealers' Association, reports that between the hours of 6.30 P. M., Saturday, October 13th, and 9 A. M., Monday, October 15th, Room 204 at 81 Nassau St., New York, was entered by some person unknown, who forced the lock. About thirty to forty dollars in unused U. S. stamps were taken consisting of 2c and other denominations; and a red duplicate book, with the name, Ralph Lesgor, and in the inside of the cover, these two addresses: 3 avenue des Pyrenees and 9 rue de Gascogna, Biarritz. This book contained France, French Colonies, seapost cancellations, etc., and distinctive stamps of this character may lead to identification. Any trace of the stamps should be reported to Mr. Binmore, whose telephone number is Cortlandt 1835, and (evenings) Ravenswood 4685.

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AUCTION REVIEW

By Philip H. Ward, Jr.

The collection of United States Postage and Revenue stamps, gotten together by the late Dr. George Hetrich and sold by Eugene Klein at auction on October tenth, was the first United States collection of any importance that has come upon the market via the auction route this season. As many record prices were made, it is of general interest to announce some of the outstanding items. The collection as a whole was in unusually fine condition and where items were superb, prices ruled around catalog and in many cases, much more. Damaged varieties brought only a fraction. One attending the sale could not help from noticing that it is to the advantage of the collector buying for investment purposes to purchase only stamps in the best of condition. The main increases were in the twentieth century issues, for the collector is beginning to appreciate the rare errors and varieties.

An unused copy of the 1857 5c brick-red, described with slight gum thinning, brought $275. An 1867 1c with experimental grill 13x16 sold at $61. A used block of the 12c 1869 went at $150, while the 1870 12c grill in mint condition reached $400. The 24c of the same issue cancelled sold at $280. The 1888 imperforate 5c and 30c in pairs went in excess of catalog, while the 1893 2c Columbian imperforate pair sold at $140.

The 4c Columbian Error made a record price when it was knocked down after spirited bidding at $370. The 1894 5c and 6c part-perforate varieties in pair and strip sold at catalog or more. The imperforates of 1895 in pairs from 1c to $5 brought out forcibly that these items are somewhat under-cataloged, as they reached $370.

The record price for a 2c 1901 Pan-American Invert was reached when this stamp was sold at $1,220, which is in excess of the new catalog quotation. It may be of interest in passing to note that Dr. Hetrich paid $50.00 in 1902 for this stamp. The 1c of the same issue reached an auction record at $175. The 1902 $5 block, one of the scarcest twentieth century normal blocks, sold at $156. The pair of 10c coils of 1908 brought $77.50, while the blue paper 3c block sold at $102.50, no doubt a record figure. The later issues brought substantial portions of catalog.

The Departments when described as very fine brought strong prices, the 1c Executive going to $27 and the 24c Treasury to $16.50.

Newspaper stamps are becoming more popular and brought from one-half to three-fourths catalog.

In the sale of Revenues, many items among the imperforate and part-perforate brought nearly catalog or more.

The Inverted Centers ruled high, the 10c Second Issue bringing $130—$45 in excess of catalog. The 70c, which was cut so that a part of the stamp had dropped out and been replaced, brought $350, somewhat in excess of catalog. The 30c Third Issue again reached $130, an auction record of a year or so back. The 1c Proprietary invert sold at $250. All of the inverts seem to be under-cataloged, and every auction sale such as this one and the Hurd Sale, show that there is a greater demand than supply, and as a result, they well exceed catalog quotations.

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Cordoba and Corrientes	1 "
Argentine, early issues	3 "
Netherlands (early)	1 "
Norway, 1854, 4sk	1 "
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The Hetrich lot of Match and M cine stamps was possibly the finest that has been offered at auction and prices, at which they were sold, refle a keen interest in these issues.

BELGIAN NEW ISSUES

1928 Charity Issue.—We now h official information regarding this is

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" St. Rombaut, Malines,	.35
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Orval Abbey Commemoratives.—Weber, of Mont St. Guibert, and Theodore Prideaux, of Bristol, kin sent us examples of this new issue, wh appeared on September 15. We therefore able to chronicle them fully

5c+5c, Ogwes and Pillars, red and g
25c+5c, Ogwes and Pillars, violet gold.
35c+10c, Monk carving, green.
60c+15c, Princess Mathilda, Lege brown.
1.75fr+25c blue.
2fr+40c, Monk carving, violet.
3fr+1fr, Princess Mathilda, Lege orange.
5fr+5fr, View of Orval, claret.
10fr+10fr, View of Orval, dark sepia

The sheets bear the inscription "Atel du Timbres Malines" in French, wl the higher values have also the Flem equivalent "Zegelfabriek-Mechelen".

Mr. Prideaux states that the 5fr a 10fr were exhausted on the day of is and it is not known yet whether furt supplies will be printed.

The stamps are not at all beauti except the 5fr and 10fr, while the t lower values are really ugly.

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We especially commend these candidates to our other Chapters for their approval in the belief that these members are especially fitted for the offices selected.

In passing, it should be of interest to other A. P. S. Chapters to learn that this committee is a Standing Committee, appointed each year, to watch and report on A. P. S. matters regularly and to initiate such legislation as is deemed wise to present to the conventions.

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Klein Auction

—Prices Realized at Sale Held Recently at Philadelphia.

("Public Ledger"—A. J. Cubbage.)

A 2-cent "error" stamp, issued in 1901 for the Pan-American commemorative issue, sold for $1,220 at an auction sale of United States postage and revenue stamps at Eugene Klein, 200 South 13th Street. The purchaser was Y. Souren, of New York.

The stamp, printed in carmine, has a black center with an inverted railroad train. It is part of the collection of Dr. George Hetrich, of Birdsboro, Pa., who bought it for $50 in 1902. It is unused. The catalogue value of the stamp was listed as $1,200.

Another high bid was $400 for a stamp of 1870-71. This also is an unused stamp and bears the original gum on the back. It was bought by Philip H. Ward, of this city.

Other high prices were $370 for a 4-cent Columbian stamp of 1893, $365 for a 5-cent stamp of 1908-09, $280 for a 24-cent stamp of 1870-71 with grill, $275 for a 5-cent stamp of 1857-60, $270 for a 13-cent stamp of 1908-09, $215 for a 90-cent stamp of 1879, $185 for a 6-cent stamp of 1894, $175 for a 1-cent stamp of the 1901 Pan-American commemorative issue and $160 for a 5-cent stamp of 1894.

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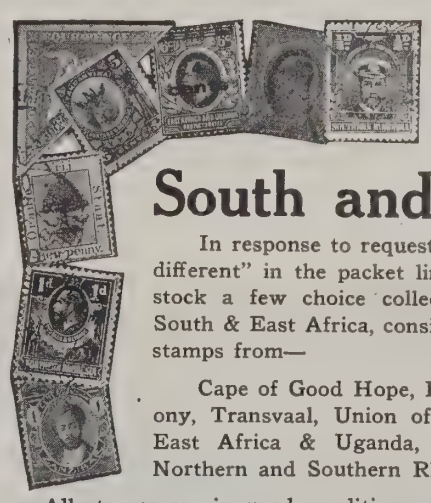

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THE following letter from Mr. H. J. Moran, New York, whose letter-head indicates that he is in the steel business touches upon a subject that should have been commented upon before. He says: "In your efforts to strengthen philately, you encourage all of us to come out in the open and do something to help the good work along. Consequently, I decided to take a census among my associates to learn if there were collectors among them, in view of the fact that I never spoke of my collecting proclivities except on rare occasions. You may be pleased to hear that I have found that four of my friends are collectors and that a dozen others knew something about stamps or were acquainted with some one who did. I think that my explanations to those who have not opened their eyes philatelically has done some good and I know that I have added four congenial companions who share my hitherto somewhat furtive pleasure in collecting." Mr. Moran's example should be followed by others and we are sure that in some instances pleasant surprises will result. In fact, stories are heard how one found that close friends were philatelists by a chance remark or the showing of stamps, or by some other circumstance. The simpler way is to ask those with whom we come in contact if they are collectors, and when it is followed, the results sometimes are happy, indeed.

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FROM Mr. W. F. Goerner, Edgewood, Rhode Island, we have received an old envelope, imprinted "Post Office Department, Return Letter Office, Due 3 Cents," bearing the Washington cancellation in red of the year, 1864. The envelope is on manila, wove, and is catalogued by Mr. Toppan, under "Postage Due Envelopes," who says that he had seen only one specimen and singularly enough, he says that it was canceled July 14, 1864, the same date that appears on Mr. Goerner's envelope. After Mr. Toppan's catalogue was published we were able to send him the same envelope with "Due 6 Cents." Under the head, "Notice to the Postmaster," there are directions to him to return the letter to the writer, followed by other instructions. On the reverse of the envelope is printed: "Free Delivery of Letters, by Carriers, at the Residences of Owners, may be Secured by Observing the Following Rules." Mr. Toppan said that while strictly speaking, these envelopes were not stamped envelopes, they certainly deserved a place in a catalogue of envelopes of the U. S.

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IT is undeniable that the question of "paper" presents difficulties at times that perplex an experienced philatelist. Occasionally, a puzzled collector will give it as his opinion that the difference between "National" and "Continental" paper in the 1870 design U. S., for instance, are academic rather than material, as one man has said. With some knowledge of paper distinctions, we admit that there is justification for this suspicion. Up to about the year, 1894, little attention was paid to the paper varieties of U. S., and about that time, they were differentiated between as they are in the catalogue to-day, broadly speaking. These few paragraphs are introductory to the following letter from Dr. H. B. Hinman, Everett, Washington: "In a recent issue of your paper, there was a letter in which Mr. Bartels expressed his opinion that the 30c Interior had never been printed by the American Bank Note Company. I have a copy of this stamp that was pronounced to be on American paper by a dealer. Naturally, I was interested in the matter and sent the stamp in turn to Messrs. Bartels, Ward and Luff. I enclose their replies . . . Can't you give us an article that will tell the average collector how to distinguish the two printings and papers apart without studying the subject for twenty years as Mr. Bartels has done?" We quote from Mr. Bartels' letter: "The stamp (30c Interior) is the one to which I refer in my comments; namely, a Continental printing on a somewhat porous and slightly soft paper, but it is not a paper ever used by the American Bank Note Company, which is less crisp and slightly more porous, generally also somewhat thicker. None of the American Bank Note Companies' printings of the Interior are as deep a shade as this, most of them being considerably lighter. This stamp, in my opinion, is No. 1605 in the catalog, while on the other hand, I claim that it is wrongly listed as an American Bank Note Company printing. Other Department stamps also exist on this paper, but they should probably be classified as Continental printings. These statements are my personal opinion. I have studied the subject for over 20 years and did not agree with the catalogers when the 30c and 90c were first admitted." Mr. Luff says: "I have looked carefully at your stamp and also consulted some of the people at the office who are handling U. S. stamps all the time. It is the opinion of all of us that your stamp is not on the paper of the American Bank Note Company printing. that is often referred to as 'intermediate paper,' a paper that shows some of the porous effect but is thin. This is understood to be a paper used by the Continental Bank Note Company, so our conclusion is that your stamp is not No. 1605. I believe that the stamp really exists, despite Mr. Bartels' opinion, but of course it is a very scarce thing." Mr. Ward says: "There is a medium grade paper showing somewhat of a soft appearance but it is not the paper of the American Bank Note Company and personally, I feel that this stamp should not be listed. . . . . If you take a real soft paper of one of the commoner varieties, such as the 3c War, unused, you will readily see the difference."

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THE opinions quoted are interesting and they are as one so far as the judgment is concerned that the paper of Dr. Hinman's 30c Interior is not the soft paper of the American Bank Note Company. The explanation is that there are paper variants of the Continental paper and herein lies the basis for controversy. When Crawford Capen and others wrote exhaustively on the paper varieties of the '70's thirty-five years ago, much attention was given to the multiplication of paper varieties in U. S., and at the time, the ribbed paper, horizontally and vertically, was recognized by the catalogue. The claims of the ribbed paper stamps as the ribbed paper of the paper makers were disproved and the stamps dismissed from their places. At that period, we had the privilege of consulting a practical paper maker and learned from him some of the "tricks" as he called them that paper played. We remember that he said that runs of paper made at different times often showed variations that became noticeable under close comparison. While the paper used in the U. S. stamps in practically all instances followed the specifications, yet it is not to be argued that all the deliveries were absolutely uniform as to texture. It would be small wonder if "intermediates" did not exist and while it would be well on the score of simplifying the study of paper if they did not, yet the variant is to be reckoned with. We can well imagine the difficulty of classifying the border-line varieties and we feel that the experts do a pretty good job, under the circumstances. To paraphrase: philately may not be an exact science but in some of its phases it is an exacting one.

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We have read with interest that the new envelope contract has been let with hopes for new watermarks, probably a new size or knife, and the old amber color again. The amber color will be only one-half of one per cent, so there's no use whispering about it. But in the context of the item, one notes that size 5 is the commonest size. Our statistics show that size 13 is commonest, and we show receipts of twice as many size 13 as size 5. If we eliminate windows, the item probably is correct, but the bare statement that size 5 is our commonest size surely does not appear to be correct to any cataloguer of envelopes received from 1916 to date. Then again, maybe we receive more unpaid bills than other persons.

The old problem of what to do with guide lines and criss-crosses and end tabs again bobs forth in a recurring cycle of commentary. Suppositions on this subject, injected into the intercourse, are entirely without mathematical probability, and if you know what a postulate is, you probably recognize the underlying mathematics of the probabilities of occurrence of plate numbers, guide lines, arrows, platemen's initials, as computed by those writing on the subject. There is no way to calculate the occurrences of guide lines and criss-crosses, as the cutting knives in the Bureau don't work the same. The only solution to the problem seems to count the guide lines and tabs and see which are most commonly found. To illustrate this, we might say that in the 2c compound, one will find twice as many bottom tabs as top tabs, altho the number in an unused sheet shows the same number of top, right, left and bottom tabs. If we examine into the guide line tabs, top and bottom, we find more top tabs than bottom tabs. If you will examine the tabs or shelvage or "salvage" on these stamps, you will see why this occurs as it does. Why do users of stamps tear off certain tabs and not others? Do our stamp consumers tear off more right tabs because so many are right handed? Are plate numbers seen in used condition with top tabs or bottom tabs or with right or left tabs, as in the flat bed plates? Do the wide tabs of the rotaries cause fewer plate numbers to come thru in used condition? These questions are not for the mathematician, but for the statistician. Being rhetorical, we ask questions which we feel we can answer from our statistics. Altho 38% of the stamps issued show marginal varieties, we find less than 25% come thru with marginal characteristics. Again, in the booklets, every stamp shows a marginal variety. Of booklet stamps received, stamps 1 and 2 are very rarely seen, 3 and 4, very commonly, and 5 and 6, often, but by no means, frequently. In fact, altho every booklet has a stamp 1, we have only seen one copy used, eliminating, of course, purely philatelic covers. These points are brought forth, not as a matter of self esteemed erudition as a mentor, but as a cogitation that stamps are interesting purely as a matter of investigation and study. Three years ago, we wrote that only 20% of the 2c perf. 10's came thru with marginal characteristics, and in the years previous, we named the 2c perf. 11 as showing 34% marginals. If you seek a reason, don't ask your best friend, for even he won't tell you. There, little girl, don't cry, I'll buy your violets.

Some time back, we wrote of postal markings, describing the International Flyer and the Universal Model G. The Universal Model D has now become common enough to describe. Heretofore we have devoted attention to the Universal Machine as it usually appears in the larger cities, the one with the 21mm townmark and the seven line wave. That is the Model G die. The Model D dies are many, but the most common is die A with a 20mm townmark and a six line wave mark. The townmark resembles the Model G townmark very closely, altho we do not find any die numbers in the townmark. Further in the die A of Model D, we almost always find the wave mark and the one we refer to, always begins with a falling arc, which characterizes the term "Universal six line fall" as indicative of this postal marking. A trifle scarcer is the "Universal six line rise" which one will meet sooner or later. Ten years ago, this machine was used in many of the larger cities, Chicago in particular. Today, we find it in the smaller cities only, altho New York City has a number of them. We trust Harry Konwiser has progressed in his study of New York cancels to explain the use of this machine among all the Internationals. Brooklyn, Long Island City, Arverne, Ozone Park, Forest Hills, Goose Creek, Flushing, Bayside, Jamaica? The postmarks of Jamaica are interesting.

Those who have obtained most enjoyment from stamps are those who take stamps as they come, study them, survey them for theories, yet let them live in the movement of their own history. Perhaps the perfection of Greek sculpture is nothing more than the repetition of ordinary workmanship until the scrape of a tool became commonplace and yet the best workmanship ever known. They had no movement beyond the genuine, which of itself, was true, since it lived. Phidias and Praxiteles spent their lives under porticos, in the stadium, in the gymnasia, or on the Sacred Way, chatting and laughing with the artisans, young men, young girls, shopkeepers, donkey-drivers, herb-sellers. Their familiarity with basic, sordid intimacies yielded a sociability of artistry, like Raphael's, and not Michael Angelo's. Their contact was true to the movement of their models. This perhaps seems beyond the philatelist. Yet one believes that stamps as real creations are the basic materials for the making of a collector; not rarities, not errors, not provisionals, which they seldom see. They cannot all have rarities. Such thought is anarchism to the specialist. But we all can have fun collecting stamps. Who exists with such a lethargic mind, with such a paucity of purpose, with such an apathetic credulity that the happiness of collecting stamps is an apostrophe? Yet the next time Mamma's vacuum cleaner busts, it'll stay busted for all I care. The way that thing collected stamps from my desk yesterday was a cataclysm to all progress. No wonder the Greeks got perfect, they never cleaned up.

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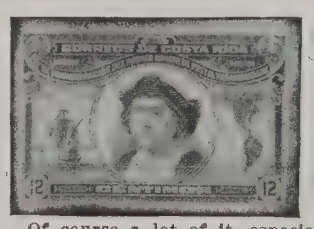

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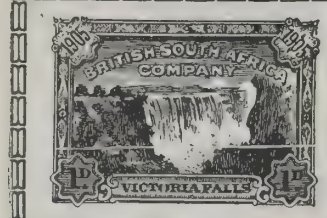

Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

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P. S. N. C.—These letters appear in the corners of the labels issued by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company which were provisionally used as a regular issue by the Peruvian Government.

P.T.—These letters stand for "piastres" in the 3p surcharge on the Egyptian official stamp issued in 1919.

Dutch Air Post

Two values, 40c orange red and 75c blue green, recently issued.

Junior News Release

By Beach Conger, Jr.

Australia.—The Post Office has finally approved a design for the Australian airmail stamp. Minor details will probably be added or effaced before the stamp is ready for use. It shows an airplane in full flight over a mountain range. The stamp will probably not be ready for use until the opening of the Perth-Adelaide route next April.

China.—The Nationalist government of China will issue in the near future five stamps in honor of the late Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, probably bearing his portrait. The values will be 1, 2, 4, 50 cents and $1.00.

Italy.—A set jointly commemorating the centenary of Prince Emmanuel Philibert and the tenth anniversary of the victory of the Italians over Austrians at Piave. The design shows the Prince of Savoy after the statue at Turin, and an Italian soldier marching beside him. Values are 50 cent brown and blue, 75 cent carmine, and 1.75 lira green. In 1921 a set commemorating the third anniversary of Piave was issued.

Belgian East Africa

Many of you have wondered how to classify those stamps of the Congo which bear the surcharge "Ruanda Urundi." This is really very confusing for anyone since the first stamps issued under the Belgian Occupation of German East Africa are listed by Scott under the head of German East Africa. The stamps issued since 1922 are listed as Belgian East Africa.

During the World War, that large section of East Africa which belonged to Germany was captured by British, Belgian and Portuguese troops. The complete surrender of this region was announced Dec. 1, 1917. Belgium thereby acquired a part of this territory.

The first Belgian occupation stamps were issued in 1916. The 1915 issue of Congo was handstamped "Ruanda" in black or blue ink. The same issue was also handstamped "Urundi." Stamps overprinted "Tabora," "Karema" or "Kigoma" were issued without authority and have no philatelic value. In 1916 there appeared 8 varieties of Congo stamps with the more elaborate surcharge in four lines in dark blue as follows: "Est Africain Allemand Occupation Belge" "Duitsch Oost Afrika Belgische Bezetting." In 1918 the red cross stamps of Congo were surcharged "A. O." in large black letters. The two letters "A. O." are the abbreviations for the French words meaning East Africa.

In 1922 the stamps with the four line surcharge were overprinted with new values, in black or red, ranging from 5 to 50 centimes. These five stamps are the first ones listed under Belgian East Africa, whereas those mentioned before are listed under German East Africa.

From 1924 to the present time the contemporary stamps of Congo, including the postage dues and the semi-postals, appear surcharged with the two words "Ruanda, Urundi" in either red or black and in various types and positions.—A. C. LeDuc.

Spain—New Issues

Catacombe Issue.—By Official Decree stamps in support of the funds the "Association for the Catacombes of St. Praetextatus and St. Damasus" will be on sale for the period December 23, 1928, to January 6, 1929, in the towns St. Jaques de Compostelle (dedicated to the patron of Spain) and Toledo (the see of the Spanish Primate). The ordinary stamps will be suspended during the period named.

Seville Exhibition Issue.—The *Times* informs us that there are five types to be embodied in this set, all the work of Spanish artists, and that the stamps are to be engraved by the Royal Mint at Madrid. The *Times* continue:

The first subject is the head of King Alfonso inset upon a view of Barcelona showing the Columbus statue and the Montjuich. The second is a caravel upon a view of Seville and the Giralda. An aeroplane in flight above an outspread map of Spain constitutes the third design, appropriated to stamps for aerial postage, while the fourth is a reproduction in miniature of the official poster advertising the show. Last, there is a stamp showing a general view of the exposition as it will appear when open to the public. To this must be added a sixth type for the express delivery stamp, depicting the nightmare figure of a buck in motion.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Another Map Stamp

The collector of map stamps will rejoice in the 5c Liberia that has just seen the light of day.

Monmouth

—Molly Pitcher Commemorative Stamps On Sale October 20.

(N. Y. "Times"—Wilbur F. Kerr.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 19.—Ten million surcharged "Molly Pitcher" stamps, of the regular two-cent denomination, will be placed on sale October 20, it was learned at the Post-office Department today.

Freehold and Red Bank will be designated as the offices where the special stamps will first be sold. The balance of the issue will be placed on sale at all offices requisitioning the special stamps.

The stamps are being issued by the department in commemoration of the Battle of Monmouth and the part played in the Revolutionary War by Molly Pitcher. It will be the first issue of surcharged stamps bearing the name of a woman.

The name "Molly Pitcher" will be printed across the face of regular two-cent stamps in black ink.

The department's decision to issue the stamps came as a result of a protracted fight for a special issue waged by Congressman Harold G. Hoffman of South Amboy; Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman, of Plainfield, and others. They first requested a stamp printed from a special die, but this request, along with other similar requests, was denied by the Postmaster General. The surcharged issue was then requested as an alternative.

MELANGE—

HERMAN W. BOERS sends u news item on the activities of S mund I. Rothschild in Detroit, wh he has been lecturing on stamps. work has been of a very satisfact character, and has been productive much good, especially amongst the c dren in the schools.

A NOTABLE stamp feature appea in the Worcester (Mass.) *Teleg* of October 14. Two-thirds of a p was used in featuring an article enti "Around the World for Two Cents" huge plate showing some fifteen sta stood out prominently. There were pictures of Frank E. Wood, president the Worcester Club, Frank L. Coes, retary and treasurer, and Paul W. S age, one of the leading collectors of Club. The article is exceedingly w written and would be well worth a p in the Weekly. We commend the C for its activity in obtaining the publ tion of such a splendid tribute philately.

WE have received first day covers the new Canal Zone 1c Gorgas t Thanks are due to C. C. Lafler, Ha Leonard, and the Canal Zone Stamp for covers bearing date of October 3.

ON October 13, the Donald Wo ward Airport at LeRoy, N. Y., c brated the opening with the use o special airmail envelope. In the lower l hand corner is an inscription indic the nature of the event. We are debted to Sam T. Vary for a speci cover.

REV. C. C. SILVESTER calls attention to an advertisement t appeared in the local Bennington, newspaper this past summer. It c sists of a two-column announcem headed in bold type, "Historic Stam and then announces the Bennington, B goyne, Valley Forge and Lindbe stamps as being on sale at the Benni ton post-office. The advertisement signed "Frank E. Howe, Postmast who, however, is not a stamp collect This is commendable enterprise.

GEORGE F. WILD calls our attent to the fact that some of the Alba Montreal first flight airmail covers fai to receive any back stamp. We h seen specimens of these covers that pr Mr. Wild's claim. We do not kn whether this was done accidentally or tentionally. Possibly some of the c ers failed to connect with the air fli and were sent by ordinary mail.

WE have been shown a copy of *Stamp Journal* published at M ico, Mo., by William Howard Taft, cousin of our ex-President. We h already mentioned in the Weekly t fact that this paper is in existence, a we are indebted to Henry Wetjen for t pleasure of inspecting a sample co The paper is issued monthly at 50c year, and a sample copy will doubtl be sent on application.

THERE is a letter at this office f Arthur R. Davis. Who can furn us with the address to which it shou be forwarded?

A NEWSPAPER says that stamp c lectors in England lament what called by them the lack of enterprise their postal officers in not providing set of pictorial stamps, and it is s that the cathedrals, for instance, of En land would provide rich material. "So or her great literary masters" are al offered as subjects for stamp portraitu

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CLEVELAND STAMP CLUB

(Courtesy of H. Walk.)

Dr. A. E. Hussey, Sales Manager of ne Society of Philatelic Americans, was ne guest of the Cleveland Stamp Club the regular meeting, held October 9th, t Hotel Cleveland. The regular business the evening was dispensed with in rder that Dr. Hussey might display sev-ral circuits of U. S. and Foreign stamps. Many local collectors, non-members of ne Club, were present.

H. W. Codding, editor of the official rogram for the 1929 S. P. A. convention, as already mailed to prospective adver-sers, both here and abroad, contracts or space in the Official Program and arly returns presage a successful pro-ram. Choice positions are being allotted the order of the receipt of contracts.

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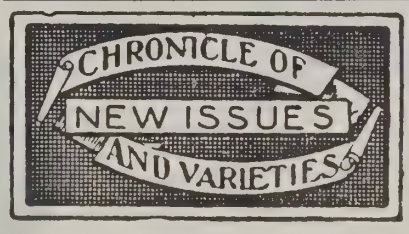

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

"Molly Pitcher" Stamps

The Third Assistant Postmaster General announces that on Saturday, October 20th, a new 2-cent surcharged postage stamp in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth, will be placed on sale. The issue will consist of the current 2-cent rotary print, perforated 11x10 and overprinted on the rotary press "Molly Pitcher" arranged in two horizontal lines across the face of the stamp. The surcharge will be in black. The variety will be available on the first day, not only in Washington, but at the post offices in Freehold, N. J., and Red Bank, N. J., which are post offices located in the vicinity of the battlefield.

It is expected that the issue will amount to about ten million stamps and they may be obtained by other postmasters who make a special requisition for them.

It is to be regretted that the Department should again resort to surcharging, for the Hawaiian issue was not satisfactory and the overprinting was exceedingly poor. Further, few of the postal clerks seem to read the Postal Bulletin or instructions, for few of them pass them without argument, claiming that they are nothing more than precancels. If an event is of sufficient importance to justify a special stamp, it certainly should warrant a special issue, rather than an overprinted variety.

Collectors, as usual, may obtain their supply of well-centered copies by applying to the Philatelic Agency.

In order that clerks will not refuse to accept the Hawaiian surcharged stamps, the Third Assistant Postmaster General again calls their attention, in a notice dated October ninth, to the fact that these are available for postage in the United States proper, Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Porto Rico, Samoa and the Virgin Islands. The notice appears in the Postal Bulletin of October 12th.

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Additional Washington Notes

Mr. R. S. Regar announces that at the present time, they are not making preparations for higher denomination postage due stamps, in view of the fact that postmasters have not asked for higher denominations. No doubt, the request will be made in time, as it is not a common thing to see the postage due stamps of the high denominations cancelled in sheets.

The Second Assistant Postmaster General, in the Postal Bulletin of October 13th, mentions that recently large shipments weighing from 400 to 14,600 pounds have been sent via air mail. If this is going to be common occurrence, we certainly should expect higher denomination air mail stamps, in the not far distant future.

Canal Zone

In the Chronicle of last week, the arrival of the new 2-cent Canal Zone stamps, with portrait of General Goethals, was described. The 1-cent has just arrived, through the courtesy of Mr. R. S. Carter. This stamp, which is printed in bright pea green, shows a portrait of General Gorgas and was issued on October third. The plate numbers noted on the 1-cent stamps are—115181-115182-115183. The 2-cent are—115184-115186-115187.

Mr. Carter writes that the Philatelic Agency sold these two stamps in the amount of five hundred dollars on mail orders the first day of issue. In addition, a good many thousand were sold locally. The variety becomes a permanent issue and will probably appear later printed from the rotary press, as the new stamps are both flat plate varieties.

We wish to thank Messrs. Frank L. Lyle and F. C. Bundlie for notes of interest.

Abyssinia.—*New Series.*—The long expected issue is about to be made. The delay, says the *Daily Telegraph,* was due to postponement of the opening of the new post office. The designs are to be portraits of the Empress Zaoditou and Prince Tafari.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Andorra.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 20c Urgenta stamp in a new pale shade.

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Belgium.—*Impending 4fr and 5fr for Parcel Post.*—According to M. Gisquière, in a communication to our Amiens contemporary, a new tariff for small parcels will come into force on October 1st, when the Post Office will take over direct responsibility for these from the State Railway Administration. Parcels up to 3 kilos in weight will be transmissible for 4 francs and up to 5 kilos for 5 francs. New 4 and 5 francs stamps are to be issued for the occasion, in bistre and olive-grey respectively, both in the Houyoux portrait type, overprinted "CP" (*Colis Postaux*) in monogram style.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Bermuda.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle the following new shades in the line engraved stamps same type as before: 1p red (quite different from carmine shade issued in 1923), 2p dark slate, 4p bright aniline red on yellow (much brighter than the one issued 1924), 6p pale brownish lilac.

Estonia.—Whitfield King & C have shown us the 5c red on fan background, and further advise that th have received the 10c turquoise wi mauve fancy background and 20c gre blue with pink background.

Falkland Islands.—*Proposed New S ries.*—The *Daily Telegraph* confirms t report, and states that a series design by Capt. Amerdras, harbour-master Port Stanley, is due for issue shortly.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Italy.—We are indebted to Mr. R Roberts for copies of the 50c brig violet, perf. 14, watermarked crown before. The type is the same as th 7½c brown.

Japan.—The Coronation of the Em peror Hirohito will take place at Toky on November 10th, when a celebratic set of four stamps is to be issued.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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Vertically, on the right, is printed the rd "Europa" and on the left "Amer-a." Across the top is printed "Deutsche ftpost," meaning German Air Mail.

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Of these No. 6 was the last sold at auction; it fetched £680, being purchased by an English collector, who, however, was not specially interested in Western Australian stamps. The collector made a present of it to his wife, who parted with it to Mr. Hind for about £800. It was not a perfect specimen, or it would have been worth considerably more.—*The Postage Stamp.*

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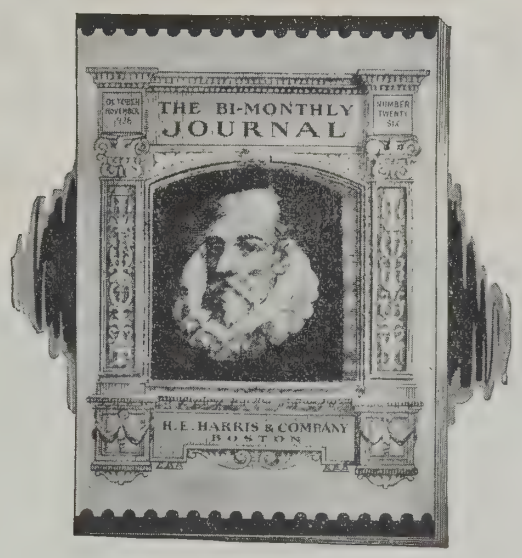

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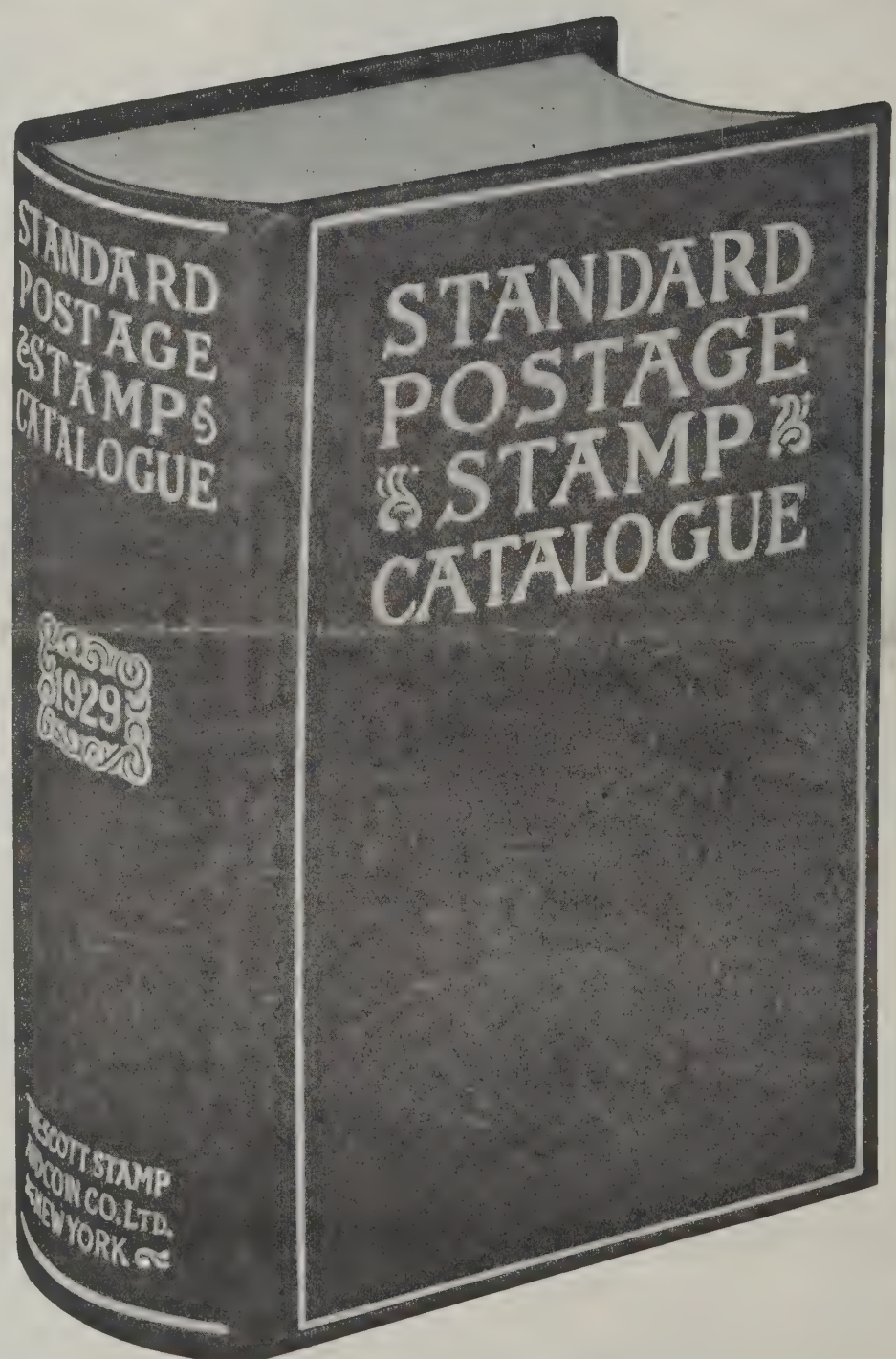

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St. Barthelemy

—Payment of Postage Indicated by Imprint on Envelope.

By HANS LAGERLOEF.

In your number of June 9th, you had an inquiry as to the Swedish Colony, St. Barthelemy, which was sold to France in 1877. I inquired of Dr. Nils Strandell in Stockholm, and he writes me under the date of September 30th, as follows:

"While this island was still owned by Sweden, there is little or no news available as to postal conditions existing on the island. I have gone through the postal archives here in Stockholm, but without any success in this matter. The probabilities are that mail from St. Barthelemy was sent by the regular liners of France from Guadeloupe, and the probabilities are that French colony stamps have been used, whereas, for the part St. Barthelemy-Guadeloupe, no stamps were used at all, but that the payment of the St. Barthelemy postage was signified by some kind of an imprint or cancellation on the envelope. That there should be some information that a Swedish Post Office should have existed on the island, which was using Swedish stamps, is not to be found in the postal archives. If this had been the case, chances are that if only a single, there should have been some stamp existing with the cancellation, St. Barthelemy. The matter is of greatest interest. I know that in Gothenburg investigations have just been made in this very matter, but the result has turned out to be nil."

Zep Stamps

—Great Demand for the Envelopes and Cards Brought to the U. S.

(Clipping from E. H. Sprangers.)

Cancelled stamps on envelopes and postcards brought to this country by the Graf Zeppelin are causing keen competition among stamp collectors and dealers, with $4 being reported quoted for the four-mark stamps on envelopes and $2 for the two-mark stamps on postcards.

Postoffice officials said the Zeppelin's mail consisted of fifteen sacks, containing 28,124 letters and 37,590 postcards. They said arrangements probably would be made for the dirigible to carry mail on her return trip.

A Protest

—New York Dealer Urges Change of Policy Upon Postmaster General.

By J. MURRAY BARTELS.

As an active member of patriotic societies the writer has always encouraged the commemoration of the worthy deeds of our revolutionary heroes and sees no reason why the Post Office Department should not give due consideration to requests for recognition of important anniversaries, thus lending its aid to the kindling of patriotism and arousing a widespread interest in the memory of historical events of outstanding merit.

The Post Office Department has in numerous instances added dignity and importance to such occasions by the careful preparation of an artistic and appropriate design for a postage stamp which has in time pleased the American public as well as numberless stamp collectors in all parts of the world.

The policy apparently adopted by your Department during recent months leads us to the conclusion that it is no longer deemed necessary to supply a separate design, but all that will be required is an overprint such as you have approved recently in two instances, which read "Hawaii 1778-1928" and "Molly Pitcher."

As a stamp collector of nearly half a century and a dealer since 1892, I cannot refrain from entering a strong protest against the too frequent issuance of commemorative stamps, and especially against the overprints which we must regard as unworthy of the dignified record of our postal history.

Our country has in the past been repeatedly criticized by numerous foreign philatelic publications for the all too frequent issuing of Commemorative stamps before the recent overprinting on the current general issue, for which not even an attractive or suitable type was selected.

Would it not have been sufficient to have authorized the use of an appropriate cancelling device for a specified period in the interested territory instead of inflicting this unwelcome issue upon the vast army of stamp collectors throughout the world. The good name and dignity of our postal department will be widely assailed for two latest stamp productions, for which it seems difficult to find an adequate excuse.

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I am enclosing you herewith clipping from the Brooklyn *Daily Eagle*, regarding the "L Z 127". This newspaper, one of the most progressive in the Greater City, "scooped" all other papers in the Metropolitan District, by being first to illustrate a cover or even to show the new German air-post stamp.

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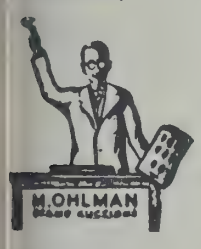

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C. H. YAW, Connellsville, Pa., advises us that the airport in that city will be dedicated on Armistice Day. There will be a special air-mail flight to connect with the McKeesport-Cleveland line.

WE regret to announce the death of C. E. Koch, Kane, Pa., an old-time subscriber to the WEEKLY. He passed on September 14, after an illness of three weeks. He was eighty-seven years old and very much interested in philately. His daughter who sends the sad news writes:—"He has passed many a happy hour with his stamps."

A NEW stamp paper called *Philatelic Interest* has appeared from 3600 Fifth St., Des Moines, Iowa. A sample copy will no doubt be sent to anyone who will write for the same.

WE are indebted to A. E. Gorham and A. W. Arter & Son for first day issue of the Molly Pitcher stamp on Oct. 20, from Washington, D. C., and Freehold and Red Bank, N. J.

A NEW stamp paper is to appear from Newfoundland. It will be called *The Argosy*, will be published monthly, and the first number will be dated November. It will aim to cover especially the stamps of Newfoundland and Frank F. Wills, the well known dealer-collector, will be editor. If you want a sample copy of the first issue write Mr. Wills at Box 5205, St. John's, Newfoundland.

ON Oct. 17, Cleveland, Ohio, had an air-mail day and as a natural result a non-official cachet in purple was supplied. Further details are lacking. We extend thanks to Erwin Strasser for a specimen.

THE tenth anniversary of the Bellefonte, Pa., airport will be observed December 18, with a special cachet. Mail sent to Geo. P. Bush, fully prepaid for mailing, will be properly marked and sent.

C. LEE TUBBS of 2546 Fifth Av., San Diego, Cal., is publishing a house organ known as "Seeley's Stamp News." The issue before us shows considerable enterprise and a sample may be had for the asking.

WE have received from Frank H. Wills a sample envelope of the first metered mail in use in Newfoundland. It is used by the Avalon Telephone Co. of St. John's as a seal, time-saving device. Denominations 1c, 2c and 3c.

IN the New York *Sunday News* of October 21, appeared a full page stamp feature dealing with some of the rarities of our hobby. King George, the Prince of Wales, King Fuad of Egypt and Col. E. H. R. Green are all pictured as enthusiastic collectors. Mr. Hind of Utica, N. Y., is also given considerable space. All in all, the article is a particularly good one in the way of philatelic publicity. Clipping from Carlos de Conte.

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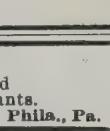

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By Frederick D. Markee.

DECEMBER 17, 1928.
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25th Anniversary of First Flight of the Airplane.

This article will appear under date of November 5th, and there will remain approximately only *six weeks* before December 17th, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Wright Bros. epoch making flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C.

If *you*, as a collector, as an aviation enthusiast, or an admirer of what our *Air Mail Service* stands for, make your demand strong enough, it may be possible for the noise to penetrate to the proper spot and some action ensue.

Charles W. Richling of Elmont, N. Y., writes me under date of October 14, that he has received information through his Congressman to the effect that the Department does not feel justified in assuming the expense of a new issue of an Air Mail stamp for this event, although admitting that the issuance *would be well justified!*

Was there any demand for the "Molly Pitcher" overprint? Was the "expense" justified? Ask the next ten men or women you meet, "Who was Molly Pitcher?" and get a few laughs from their answers. Ask the same ten people "Who was Wilbur Wright?"—and get action!

If Germany, poor as she is reputed to be, can issue two beautiful stamps for the flight of the L. Z. 127, what excuse can the Post Office Department offer? Expense? Unethical?

Aviation, as evidenced by the Department's own child, the Air Mail Service, has grown too large to accept "expense" as an excuse. If this Government is too poor to spend a few hundreds of dollars in commemorating the 25th anniversary of the birth of its own child, then it ought to hang its head in shame.

Make your share of the noise! Write your Senator or Congressman that you want a special *Air Mail Stamp* issued on December 17th, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the first flight of heavier than air machine—*and make yo letter strong!* Don't sit back and wa for someone else to do the work of wr ing! Get busy! Have the Mayor voi his sentiments, get the President of t company you work for, headed towa a stenographer. *Get busy.*

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I am pricing this collection now and nearly all the stamps from 1880 to 1910 are priced at half catalogue and less. In very many cases the older issues are also priced half catalogue, only a very few choice copies of early issues being priced as high as 60% of current catalogue.

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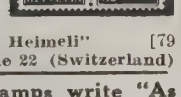
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1919	Bahamas, 3d, #64	.10	*1922	Lithuania 8 auk, #115	.05
1905	Barbados 2½d, #104	.75	*1923	Luxemburg 3fr, #142	.30
*1896	British E. Africa ½a, #72	.05	1885	Malta 2½d, #11	.06
1898	British Guiana 1d, #147	.15	*1902	Mauritius 3c, #121	.15
1904	British Honduras 5c, #64	.35	*1922	Memel 40m, #88	.08
1921	Bulgaria 3L, #65	.05	*1918	Mesopotamia 6a, #32	.20
*1902	Cape of Good Hope 1d, #64	.04	*1913	Montenegro 1pa, #86	.05
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*1922	Kenya 20c, #23	.07	*1897	Tonga 2sh, #49	.64
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*1919	Latvia 35k, #14	.12	*1900	Turks & Caicos 2½d, #4	.43
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THE announcement may now be made that the vogue of the surcharged current issues as commemorating persons and places is not to be uninterrupted. In proof of this, the news that the stamp to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the surrender of Fort Sackville at Vincennes, Indiana, will be a specially engraved stamp is offered. The date of this George Rogers Clark memorial stamp naturally coincides with that of the celebration, Feb. 25, 1929, at Vincennes. The Memorial Commission has approved a painting by Frederick C. Yohn, "noted illustrator, formerly of Indianapolis, and now of Boston, Mass." We quote from the Indianapolis *Star* of October 19th: "While Postmaster General Harry S. New had expressed his approval of any design that the commission might adopt, the actual plans for the anniversary stamp had been withheld until the commission officially recommended a painting to be used. Mr. Yohn's painting shows the surrender to Clark of Fort Sackville by Col. Hamilton, the British commander. This painting was originally produced on the cover of the *Youth's Companion* in October, 1923, and now is the property of the Indiana Historical Bureau. It was presented to the bureau by Mr. Yohn. A bronze reproduction of it has been made by the Muncie chapter of the D. A. R." Thus, another addition to the list of historical issues seems to be assured and naturally, Mr. New will be interested in seeing that this stamp, in which his own state is so much concerned, will have a proper presentation.

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THE following remarks come from Major Harry Morell, Shellsburg, Iowa: "In yesterday's *Herald & Examiner*, Chicago, Mr. Arthur Brisbane draws a comparison between the value of a square foot of New York real estate at $500 a foot, and a canvas by Vermeer, called 'Allegory of the New Testament' at $20,000 a square foot. 'Pooh. That is nothing. In the little town of Boscawen, New Hampshire, in 1846, there was printed a little piece of paper, in dull blue ink, less than half an inch square, to serve as a postage stamp which has a current value to-day of $12,000. One square foot of this paper would amount to about $345,000. By this comparison, we have the relative values of paper, canvas, and New York real estate."

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MR. C. A. PAIGE, Chicago, writes: "As a collector of anything out of the ordinary in stamps, I have been greatly interested in the special 'killers' used by some of the post offices on registered mail. My work keeps me on the road practically all of the time, and in my wanderings I have interviewed several postmasters regarding the use of some special cancellation for this purpose, something that would be of particular significance in their town, perhaps. A number of them have shown interest; and they are seriously concerned with any means of increasing their registered mail business. I was wondering if other readers of the WEEKLY would approach their postmasters with the suggestion and then as new 'killers' came out, readers could send you the information. In this way, interest in a rather new branch of collecting could be aroused and more designs would be forthcoming. To date, I have obtained covers from Prescott, Arizona; Fairfield, Iowa; Appleton, Wis., and Sharon, Pa. Prescott has two designs and Sharon has four. I trust that you will find this subject worthy of consideration." As we understand the question, no demand is made by the authorities that the "killers" be of prescribed form, unlike the postmarks and cancellations. Consequently, the designs for "killers" such as used on registered mail may take any form that suggests itself to the P. M., and so, they may be characteristic of his section or embody features that may appeal to postmasters. There is the Appleton apple; the rose of Sharon and others that our correspondent has named; and we can see that the field may expand and attract the attention of collectors who take pleasure in attending to distinctive markings of the post office. Latterly, side-lines in collecting have attained an importance that formerly they lacked, and the day of conformity in collecting has passed.

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NO sooner had the foregoing paragraph been written before it became apparent that we would have to change our tunes in singing about the registration cancellations or "killers." It may happen that this new collecting branch will be lopped off close to the trunk, for does not our trustworthy correspondent, Mr. LeGrand Payne of Indianapolis, Indiana, write: "Word from our post-office this morning, October 20th, indicates that some of our eastern post-office managers have lost their jobs on account of the special registration cancels, although I have not heard who they were." If the registration cancellations are to be sunk, at least there will be traces of them left.

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WE have received a number of copies of the new 2c green Canada of the bi-lingual set which came so unceremoniously; and Mr. L. E. Sprague, Ottawa, says that the further values will also make their appearance without a fanfare. Mr. J. C. Dowse, Toronto, gives the number of stamps printed in the historical set, on the authority of the *Canadian Philatelist*, as follows: 5c, 20,000,000; 12c, 5,000,000, and 20c, 7,000,000. There will be no basis for any charge of restricted issue with these figures in view.

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MR. GÉZA DEISZINGER, Los Angeles, California, writes: "I just received a letter from a postmaster in Europe, with the news that the countries in Europe are contemplating the discontinuance of the use of postage stamps on mail matter. What do you know about it, and in your opinion what effect will this have on stamp collecting, if carried through?" Over twenty years ago, when the universal stamp was an idealistic objective, discussions on the effect of the restriction of stamp issues were a feature of the stamp papers. Later, when the automatic stamping machine first made its appearance and was a novelty, the possibility of dispensing with adhesive stamps altogether was a subject for speculation. We remember that observations of various kinds were made and that those who maintained that no ill results would follow were in the majority. In fact, it was claimed that the suspension of the issue of postage stamps would stimulate collecting. The supply of stamps now available for collecting purposes is now on its way numerically to 100,000 varieties, including everything in the catalogue, and if no more stamps were to be issued, we could survive. However, there is no need to worry about a possibility that is remote; the twilight of the postage stamp has not yet arrived.

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Postmaster General New is being urged by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and other Southwestern organizations to give consideration to an Air Mail route between Los Angeles and El Paso. Dallas is seeking a direct connection with this line, also. Evidently there is sufficient Air Mail business to justify the demand for these new routes.

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San Jose, Calif., was added to CAM No. 8 on October 15th. I have had a number of letters and clippings giving the data on this inaugural service, the latest coming from Mr. Albert N. Brown, who states that the following quantities of mail were carried—San Jose to San Francisco and Eastern points, 136 pounds (approximately 5500 letters). San Francisco to San Jose, about 21 pounds or 1000 letters. The cachet used at San Jose was very similar to the one used at Laredo on Oct. 1st, the chief difference being the use of a diamond shaped center, instead of a circular one. Undoubtedly most of my readers have received covers from the flight, so I will not bother with details of the cachet.

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Collectors of Air Mail covers will be interested in learning that a prominent Mexican collector, Mr. Victor M. Suarez, has arrived in this country for a year's stay and has offered to assist me in editing matters pertaining to coming Mexican Air Mail flights. In his letter Mr. Suarez states that an experimental flight between Merida and Mexico City was accomplished late in August, the return flight being made on Sept. 2nd. Two companies are—or have been—seeking the contract and both made flights to and from Merida. Permanent service was inaugurated on the route October 15th.

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"Corning, the Olive Town", is the wording of the cachet applied to covers that were mailed from this point on July 16th at the dedication of Woodson Airport. The full cachet reads—"Corning, the Olive Town—Greets the Fliers of—The National Air Tour — At Woodson Airport — July 16th, 1928". Not Official.

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Personal—to my Co-operators! Get busy in your own locality on a special Air Mail stamp for December 17th. See article elsewhere on the subject. This week's list should be particularly active, for among the names are many who have been right on the job for several weeks past. This week's list—the star indicates a cover received—Walter Smith, Jr., Claude C. Beals, Fred Baumgartner*, Albert N. Brown*, C. W. Horn*, Billy Burr, E. L. Randall*, Victor M. Suarez*, L. J. Bottimer*, Allen P. Harding, E. M. Fenton, Miss Anna M. Schafer*, Burt Williams*, Dr. L. H. Snyder*, Frank W. Wright*, Todd Fagan, Chas. L. Hall, M. T. Mauck*, Wm. F. Housman*, H. G. Kingdom, E. C. Cantrell, Cleon McClarran, J. H. Brackett*, George Hill*, Wm. J. Kotab, J. P. Penning*, Ralph Moffett. (That Wright boy is a bad actor! Five covers in a week—keeps me broke sending post card acknowledgments!)

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Todd Fagan sends me a letter from the Mankato, Minn., Chamber of Commerce, which states that "The Committee believed that an unofficial cachet would be of no particular value to philatelists, etc.", and returned covers!

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Cleveland Air Mail Day, October 17th, was productive of two cachets on covers, both UNOFFICIAL. Wm. J. Kotab, who worked hard to get an official cachet, writes that the large cachet reading "Cleveland Airport—Air Mail Day" was the result of his work and had the sanction of the contractor. The design was most effective and a space was provided for the dater cancellation, by close measurement. Covers that were sent through without this particular cachet may have same applied by consulting with Mr. Kotab, whose address is 12706 Melgrove Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Kotab will also apply the cachet to any covers that may be sent him for despatch from Cleveland on any future extensions, the arrangement of the cachet permitting the Post Office to cancel the letter in the space provided.

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Contrary to expectations, the dedication of the Airport at Orlando. Fla., came off as scheduled on Oct. 4 and 5 and a cachet was applied to Air Mail on those dates, in the form of a four-line affair, plane flying West, with wording "Dedication Municipal Airport—Plane—Orlando, Florida—October 4-5, 1928". Not Official.

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The Tri-City Airport Dedication at Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., occurred on Oct. 20-21 and the cachet used was an outline map of the immediate vicinity of Wisconsin Rapids. Sure! It's on the map! Look under D-4.

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Just happened to switch on the radio about 5.30 P. M. on October 17th and picked up KDKA making an announcement that Sigmund I. Rothschild of Freeport, N. Y., would speak on stamps. I listened to Mr. Rothschild's talk and it was a most interesting one. If Mr. R. ever becomes interested in Air Mail covers, we hope he will be as enthusiastic as he is on stamps and broadcast his enthusiasm!

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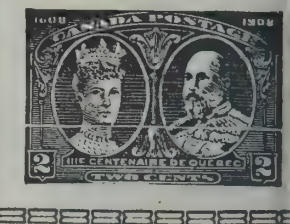

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Port Cantonal. — An inscription shown upon all the cantonal stamps of Geneva, issued between 1843 and 1849, meaning "Cantonal Post."

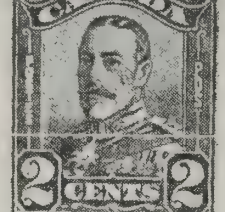
Porteado a Receber.—Found on the postage due stamps of Portugal meaning "postage to be received."

Porte de Conduccion.—Found on the parcel post stamps of Peru and means "postage for conveyance."

Porte Franco.—Found on many of the early stamps of Peru. It means literally, "post free."

Portielje, G.—A painter of Antwerp who designed the 5c Brussels Exhibition stamp issued in Belgian in 1896. His initials, "G. P.", are shown on the stamps in microscopic letters.

The New 2c Canada
(Courtesy of Ivor Giblin.)



The above shows the design of the new 2c Canadian. A striking feature is the use of the word "Postes" as a courtesy to the Franco-American citizenship.

Bosnia 1906-1912

The large pictorial stamps of Bosnia issued during the years 1906-1912 have always been of great interest to collectors. This has probably been due to the fact that each value has a different picture. The border designs are also different. Up to the 1K value the stamps are all large oblong pictorials. The 1K, 2K and 5K are square, the first two being pictorials and the 5K being a picture in dull blue of Emperor Francis Joseph, the late ruler of Austria-Hungary. The 1K shows the Carija at Sarajevo and is maroon colored. The 2K shows the Lucas Tower at Jaice and is printed in gray-green.

The 1910 issue is called the Birthday Jubilee issue. It celebrated the eightieth birthday of Emperor Francis Joseph. This issue is the same as the 1906-1907 issue except for the date label at the bottom which reads "1830-1910."—A. C. LeDuc.

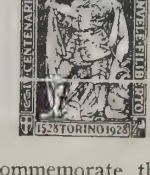
What Shall I Collect?
By Jos. B. Breed, 3rd.

The stamp season has opened, and now is the time that the Junior stops and says to himself, "What shall I collect?" What shall he collect? Indeed it is a subject of much discussion, and nearly everyone seems to think differently. Some say specialize, some say collect the whole world, and yet some say collect only two or three countries.

If one starts to collect everything he will doubtlessly acquire very little unless he is willing to sacrifice large sums. However, this is the method which I recommend, the method which I think best suited to the beginner. A young Philatelist cannot wisely choose the countries he likes best until he has had experience with all.

Collect every stamp until you know something about them all. Then you may exercise wisdom in your choices.

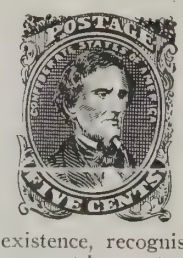
Philibert Commemoratives

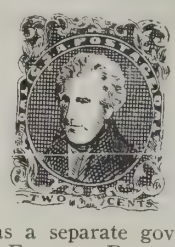


Issued by Italy to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Emmanuel Philibert, Duke of Savoy. There are six stamps in the set:—
20c brown and ultramarine.
25c red and green.
30c blue-green and brown.
1.25l blue and black.
5l violet and green.
20l violet and black.

Confederate States

The name adopted by the eleven states which seceded from the American Union in 1860-1 and maintained a separate





existence, recognised as a separate government by most of the European Powers, until the close of the Civil War in 1865. During this time special stamps were issued.

AIR MAIL NEWS
Continued from Preceding Page.

Remember back about six weeks when it was rumored that Lindbergh w attend the American Legion Conventio San Antonio and possibly fly the m and I stated, "Try and get him"? was the correct answer! He didn't.

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Chas. L. Hall has sent me copies of ters written to the Postmasters at Francisco and Oakland asking them secure official permission to apply a spe cachet to the First Trips of the motor-f feeder line to operate between the cities. If this item should happen to the eye of a certain POD official, will please, please, say "Yes"?

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We are informed that night flying CAM 16 between Cleveland and Louis will commence in the near future, poss before December 1st.

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The first International Civil Aeronau Conference, to be held in Washington cember 12, 13 and 14th, may be produc of some philatelic recognition, according correspondents. We hope that this con ence will be the recipient of evidence the continued interest and support phi elists have extended to Aeronautics, and future, and that the Department include Philately in their plans for entertainment of the members of the ference

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Henry O. Meisel of Clintonville, W writes under date of October 19th to effect that a special motorcycle servic being sought between Clintonville Green Bay, Wis., for a test flight on Ar tice Day, November 11th. As this is 10th anniversary of the signing of Armistice, it is hoped that the spe service will be permitted and if it is special cachet will be used. Any inqui relative to the event may be addressed Mr. Meisel at Clintonville, Wis., R. F. No. 4, Box 76a.

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Mr. D. Abernathy sends a clipping f Chicago paper which states that the leg of the Chicago-Atlanta Air Mail ro will begin with a flight November 10th Terre Haute, and Evansville, Indiana. balance of the route will be opened wit 30 days.

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Hon. W. Irving Glover returned to Wa ington on October 23rd after a th weeks' inspection of the Air Mail routes the Northwest. Upon his return, Glover stated that a route is under c templation between Toronto and Buff and another between Twin Cities and W nipeg. There is also contemplated an tension of the Air Mail service betw Twin Cities and Spokane, via Fargo. actual decisions have been reached, as Glover wishes time for further study investigation.

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I take great pleasure in announcing the rchase of the wonderful **collection** gotten gether by the late **J. Barton Townsend,** resident of the Provident Trust Company Philadelphia, consisting of United States, reat Britain and the Colonies.

Mr. Townsend, one of the earlier Phila-lphia collectors, has been interested in ilately for many years and during that me has accumulated a wonderful assort-ent.

His United States Issues ran from the ostmasters to date. In the earlier issues, selected one copy only, but endeavored get shades and varieties, preferring, here possible, the mint specimen. In the ter issues, Mr. Townsend collected blocks. id it is in this portion of his collection at he especially shines. For instance, ost everything in twentieth century is resent in blocks and this includes the ne papers complete, among which are to found the exceedingly rare blocks of e 4c and 8c, of which only two or three re known. The Columbian Error is resent, the 1894-1895 imperforates com-ete in blocks, the 8c Omaha part-perf., e 1901 inverted centers—1c, 2c and 4c, veral of the late part-perfs., and all of e rare perforated 10 in block form. There re some few Carriers and quite a few loice Locals, including a unique Bloods on ue. The Departments are complete.

Mr. Townsend was especially fond of his evenues and had practically all of the ormal varieties, including the rare high enominations.

In the case of the British Colonies, he as a subscriber to the New Issue Service r eighteen to twenty years, and has prac-cally everything in twentieth century rough the one and two pound values. e was also especially fond of Errors, ence — has many inverted surcharges, inor perforations, watermarks and the ke.

His nineteenth century, truly a magnifi-nt lot, was collected in accordance with ibbons, hence is strong not only in nor-al varieties, but in perforations and ades. I note one or two outstanding ieces, such as the Gibraltar 1889—10c with gure of value omitted, all of the twen-eth century issues of this country, the 89 20-shilling Gold Coast, etc., etc.

Being a collector of the old school, he nly endeavored to obtain a fine single opy of each listed specimen.

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United States

2-Cent "Molly Pitcher" Issue

The 2-cent carmine, rotary print, perforated 11 x 10½, surcharged in two lines in black "Molly Pitcher" and issued to commemorate the Battle of Monmouth, appeared in accordance with schedule on Saturday, October 20th. The stamps are distributed in sheets of one hundred, with margins on all sides and those that have been noted so far bear plate numbers 19070 and 19071. As in the case of the Hawaiian overprints, the work is exceedingly poor, hence, there are many imperfections which appear as broken and deformed letters.

It is certainly to be regretted that the Department has taken this manner of commemorating events of importance and it is hoped that the surcharging of stamps will be discontinued, as it is unworthy of a Government such as our own.

As previously stated, the issue first appeared in Washington, D. C., Freehold, N. J., and Red Bank, N. J., but have since become available in other post offices where the postmasters have ordered supplies.

The variety was issued hurriedly, almost without any advanced notice and this may account for having another surcharged issue.

Dr. L. H. Snyder and others kindly favor us with first-day covers. We wish to thank Messrs. D. B. Damon, A. H. Robertson and Raymond Fischer for clippings regarding this stamp.

Another Odd Postmark

Under date of October 19th, the Postmaster General ordered by telegraph the immediate suspension of the postmaster and his assistant at Lansford, Penna. It seems that thousands of circulars attacking Herbert Hoover were distributed and that purposely the letters failed to carry postmarks, showing the originating point of the communications. A special cork postmark in the shape of a four-leaf clover was used in cancelling the stamps. One of these covers would make

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*	1923, 5gld on 1m, ₹167	2.75
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Mr. Alan P. Vestal kindly sends a clipping from the Indiana *Star* of October 18th, in which mention is made that a special Clark Memorial Commission met in Indianapolis on the previous day and approved as an illustration for a new 2-cent stamp, a painting by Frederick C. Yohn, noted illustrator, formerly of Indianapolis and now of Boston. This painting shows the Surrender to Clark of Fort Sackville by Colonel Hamilton, the British commander. It originally appeared on the October, 1923, cover of the *Youth's Companion* and is now the property of the Indiana Historical Society. We are told that the Postmaster General has expressed his approval of any design that the Commission might adopt and that he has withheld any announcements until the Committee officially made its recommendation.

Abyssinia.—Mr. G. T. Maclean tells us that the new Post Office is still not inaugurated, and the new stamps are not issued. The coin, which is nominally one-sixteenth of a Maria Theresa dollar, called in ordinary parlance "piastre" or "tomoon," and on the present stamps "girsh" or "guerche" (the French equivalent), will on the new stamps be designated "mehalek." — *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Argentina.—Mr. A. H. Davis notifies us that a special issue is to be made in commemoration of the centenary of the preliminary convention of peace between the Empire of Brazil and the Argentine Government.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Barbados.—We have received from Mr. D. E. W. Gittens copies of the current 4p stamp in a distinct brick red shade. Mr. Gittens advises these were placed on sale about October 10th.

Belgium.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the current 4fr pale brown and 5fr bistre, with the surcharge "Colis Postal" and "Pos collo" with a large C P monogram forming a part of both words.

France.—Whitfield King & Co. report the following Sinking Fund stamps 40c+10c violet with red surcharge; 50+25c dull red with blue overprint, and 1fr50c+50c lilac with black surcharge.

Germany.—Two Zeppelin Air Post stamps have come to hand from Whitfield King & Co. They are of the same design, and picture the top half of the world with the Zeppelin sailing over. The 2 mark is of bright blue shade, while the 4 mark is in dark brown.

Gwalior.—Mr. R. Roberts has received from his native state the 12a claret and 1R green and brown, both overprinted at Nasik in large type similar to the 2R surcharged stamp noted some weeks ago.

Italy.—A 50 lire denomination is to be issued shortly.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Latvia.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the 15san chocolate on brown, and 30san blue, both watermarked swastika.

Nigeria.—The 2p chocolate, script watermark, has been received from Whitfield King & Co.

Roumania.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of a 25 bani black with the words "Assistenta Sociala" at the top.

Sarawak.—*The South African Philatelist* learns from *L'Exchangiste Universal* that the stock of the 5c unwatermarked stamp is so large that the Postmaster has been authorized to dispose of it by converting the stamps into 2c or 3c stamps by means of a surcharge.

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By "PHILATELIA."

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Chalkies.—In a recent article reference was made to the possibility of pricing the "ordinary" and "chalky" stamps separately. A start has been made with this and under Hong Kong, the ordinary paper stamps, where they also occur with a chalk surface, are priced separately. This is part of the general revision of Hong Kong, but it is only to be expected that it will be extended to other Colonies where necessary, chiefly, of course, to the multiple issues of 1905-6.

Edwards. — There is evidence throughout the volume that more attention is being paid to this group and a large number of increases are noted, chiefly in the scarcer or higher values. In Antigua all 5/- stamps, both Edward and George move upwards, although one cannot see that the current type 5/- has done much for promotion, as it is presumably still current.

In Australia, to give it its new official name, we see a number of changes, chiefly upwards, in the high or scarce values. The 1/4 Turquoise seems cheap at O pence! Whilst the current 1/4 for some reason figures at 3/-.

Both £1 values in Bahamas show some increase, whilst there are several movements in both directions in the staircase type to be observed.

As usual Barbados provides some excitement in the modern issues. The 1/- Nelson puts on half-a-crown. The Peace or Victory set shows most movement, the 2/-, really the scarcest value, is now 10/-. The 3/- violet goes up 10/- to 45/-, whilst other alterations here and also in Barbuda are chiefly of a minor character.

Bermuda shows a few small rises, chiefly in the stamps recently obsolete, but the Commemorative sets are now priced used as well as mint, the 2½d coming out higher used, contrary to what most people would expect.

British Solomon Islands shows a few rises and the scarce 5/- orange-buff K.G. is priced for the first time at £1. The 10/- Cayman puts on 5/- at 75/-, but there is not very much movement elsewhere here.

In Ceylon Georges, several of the scarce high values like 2r lemon put on a few shillings. The rare Cyprus 45pi Script is now priced used at £7 as against £8 mint, and the £1 puts on 15/-.

In Dominica we again see the high values gaining ground at the expense of the low values; the 5/- Edward and the last 5/- George MCA both gain 5/-. Many of the illustrations are more distinct throughout the volume, and the paper is whiter, although still rather too translucent.

In Falklands, a number of shades are up, but the recent provisional listed in the addenda is unfortunately unpriced. Some of the recent high values of Gibraltar show improvement, the £1 George now being 65/-. The highest values of Gold Coast are increased substantially, despite recent comment in these notes, but I should welcome proof that such values as the 15/- *have* been withdrawn.

Grenada shows quite a number of movements in the high values, nearly all the 10/- values are up, but the 1/- *olive back* which has not been seen about much of late is still £3. I am still without any reply as to recent query as to which, if any, of the Indian "C.E.F." series are in use and where. The 1 rupee George makes a noteworthy jump from 10/- to 30/-. Perhaps some reader out East could give the present position of this series with any known statistics as to printings? The 5 ru. Jhind K.G. recently recommended in these notes goes from 9/6 to 25/-.

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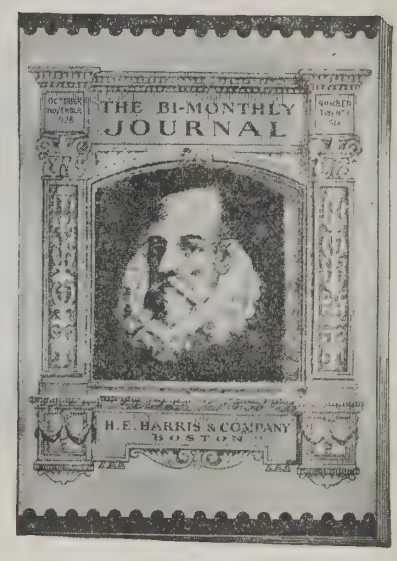

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By GEO. H. JAEGAR.

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The So. Georgia Provisional of 1928 and Other Falklands Notes

By "CALABAR".

Taken all round the Falklands have led a pretty uneventful life, so far as stamp issues go. Save for the war issues and the 1890-91 provisionals the philatelic history of these islands is unbroken by any of those sensational outbursts which mark the path of many another Colony nowadays (q.v. Ascension, Malta, New Hebrides, etc.). Five years ago, however, the smooth train of events in these uneventful isles was shattered by the issue of that delectable of delectables, viz., a bisect—in the form of the 2½d dark blue of the 1912 issue. Inasmuch as only a very, very few copies are extant, and as the postal authorities have ever since been extremely reticent over the matter, this little provisional was soon crowded from the boards by the ever pressing flood of new issues.

And now, five years later, So. Georgia once again knocks the philatelic world into a cocked hat—this time with the current 2d purple surcharged in large type "2½d." So far details are few, just as in the case of the former So. Georgia eruption. Mr. B. S. H. Grant, F. R. P. S. L., the well-known Falklands specialist, has a copy dated Feb. 19, 1928, and as far as I can make out, his is the only copy which has been reported to date. Some weeks ago a British dealer advertised "limited supply 2½d Prov. expected soon," but we have still to know whether or not he got his stamps. Another dealer—also British—was a bit too late, as he received this letter from the Postmaster:

"In reply . . . regarding the forwarding to you of ..... overprinted stamps, I regret to inform you that the entire stock of these stamps has already been sold and that the issue was closed on the 24th February. The total issue was only 1,179 stamps.

Signed, FREDERICK B. WILSON,
Postmaster."

Although not exactly welcome news to the recipient, this is decidedly welcome news to specialists, etc., as it tells (1) the nos. issued, and (2) date of exhaustion. If we presuppose that Mr. Grant's copy was posted on the day of issue, or shortly afterwards, it is plain that the stamp lasted for only a very short time. There is this to think of, however: is the normal local demand for 2½d stamps big enough to absorb 1,179 copies within a week?—assuming, of course, that the date of issue was around Feb. 19th. On the other hand there may be collectors, correspondents, etc., on the spot, whose presence would account quite nicely for the stamp's selling out in such a short time.

Well, this is all conjecture, and as such is worth little, if anything, save that it may catch the eye of someone who can tell us more about this highly interesting stamp. By the way, I see Gibbons list it, although not the 1923 stamp. Why? Was the former authorized from Port Stanley? (The lack of official sanction, you remember, kept the 1923 stamp from the Catalogue.)

According to Mr. E. H. Roberts of Port Stanley and *L'Echo*—the French stamp journal—a new pictorial set is to be issued about the end of the year. Mr. Roberts adds that "the current series will remain valid contemporaneously with it," but what this means I can't say. Its obvious meaning, of course, is that the current series will be good for postage along with the new set, but why he should mention this, when in practically all Colonies the obsolete stamps are valid for postage, is a trifle obscure.

The last printings of the current series were despatched during the first quarter of this year. These comprised the 1d, 2d and 2½d. Prior to this fresh printings of the ½d, 1d, 2d and 2½d, were sent out during, I believe, the first half of 1927. This was the first printing of the 2½d in the old colour. Strangely enough Gibbons do not distinguish between this printing and the first (1921) printing. They are quite distinct, however, the reissue being in a dark blue similar to the 2½d of the 1912 issue, but not so intense as the 1921 stamp. This 2½d reissue, and also the current 6d, should be watched, as they will have been in use for a shorter period than any of the other current duties. The 6d, you recall, was issued during the latter half of 1925.

However, I doubt if any large stocks of even the three current high values (5/-, 10/- and £1) will come on the market once they become obsolete, as the stamps of the Falklands are not printed in any great quantity, as is the case with certain other Colonies. Besides, the local demand for ordinary postal purposes, is small, especially for the high values. In fact, it would not surprise me at all to see the 10/- and £1 missing from the new pictorial set. High values seem to be going by the board lately, as witness Gold Coast, St. Helena, Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts, etc. (£1 of the last three has been withdrawn; also the 10/- of St. Kitts.) Used copies of these high values will be especially desirable, and should be worth two and three times the price of mint copies. Messrs. Harmer Rooke & Co., the well-known London auctioneers, recently obtained £7 for the 2/6 and 5/- of 1898, used on two registered envelopes—a figure which is food for thought, when one considers that mint copies of these two stamps sell at only 50/- the pair! Twenty years from now, unless I am greatly mistaken, the current high value Geos. in similar condition will be just about as scarce, as compared with mint copies. I've said it again and again, and I still say it: used high values of the out-of-the-way Colonies are the best bets on the modern Colonial market today. Don't take my word for it; sink a little cash in 'em wait twenty years—and see for yourself!!

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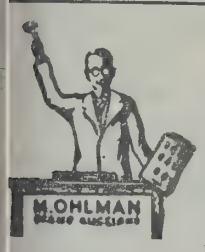

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EXCHANGE—

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WE have been advised of the death of William H. Seward, Johnson City, N. Y. He was founder of the William Seward Stamp and Coin Club of that city. Mr. Seward was born in Coleville, N. Y., in 1858, and began in early life to study and collect stamps. He was a man of sterling character, beloved by all who knew him.

WE have received from Floyd Shockley, Indianapolis, Ind., a cover which bears a cachet in purple, reading "Airmail Day, Indianapolis, Oct. 25, 1928." The envelope carries with it the remarks of an airmail flight, but we have no particulars as to how long the letter was in the air.

WE acknowledge with thanks greetings from J. E. Crouch, who is on a visit to Bermuda.

H. HOLDEN, after a stay in Berkeley, Cal., has returned to his old-time location in Detroit. Mr. Holden has been in the stamp business for forty years, and in 1891 introduced monthly auction sales. Elsewhere in this issue will be found his advertisement, and he promises that our readers will hear from him from time to time. His present address is 115 John R St., Detroit, Mich.

A GROUP of boys at the Athol, Mass., Y. M. C. A. have organized a stamp club. It was voted to hold meetings every other Tuesday at 4 p. m., Robert Henchman, President and Clyde Starrett, Secretary. The charter members are: Clyde Starrett, Howard Roth, Robert Atkinson, Wallace Mayhew, Rubert Atkinson, Franklin Henchman, Francis Gray, Frederick Merrill, Donald Hayden. Adult Advisers: A. P. Johnson, Robert Briggs.

WE have received from White & Wyckoff, Holyoke, Mass., their 1929 art calendar. It is a handsome production showing twelve exquisite illustrations featuring "Message Carriers of To-day." As one turns the pages the queer and quaint ways that Uncle Sam uses to convey the mails are portrayed. There is the Alaskan dog mail, the mountain carrier on snow shoes, the delivery of mail to an isolated lighthouse, airmail, reindeer mail, etc. The calendar is unique with its educational features. The U. S. P. O. Department has co-operated in its preparation. Price 25c and it may be obained from the publishers.

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No. 68.	10c Green	.85	.25	No. 115.	6c Blue	3.50	.90
No. 69.	12c Black	2.50	.75	No. 117.	12c Green	4.00	1.15
No. 70.	24c R. Lilac	9.00	2.00	No. 116.	10c Orange	3.50	1.00
No. 71.	30c Orange	3.00	1.00	No. 118.	15c Br. and Bl.	8.00	2.35
No. 73.	2c Black	.35	.10	No. 119.	15c Type II	3.75	1.25
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9	PC Blk. Lib.	Whitestown, N. Y.	Purple	H. P. A.
10	PC Blk. Lib.	?	Black	R. C. Collins

No. 1 you may have in your collection. The name of the Asst. P. M. at this time being D. P. Hamlin. No. 4 is seldom cleanly struck, and when hit properly it makes a fine addition to any collection of cancellations. The double letters are often misleading, for the F.T. is no fort, and the next one may not be Vermont, and the next may not be Phila.

Continuing about schools and hotels, I went thru my covers and find I have 30 schools, and 85 hotels on covers used prior to 1870 issue of stamps. These I have mounted and they make a good start. Some are quite unusual as compared with Returns nowadays.

One, a dense purple all over, is the Bordentown Female College, and it is pretty. There are some Greek Letter fraternities, a Sabbath School, two covers before stamps are postmarked "CARY'S ACADEMY O", one in black with no ring, other in orange-red, each has a mss. "10" for its rate.

Some of the schools had rather long drawn out names. It would be quite awkward to give a yell for "Fort Plain Seminary, and Female Collegiate Institute". I have also saved out a very pretty gray surfaced envelope with the Return of a chemistry professor. In a semicircle above we read "J. MILTON SANDERS M.D., L.L.D.", then below is a table with one of those chemist's flasks that all Chem Lab students regard a few paces removed, to see if the cork will hit the ceiling first, or if the whole she bang goes up at one explosion! Ther are beakers and retorts also on the nic white table cloth, which droops dow gracefully, showing the rest of the re turn address of this Professor, to b "Professor of Chemistry." No town i mentioned, so I reckon he was very wel known, tho my knowledge stops with Ir Remsen, and a name with a "z" in it which I can't spell.

Many of the colleges show pictures o their campus or building. Wesleya Academy used beautiful steel engrave stationery, picture of the entire ground and buildings in 1865.

Among the hotels are many with returns in embossing. American House i Boston shows the hotel in white, the irregular frame being in bright red give a neat cover in 1856 or thereabouts. American was popular as a name, being used in Boston, Cleveland, Columbia, Galesburg, Montpelier and Richmond, to my knowledge, with probably many, many more.

I have three Atlantics. The Aveline from Ft. Wayne is neatly engraved. My best hotel is from Bosco Bel, Wisconsin, it being a rebus on back of the envelope. From the Clark's House, at Beaver Dam, I have a Railroad pmk. "CHI to GREEN BAY R. P. O." on 3c 1869. Cooley's Hotel of this town is on a gray surfaced envelope in 1869. The hotel is just being remodeled in part.

On a folded cover is a 3c 1851 stamp, precancelled, the mss. pmk. reading "Crawford House," and I have seen but few of these pmks. The old FIFTH AVENUE HOUSE used a very neat embossing in the 60's. In 1851 the Franklin House of Phila., used an ornate blue design, the letters colorless. The Girard House of Phila., came in a black ellipse in the 60's, showing the perspective of the hotel. My cover is mailed from Romulus, N. Y., showing the patrons sometimes carried away stationery in those days, too!

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The Mt. Holyoke, Mass., Mountain ouse gave its guests very neat envel- es, with a picture of the hotel on the ountain top, they also furnished other envelope with picture of the aks of the nearby range of mountains. e Sherman House of Chicago had em- ssing. It is all tied in with a belt d buckle, and is quite neat—used in 60's. From Oil City, Pa., we find ers from the Sheriff House, probably a jail, tho at first glance it would ear so. I have "UNITED STATES Ho- s" from Hartford, New York, Platts- rg and Washington.

The terms hotel and house are used out equally in the names of these hos- ries on covers before 1870. Several llectors are saving the return addresses business firms too, and when they are t and pretty they make a very inter- ing layout.

n the next Forum I expect to tell you out the fellow who began the collect- of Patriotics—this being in May, 1! If you have a record of anyone ing them earlier than this man I uld be glad to hear from you with a on the collection. He had 240 ferent.

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THE LONDON BOURSE

Through the courtesy of Mr. Reginald F. Makepeace, who writes from London to tell of the opening of the great dealers' fair, all indications point to the success of the sessions of the meeting. Stamps to the value of millions are on hand and the stamp trade is well represented there, dealers having come from many of the cities of Europe and from New York and Boston, in the United States. It is easily realized that with the admirable foundation in a philatelic sense that London provides, a meeting of the kind is almost certain to be attended with good results. A newspaper clipping remarks, as follows, and incidentally, we should say that there are relatively few folks in England who do not know of the existence of stamp collecting as a definite diversion: "While many people profess an inability to understand what pleasure can be gained from collecting postage stamps, there is no question that in an economic sense the hobby has reached a point where it is entitled to be classed with the collecting of pictures, books, furniture, old glass, antiques, and other collections which run into a good deal of money."

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A new Air Mail publication, "The Air Post Collector," has reached me. As this copy is No. 1, I presume others will follow and they will be welcome reading. "The Air Post Collector" is the House Organ of Mr. R. E. R. Dalwick, Dorking, Eng., and is his medium for placing before collectors his large stock of pioneer, current and possible future flight covers. Write Mr. Dalwick for a copy.

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From Mr. Gearhart Frantz comes a cover bearing a three line cachet, which reads, "Use the Air Mail—Martin Jensen Airport, Lehighton, Pa.—Will be dedicated Sunday, October 21st." As the cover bears a cancel of this date and location, I presume the dedication took place on schedule. *Not Official.*

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Mr. Fred Krueger sends me a very interesting cover—one that seems to be among the missing in many collections, although of fairly recent vintage. A special flight from Fargo, N. D., to Winnipeg, Man., occurred on July 13, 1927, being sponsored by the Fargo Aeronautics Club. A few covers were carried and posted at Winnipeg, and others at St. Paul, the postmarks reading, "St. Paul, July 13, 1927, and Winnipeg, July 15, 1927." The covers carry a four line printed notice in the upper left corner, enclosed in a single line frame and reading, "First Mail Carried By—Airplane From Fargo, N. D.—sponsored by—Fargo Aeronautics Club." The envelope used was a regular 2c stamped No. 13, and there is no backstamp.

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Jesse T. Lillibridge reports a special cachet was used at the dedication of the Airport at Stowe, Vt., on October 26, 27, 28. The cachet is diamond shaped, bears the words "Opening Airport, Stowe, Vermont, Oct., 1928, 26, 27, 28," and a winged propeller in the center. Looks as if it might have been made from a stencil. *Not Official.*

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You will recall my note relative to covers being carried in the "Friendship" by Wilmer Stultz, in a recent issue. I am now able to inform you that 11 covers were carried by Mr. Stultz, and were mailed in London on his arrival there the covers being the property of a friend residing in Newfoundland. It is interesting to learn this fact, for no previous mention has been made that the "Friendship" was the means of getting a few covers carried over the Atlantic. The covers ought to be valuable.

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Good intentions sometimes fail to work out as anticipated, and Mr. Clifford Ball seems to have had his share of hard luck in connection with a cachet of welcome to the Zepp. It was originally planned to apply a cachet to Air Mail on the day the "Graf" hovered over, or landed at Pittsburgh. Weather conditions prevented, but Mr. Ball was a sport and sent the covers along on October 29th, after all hope of a visit had peterered out. Just to show that he is interested in our hobby, he applied the original cachet—four lines in a frame—reading "Greetings to the—Graf Zeppelin—and its gallant crew—on their flying visit here," and then to give us good measure, applied a second cachet, another four line affair in smaller type and without the frame, which reads, "Graf Zeppelin Cancelled—Inland Flight, Oct. 26, on account of high winds and—flew to Germany today." Covers before me are cancelled McKeesport and Homestead, Pa. and Mr. J. P. Penning states that last minute changes necessitated the use of the three postoffices, McKeesport, Homestead and Pittsburgh, and that cover were split so as to receive the three cancels where possible. Cachet, of course is *Not Official.*

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Dennison, Texas, dedicated an Airport on October 20-21, and I am indebted to Mr. William Prinzing for a cover bearing a cachet. "Gray Field" on the wing of a plane, "Dennison's Airport—Secured by the Junior C. of C.—Formal Opening —Oct. 20-21." All enclosed in a single line frame. *Not Official.*

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Another Contract Route to get under way on December 1st, according to newspaper clipping received from Mr. J. W. Stanton, *Atlanta Journal,* under date of October 25th, states the ATLANTA-MIAMI service will start on that date according to a statement by an official of Pitcairn Aviation, Inc., the contractor. The Southbound plane will leave Atlanta at 7. A. M., on Dec. 1st, arriving in Jacksonville at 10. A. M., and Miami at 1. P. M. Return from Miami at 11 A. M. Dec. 1st, arr. Jax at 2 P. M., and At

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Ascension.—The popular first set of this Colony is still on the upgrade. The 1/-, in Scott's Advance Sheets, goes to $5, the 2/- to $6, and the 3/- to $9. In spite of these high levels further rises are bound to take place, and the complete set is well worth getting hold of at anything under $10.

The **Barbados** 2/- and 3/- of 1921 are also up in Scott's Adv. Sheets, the 2/- is now at $2.75, and the 3/- at $4. These are two good little stamps which should not be overlooked.

A report seems to being going the rounds to the effect that a complete new series for the **Leeward Ids.** is being prepared. This has not been confirmed by the Crown Agents, however, and I doubt very much if there is any truth in it.

The foreign post card rate in these islands has now been reduced to 1d, so that the 1d stamps of the different Presidencies and of the Federal series, will doubtless appear in red again.

Solomons.—Scott's new figure (10c) for the current 1½d, although lower than the old one of 50c, is still more than their usual figure for current 1½d duties. Gibbons' price is also a trifle high, viz., 4d. Why these figures? This stamp is certainly current.

Gold Coast.—Quite a few of the old CA 10/- K.G. with olive back have been coming on the market recently, particularly in London. It is noticeable that prices are well under those obtaining over here, the London prices ranging between 17/6 and 27/6.

Mr. Harry Huber, in an article in the WEEKLY of Sept. 10th, states that 20,160 of the 4d old CA of **Montserrat** (which was issued July 13, 1922) were burnt at Plymouth on Aug. 18, 1924. One wonders why the script 4d was ordered when it was, when a large stock of the old CA 4d was still in hand.

The 5/- 1914 of this Colony is a stamp well worth getting hold of. It is the best of the Montserrat King's head issues, and I see two British dealers are offering 25/- and 30/- for it.

Turks & Caicos.—The obsolete 1922-26 set is still a good buy, the 2/- 1925 particularly. Only 7,560 were sent out, so that its present figure is due for a big jump.

Sierra Leone.—It is officially stated that the 2½d, 7d, 9d, 10d, £2 and £5 stamps of this Colony will be discontinued. The 7d, you recall, was issued early this year, and may turn out the best of the lot: i.e., show the biggest proportionate rise over face. A few copies, either used or mint, are well worth buying up.

Turks & Caicos.—Some interesting figures *re* the numbers issued of the 3/- 1922-26 appeared in *The Philatelic Trader* for August. The first printing, including copies sold by the Crown Agents in 1922, was 8,160. A second supply was received at Grand Turk on Jan. 24, 1927, numbering 5,880. Judging by these figures the market price will eventually settle down somewhere between 5/- and 10/-.

The 2/- of this set (with script wmk.) is the better of the two, of course, as the supply received in the Colony was only 7,560. It would be interesting to have the Nos. of the other values, especially the 5d, 6d and 1/-.

Tanganyika.—I learn that the 40c, 75c and 3/- values of the current K.G. type series are to be discontinued and that no further printings will be made. These duties will thus have been in use for about one year only, and I know that of the 3/- fewer printings were made than of the other values, so that a few copies put aside now should prove a good investment in a couple of years.

Malta.—I see that *all* values of the current set will appear with the "Post. & Rev." ovpt. and that they will include the new 1d light brown and 1½d red, which are not yet on issue. I fancy the new provisionals will have a hardening effect on the prices of the old "Melita" set.

St. Kitts.—An English dealer is offering the £1 of the 1920-22 series at 45/-! This seems a little high for a stamp that has been in use for 6 years, and only exhausted recently, and recalls the high figures asked for the 10/- Caymans 1921, soon after it became obsolete. The market price of the latter is now noticeably lower than it was in 1926, and I think the St. Kitts stamp will also drop from the above figure of 45/-. It must be remembered that modern St. Kitts issues are very popular, and hence, stamps which are just obsolete are apt to fluctuate somewhat more than the issues of some Colony which is less popular.

Papua.—It appears that it was all a false alarm about the change in the wmk. for this Colony. The *Victorian Philatelic Record* got a consignment of New Guinea stamps (which of course were on unwatermarked paper) confused with a lot of Papua issues (watermarked). This new lot of Papua is watermarked as before, though there are some slight shade differences.

Barbados.—I fancy the recent issues of this Colony will show several rises again in the new Catalogues. The "Victory" series and the 3/- bright violet of 1918 (S.G. 200a) are worth getting hold of, on the basis of 1928 quotations. I am rather doubtful of the 3/- 1916; this, you recall, was raised to 75/- by Gibbons, and then dropped to 35/-, but market prices, which took a big jump along with the Cat. quotation, did not drop back to any extent when the Cat. price dropped; so I doubt if this stamp will rise very much, for a while at least.

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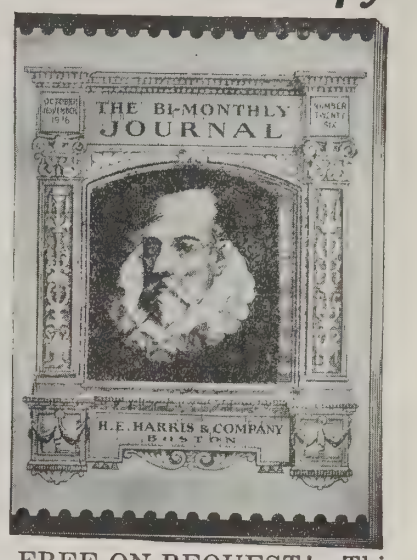

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THE new edition of the catalogue published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Company made its appearance on the dot, and in all respects maintains the high typographical standard set by recent editions. A general idea of price changes during the year has been given by comments on the Advance Sheets as they were circulated. We believe that the question of pricing has received a greater degree of attention than ever before, and that the publishers are alive to the necessity of being eminently fair in their appraisals. This desire to be just in this most important particular based on the ripe experience of the cataloguers gives title to the claim of standard. The additions to the work, in comparison with last year's edition, show how the visible supply of stamps has increased during the past twelve months.

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OUR annual correspondent, Mr. Donald E. Dickason, Wooster, Ohio, writes: "One year ago, I reported to you some figures on the annual increase in catalog value of my stamp collection. This collection, as you may recall, is a general collection consisting of stamps issued since 1910, and comprises from twelve to fifteen thousand varieties. The 1927 catalogue shows an increase over the previous year in the collection of 7%; the 1928 catalogue shows an increase of 17½% over the 1927 catalogue, and the 1929 catalogue just completed shows a further increase of 17%. These figures are based on the same stamps from year to year and don't allow for new ones added during the course of the current year. These results should be of interest to those who, like so many of us, need to consider the investment value of the money we spend on stamps, as well as the pleasure that is gained." The yearly report of our statistician is accepted with thanks; and a year from now, we want to hear from him again, as we feel it in our bones that the motto of good stamps is Excelsior.

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WHILE the Molly Pitcher stamp came as a surprise, letters that we have received from readers prove that it has not been a pleasant one. We have been made the repository of a dozen communications from various and sundry that strike a minor chord in discussing the issue. We forbear quoting from the more outspoken correspondents, lest ears polite be offended. The most philosophic commentator says: "I hope that the surcharge makeshift is indicative of only a temporary state of official mind. Halfway measures merely involve our surface emotions, and no stamp at all would be better than the Molly Pitcher contribution, which is the height of something." Incongruity.

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THE following communication has come from D. M. Merrin, secretary of the Aviation Committee of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce: "This is to advise that a special *cachet* will be applied to all air mail from Spokane on November 11th, the occasion being the dedication of the Fancher Memorial Beacon at the Spokane Airport. The light, which is the duplicate of the Mount Diablo beacon in California, is being erected by the American Legion as a memorial to the late Major John T. Fancher, who was in command of the National Guard Observation Squadron here. Major Fancher was killed while giving a bombing demonstration at the dedication of the Wenatchee airport last spring. Covers may be sent to the Spokane Chamber of Commerce for mailing on November 11th." This information comes just a day too late for insertion in the WEEKLY in time to be put to practical use by our readers.

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THE following letter was received recently from Mr. Richard S. Clover, Philadelphia, who writes authoritatively on a subject that is growing in appeal to a considerable number of collectors: "The articles by Mr. H. W. Boers and Mr. F. F. Parsons regarding floating post offices in the U. S. were noted in recent issues of the WEEKLY. I wish to add that there are numerous offices under the direction of the Railway Mail Service, and designated as Railway Post Offices, which are operated on steamboats and not on trains, and which therefore may be classed as floating post offices. The service differs from that performed by the Detroit River P. O., in several particulars, however. The former do not sell stamps or receive other than first class mail, nor receive registered mail. They do not deliver mail to the addressees, but turn it over to post offices with fixed locations for this purpose. They do, however, receive mail from the public and apply a cancellation thereto. The post office designates the name of the route, while the cancellation contains the letters, 'R. M. S.' The object of this service is to save time in the distribution of the mails and for the accommodation of travelers, while the Detroit River P. O. would appear to have all the functions of the ordinary post office. Among the floating post offices of the R. M. S., I might mention the following: Inlet & Old Forge R. P. O., operating between Inlet, N. Y., and Old Forge, N. Y., during the summer months; Ocracoke & Morehead City R. P. O., operating between Morehead City, N. C., and Ocracoke, N. C., which is located on an island, a distance of 62 miles; Norfolk & Hicks Wharf R. P. O.; Baltimore & West Point R. P. O. and Baltimore & Norfolk R. P. O. There are others too numerous to mention here. A cover bearing the cancellation of the Baltimore & Norfolk R. P. O., is enclosed. Note that the direction of the route takes the place of train numbers." The explanation by Mr. Clover is instruction of the right kind, as many of us were somewhat vague on the subject of these cancellations, and now we know that an "R. P. O." may be in fact a boat cancellation.

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WE are under the sad necessity of announcing the death at St. Francis' Hospital, Evanston, of Corydon B. Rogers, on October 27, 1928, who was a thorough philatelist, and a former president of the Chicago Philatelic Society. His death was sudden, an attack of pneumonia proving fatal in forty-eight hours. Mr. Rogers' life was an eventful one. He was the first white child born in Carlton County, Minnesota, his birth having taken place in 1870, when his parents were at the Indian reservation there. His father was an army surgeon at the time. Mr. Rogers' business experiences were varied; and in Nicaragua, he spent some years in the canning business. Twenty-five years ago, he entered actively into Chicago's philatelic life, and was first known as a general collector, who was a specialist in the stamps of Brazil. He sold his collection at auction, and then gave attention to U. S. and Confederates, making a good showing in them. He was among the first collectors to study cancellations and postal markings on our early issues, and if circumstances had not arisen that made it advisable to sell his stamps of the kind, he would have profited exceedingly, by now. He distributed the 13c on bluish paper, and made a number of minor discoveries that were of interest. Mr. Rogers had been practically retired from philately for a good many years, although he did not sever all the connections that he had made with friends during his philatelic hey-day. He was a quiet, but effective force in helping spread the collecting doctrine, and not a few collectors were started by him, who became worthy additions to our ranks. He was a cheerful exponent of our pursuit, and his agreeable personality made him many friends; and it is to be said that he was a raconteur of no ordinary ability, and he had a fund of personal reminiscences that was inexhaustible. Mr. Rogers was unmarried, although a sister and several brothers survive him on the Pacific coast. Resolutions to the respect in which he was held were passed at the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society held on November 1, 1928.

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AIR COVER COLLECTING

By Samuel Falkoff.

Airmail cover collecting is going through an early stage of development such as its parent, stamp collecting, passed through in the '60's and '70's. This period is characterized by general enthusiasm and lack of well defined methods of collecting. Such a chaotic state did much to harm early philately, when many items that appeared to be stamps were put into collections that later turned out to be forgeries, unofficial privates, etc., because they were accepted on mere appearance.

As I see it, this condition, comparable to the above, now exists in American airmail collecting (I do not think it is nearly as prevalent abroad). Many collectors are perfectly satisfied to put pieces in their collection if it but bears a rubber stamp impression on its face. He is little concerned whether this "cachet" is applied by some Chamber of Commerce, Smith's Hardware Store or a strictly private individual. If only there is a marking remotely savoring of airmail, there is another collectible variety for him.

One can readily appreciate that in a young hobby, each new variety would be heartily welcomed as a new succession. But, if we collectors of air covers care not what official standing these novelties have and embrace every semi-plausible variety that appears, the hobby of aerophilately inevitably is going to suffer serious consequences. If there are to be values, there must also be standards to serve as bases to judge them by. From my observation, I can, as yet, see no generally accepted standards in use by the rank and file of airmail collectors, that will concentrate the aims of this hobby in a worthwhile direction. Unless these guides are soon erected, there will be an inundation of worthless material that will bewilder and confuse the collector and his disappointment will be shown in the slow expansion of the hobby. Even now this influence is beginning to be felt.

I would say that a collectible cover is one that has received airmail service on a route operated with official sanction, and whose markings are official (by a collectible variety I mean one justifying catalog rating). These may be carried on first, special, experimental, or ordinary flights. Exception can be made for pioneer flights, which show the infancy of airmail development, some of which were unauthorised. This can also be done for modern flights, which can be shown to be bona fide attempts at airmail development.

Some of the things that I consider worthless from any intelligent angle are, convention, commemorative or show markings on ordinary flights of contract service. These "cachets" are almost always unofficial and are made in connection with no new service, and I, for one, am unable to see on what grounds they are entitled to catalog ranking. Such items as the Springfield Fair covers (merely a contractor's device to popularize his service), and Boston Radio Show covers, exemplify what I mean in this regard. Such also, I consider covers of pure speculative intent and of no postal justification, as the Byrd North Pole and Norge covers. By no stretch of the imagination can they be considered to be connected with airmail. What then are they? Souvenirs? All well and good, but like Scott and the other catalogs, I think such items depend for their value on personal preferences and are clearly not entitled to catalog ranking or consideration. Have we reached the point where any stamped envelope or card (considerately rubber stamped) that goes up with Byrd, Lindbergh, or some other famous aviator on an undisguised non-airmail flight, becomes a legitimate airmail item merely by so doing? I think not, on any logical basis.

Unless official covers are adhered to, we must also buy the varieties gotten up by ambitious collectors who plan flights so as to make "scoops"; this is done by directly open acts or more often by suggestion.

The above outline is intended as a stimulus to bring out some sort of investigation with the end of establishing the hobby on a firm basis through weeding out of undesirables and unnecessary varieties. A committee of well known collectors could act in conjunction with the publishers of the American catalog. Any move in this direction would be sure to benefit the hobby now and even more in the future.

I should mention that all new items should be subject to scrutiny such as is given by the Scott Co., to all new stamps before listing. As for pilot's autographs, private flights, souvenir flights, etc., they may be collected with the areophilatelists' fancy as the sole arbiter of value (as in stamps). There is no place for them in a standard catalog.

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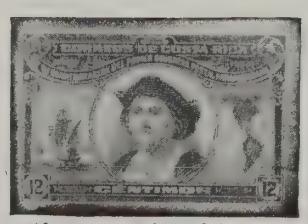

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BELGIAN CHARITY

A set of nine stamps has been issued for the Orval Abbey Restoration Fund. Each stamp has an additional fixed fee that is set aside for the repair fund.

Junior News Release

By Beach Conger, Jr.

North Borneo.—The current 2c and 24c stamps of this country have had their colors changed. The 2c, formerly green, claret and black. The 24c stamp, has been changed from mauve to violet.

Nigeria.—According to orders placed with the Crown Agents, the 2d stamp is due to be issued in brown instead of gray.

Kenya and Uganda.—This colony has now a set of postage due stamps of a design similar to that of the Federated Malay States set. The values are 5c purple, 10c red, 20c green, and 40c blue.

Leeward Islands.—A new 1 pound stamp, purple and black on red, is being prepared for this colony. The 1d stamp is now printed in red and the 1½d stamp has been changed from red to brown.

Montserrat.—More color changes. Same as in the Leewards sets, the 1d being now red and the 1½d brown.

Zanzibar.—The Rs30 stamp has been ordered printed on Script C.A. watermarked paper.

Venezuela

A 10c green in the above design was recently issued to commemorate the 25th anniversary of peace in Venezuela. Gen. Gomez is pictured, also Bolivar City.

Junior Dictionary

Port de Mar.—The chief inscription upon certain labels employed at one time in Mexico to denote to the authorities at Vera Cruz the amount of postage upon each letter which was to be paid to the Company conveying the mails by sea. As the whole of the postage was prepaid by means of the ordinary postage stamps and these labels merely gave information upon a matter of accounts, their philatelic interest is not very great. The inscription means, literally, "sea postage."

Port Lagos.—A small town in Turkey, in Europe, at which France maintains a consular post office. The stamps used at this office since 1893 have been overprinted with the name of the town.

Porto.—This word forms the only inscription, other than the value, shown upon the postage due stamps of Austria and the Austrian Levant issued since 1908. It means "postage."

Porto Gazetei.—Found on the 5 paras stamp of Moldavia. It means "newspaper postage," this low value stamp being issued for the prepayment of postage on newspapers.

Port Said.—An Egyptian town, on the west side of the Suez Canal. France has long maintained a Consular post office at this port, and since 1899 the stamps used there have been overprinted or inscribed "Port Said."

The Postage Stamp's Lesson

"Knickerbocker Press"—E. Trenkner.

There was a little postage stamp
No bigger than your thumb,
But still it stuck right on the job
Until its work was done.

They licked it and they pounded it
Till it would make you sick,
But the more it took a lickin'
Why the tighter it would stick.

Let's be like a postage stamp.
In playing Life's rough game,
And just keep on a-sticking
Though we hide our heads in shame.

For the stamp stuck to the letter
Till it saw it safely through,
There's no one could do better;
Let's keep sticking and be true.

Costa Rica

The most southerly state of Central America, extending right across the isthmus. The first stamps for Costa Rica were issued in 1862.

How To Organize A Stamp Club

By A. C. LeDuc.

The first thing necessary is a group of persons interested in stamp collecting either for the reason that each has a collection already started or would like to have a collection. This group may be small and still make it possible to start a club, because as soon as the word gets out that there is a club there will be others who will want to join. Some clubs starting with a few members have had to put a membership limit into their by-laws soon after organizing. The group may consist of boys or girls or adults. It is best not to mix the children and adults in a club as their interests and desires are so different. It is, however, very fine if there is some adult who will help the boys and girls get organized and meet with them to guide them. Usually children welcome help from such a person providing he is wise enough and big enough to become just another child with them and not force them to do things that they do not care to do. The interest of the parents is very desirable also, providing it is offered in the same way.

Reasons for a Stamp Club

There are a great many reasons for having a stamp club. The main one is to keep the collector's interest from lagging. At a club meeting there is a general swapping of ideas as well as stamps. There is also more or less competition. Without competition there is little fun. Without some interested observer what is the need of careful arrangement? A boy may have an untidy page, but will he keep it that way after looking at a nicely arranged page in some other fellow's book? Will he buy damaged stamps when the other fellow has good copies? Will he glue down or tear or muss good stamps when he sees others using good hinges, stamp tongs and a great amount of care? There are many ways that a club by competition stimulates stamp col-

D. K. M. Gets Taken Down A Notch; He Finds Real Stamp Fiend In The Hills

EDITOR THE TIMES:

Stamps are weird little beggars.

I thought I knew about every fellow in these hills and certainly I would have sworn that there was not another stamp collection back in these sticks.

Recently I was down at the blacksmith shop getting Lil's wishbone straightened, and the rural carrier dropped in; nice fellow, he saves me block numbers, and the carrier said: "The storekeeper at Rocky Point asked me if there was another stamp collector I knew of, and I told him about you, and he said for you to stop in some time."

I didn't take that very seriously; a crossroads storekeeper probably has 5,000 bum stamps in a junior album, but Rocky Point lies between the shack and town, so the next time I was going in I stopped and saluted the fat gink smoking a cob pipe on the veranda of the country store.

And I said: "The carrier tells me you collect stamps."

He removed his pipe, scanned my tattered overalls, as I had glimpsed his frayed trousers, and with a reflective spat, he replied, "Unhuh."

The fellow irritated me, he was entirely unsocial; probably he didn't have a darn stamp worth over a dime. I asked, in a nice, nasty voice: "Wot's your specialty?"

He uncreaked another joint, removed the pipe, spat, and with a vast unconcern, replied, "U. S. mints, brother; U. S. mints."

Now, far be it from me to boast, but I have a few scattering items in the U. S.; to be exact, I am 80 percent complete on regular adhesives; do you think any splay-footed crossroads storekeeper is going to kid me? I said: "Maybe, you got mint 30-cent pure brown '88"; that's a pet of mine, because it is not listed and I got three copies. He said: "Sure, I got it. I got '47 mint, too."

So that was another day all wasted. Before the day was done this fellow dragged out approval books from four stamp societies; the total value per catalog was over $4,000; and I picked up an item for $27.50 that one of the largest dealers in the realm had returned my check on for $60; this stoopid was not only a member of half a dozen societies, but he was bidding on the majority of auctions, in two countries and panes of old $5 sheets are a mere trifle to him.

Right out in the hills; if any of you philatelic brethren ever use the lower Columbia highway, stop for a minute at Rocky Point, and there is good bass and croppy fishing, too.

—D. K. M.

(Tacoma "Times"—Cecil F. Blogg.)

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ectors to make better stamp collectors. There is no better chance of comparison nd competition than at a club meeting.

Another good reason for having a club to keep the collector from getting into rut. He becomes less satisfied with his wn methods of collecting and arranging, nd so becomes a progressive collector. He improves his own methods by adopting the good points used by other collectrs. He grows constantly. His stampic outlook is broadened. He may specialze, but he realizes that there is something besides his speciality. He realizes ue value of the other fellow's viewpoint. he remains a specialist he knows why is a specialist. If he does not remain specialist he knows the reason for that so.

Place of Meeting

One of the first things to consider hen organizing a stamp club, is the gical place of meeting. This matter often automatically settled by the enronment of the members. In our pubschools are found literary clubs, glee ubs, athletic clubs, etc., so why not a amp club in every school? The prinpal of any school will, in most cases, operate by setting aside some room to used by the stamp club, naturally in e school building. Some one of the achers will be found willing to assist keeping order.

Boy scouts and girls' clubs often organe stamp clubs from among their memrs and meet at some convenient place, ch as Sunday School rooms or comunity centers. Sometimes a church, a triotic order or community organizaon organizes a stamp club with no reion to any other existing club among members. Stamp clubs are often ornized under the auspices of the Y. M. A. or the Y. W. C. A., and naturally d convenient meeting places in their spective buildings.

Even though all public doors might be osed to a group there is a very satisfacry way of arranging for a meeting ace. If it is a boys' or girls' club, the t-to-date parents are willing to open eir homes as their turn may come to tertain the club as it meets from time time. As the club grows, it is a little rder to have it at one's home, but it mes less often in consequence. An ult club also seems to enjoy this meetg around at the homes of the different mbers, as there is often less formality n in a public meeting place. Sometes such a club gets light refreshments h as pop corn, apples, cookies or ces. If the parents are interested as ich as all that, then there is a real mp club.

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lanta at 5 P. M., in time to connect with Northbound plane over CAM 19.

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I am indebted to a correspondent in Mexico for a First Trip Vera Cruz-Merida cover. The flight took place on the 15th of October, and the cachet shows an outline map of the route, with the letters "R. A. C. No. 2" prominently displayed.

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Several correspondents have written that the Graf Zepp. carried about 16,000 letters and cards on the return trip to Germany, which is about 1/10th of a cover for each collector! Did you get on board with yours?

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Pontiac, Mich., will open her Airport on Nov. 15th, and hopes to be included on CAM 27 on that date. Pawhuska (Gosh, what a name), Okla., will dedicate an airport in a few weeks. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is slowly getting ready for Air Mail service. Nothing in sight yet, but they are preparing. Chappell, Neb., is constructing an Airport. No dedication date as yet. Paragould, Ark., is soon to dedicate an Airport. American Legion in charge. Possible cachet? Meridian, Miss., is getting ready for an Airport. Watch Douglas, Arizona. They are getting active. Ft. Wayne, Indiana, also showing signs of something doing. St. Thomas, Canada. Airport nearly ready, but we can't say whether or not the Canadians will use a cachet. Joplin, Mo., has named an American Legion committee to get an airport ready.

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Correspondent in Bahamas Islands advises that the Miami-Nassau route will start on January 1st.

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Coöperators a little sleepy this week. Had to roll my own. How come? Thanks, Messrs. A. C. Henderson*, G. H. Curtis, Buel A. French, E. W. Sims, S. A. Davis, Wm. Prinzing*, Wells Dewey Burnette, Philip H. Marsh, Boleslaus Jarzembowski, Anna M. Schafer, Stanley J. Mandel, J. W. Stanton, Jesse T. Lillibridge, J. P. Penning, Fred Krueger, Donald E. Dickason, William J. Kotab.

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William J. Kotab, one of my hard working coöperators, has just shown me a copy of a special design of cachet that he is working hard to get accepted for the 25th Anniversary of the Air Plane. Mr. Kotab is not leaving one stone unturned to get results and I feel sure that if all my readers keep hard at it, we will have something for December 17, 1928. Are *you* doing your share?

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THE OLD GOLD AD

Stamps are familiar objects to Briggs, the newspaper artist, whose series, "When a Feller Needs a Friend," not to mention other subjects, has won him a host of admirers, and he feels a kinship for stamps. As a younger man, he collected and at one time was a member of one of the philatelic societies. Occasionally, he flavors his artistic work with a philatelic dash, which has the genuine taste. No doubt, readers have seen the big Old Gold cigarette advertisement, consisting of a drawing by Briggs, showing a boy of thirteen, say, seated at a table, with the open stamp-album before him. His father is leaning over the son's shoulder, endeavoring unsuccessfully to stifle a cough. The result of the explosion may be imagined; the loose stamps fly about, to the disgust of the boy and the delight of the dog. The boy says: "Aw Gee, Pop! Why don't you smoke Old Golds? There isn't a cough in a carload." Grandma is moved to articulation upon seeing the scatteration and says: "Mercy Sakes! Why Eustace wants to be litterin' up the place with them things anyway, I don't know!" The patient mother admonishes her heedless husband: "Oh George! What a shame! and Eustace had just spent two hours sorting them all out."

Mr. Walter J. Rozmin of the Educational Feature Service, Chicago, has sent us a big bundle of these ads, saying: "This is just a sample of the piece of publicity that we received last week, Thursday, October 18, 1928, in about two hundred papers throughout the United States. When the total circulation is concerned, it is huge, indeed. The Lennen & Mitchell Advertising Agency, New York City, produced the ad."

BUSINESS CHANGE

Mr. H. E. Sandstrom, Evanston, Illinois, has acquired the complete stock of stamps belonging to Dr. C. W. Hennan, Chicago, and will conduct a business with these stamps as a foundation. Mr. Sandstrom has been identified with collecting in Chicago for some years and takes an active part in local society affairs.

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Since my last advertisement was written, I have acquired the Foreign collection. The three lots have a **catalog value well in excess of $125,000.00** and it is the finest lot of British Colonies and Foreign stamps that have ever passed through my hands. Mr. Townsend has belonged to the New Issue Service for years and acquired not only everything in the way of British Colonies, but of the Foreign countries as well. I note an especially fine lot of South America, as well as French, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies. Of course, the British Colonies are practically complete in the way of twentieth century, with the exception of the great rarities. In the early stamps, he collected in accordance with Gibbons, hence, there are numerous perforation and watermark varieties. Mr. Townsend was especially fond of the Error, so, there are many inverted and double surcharges, inverted centers, wrong font type and the like.

It may be of interest to announce that the delay in acquiring the Foreign was due to the fact that a second party had informed the heir that he could pay a very substantial price for the lot one much more than I had figured. When the final calculations were made and after others had been called in, it was found that my offer was in excess of 60% higher than the nearest approach. This detail is mentioned in order that those having important properties to sell will appreciate that I offer the most satisfactory outlet. Then, too, the fact that immediate cash is paid is a detail not to be overlooked.

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United States

"Molly Pitcher" Stamps

The Post Office Department states that the ten million "Molly Pitcher" stamps being distributed, are all that will be printed, for there has been much criticism of the issue, and it is doubtful if any further surcharged stamps will appear. At first, it was thought that the issue would be larger and that they would be distributed throughout the country. So far, around a thousand post offices have received the issue and most of these have gone to territories in the East, connected with revolutionary events.

It is our recollection that celebrating the Battle of Monmouth was first thought of by our fellow philatelist, Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman, for it is recalled that at the time the Valley Forge stamp was being agitated, that he was recommending to the Postmaster General the issue of a "Molly Pitcher" variety, so that much of the credit for the appearance of this issue is due to Mr. Ackerman. I am further informed that Congressman Hoffman gave his support to the project.

So far, no varieties of importance have been located, although numerous broken letters and the like are to be found.

Mr. J. F. Muller sends a clipping from the *New Brunswick Daily Home News* of October 23rd, wherein it is stated that while this postmaster had a supply of these stamps on hand, there had been no inquiries or call for them. This is, no doubt, due to the fact that there was very little advance notice of this issue, as the Department did not decide until the last minute to provide such a variety, hence, the usual advance notice was impossible.

New Envelopes

Mr. H. Clay Reed reports the finding of several new envelopes of the current circular die varieties which have not been noted heretofore.

1½c brown, size 8, Die A on blue, low back, watermark 27.

1½c brown, size 13 (window), Die A, on blue, low back, no gum, watermark 27.

1½c brown, size 9, Die A on white, high back, watermark 27.

4c black, size 9, on white, extra quality, high back, watermark 27.

New Playing Card Stamp

We recently had the pleasure of announcing in this column, that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was preparing a new Playing Card stamp. Through the courtesy of Mr. Allan P. Vestal, we have now seen a copy of this Playing Card stamp, issued in coil form, perforated top and bottom, and imperforate at sides, measuring approximately an inch and five-eighths by seven-eighths inches. The stamp is printed on the rotary press in blue, showing a large figure "10" in the center within a circle, with the words "cents" in a ribbon below. On either side of the figure, leaves form a wreath. Straight across the bottom there is "U. S. Int. Rev.", while across the top there is "Playing Cards." In the corners, we find the diamond, heart, club and spade. The perforation is ten. The copy noted has been pre cancelled in red for the United State Playing Card Company.

Atlanta Provisional

Mr. Joel H. Du Bose informs us tha he has recently located an Atlanta Provisional Postmaster Envelope that ha not been listed before. The marking i circular in design, showing "Atlanta" around the top and "Ga." instead of th usual "Geo." at the bottom, with "Paid" across the top center, and the figure "5" sidewise, immediately below. This cove was postmarked in Atlanta on June 15 1861, a few days after the envelope wa issued.

We wish to thank Messrs. Charles F Becker, J. L. Thompson, and C. H. Nogle, for notes of interest.

Brazil.—Copies of the 400 reis ir orange have been received from Mr. R Roberts.

British Guiana.—Booklets of the 1c and 2c are on order and may be expected soon. There are six 1c and twelve 2c stamps to each book.

A further series of booklets contain twelve 1c, six 2c and twelve 4c stamps.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Canada.—We are indebted to the Border Cities Stamp Shop, Walkerville, Ont., and Henry A. Kiehl, for specimens of the new 2c King George, reference to which was made in the last issue of the WEEKLY. The stamp was issued on Friday, October 18.

Greece.—Two commemoratives, 1dr 50 and 4dr, are in preparation for the centenary of the inauguration of the Hellenic postal service.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Italy.—Whitfield King & Co. have received the 10 lire black and pink, E. Filberto type same as the 50c orange-brown and blue previously noted.

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Lithuania, Mint, ǂ219-22, Cat. .58	"	.25
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Germany, Belgium Occup., Mint, ǂ810-79	"	25.00
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Spain, Mint, ǂ747-59	"	3.00
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Spain, Mint, ǂ732-40-742-5	"	6.00
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Austria, Mint, ǂ831-37	"	1.25
Switzerland, Gustaf V, Mint	"	.45
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Leeward Islands.—New Values. The Leewards are to have two new stamps, a 1/- green and red on emerald (script wmk.) and a £1 purple and black on red (Old CA wmk.). The type of the new stamps is to be that at present used for the duty stamps of Nyasaland. The 1d will revert to its old colour, red, and the ½d violet will be discontinued. The 1½d will be discontinued in favour of a light brown 1½d, this being the first time a 1½d brown has been issued in the Leewards. The new stamps are expected soon.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Nicaragua.—Copies of the ½c red and 2c green, in types of Scott's A24 and A25 respectively, have been received from Whitfield King & Co. Also the 5c blue telegraph stamps have been surcharged "Correos 1928," and in three provisional values, "Vale 1 Cent," "Vale 2 Cent" and "Vale 3 Cent". All overprints are in red and in three lines.

Whitfield King & Co. further advise that they have had come to hand the 1c orange, 3c purple, 5c yellow, 15c carmine and 25c sepia in the A24 type, and 4c brown, 6c blue, 10c indigo and 20c green in the same design as the 2c noted above.

North Borneo.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 2c brown and lake, 8c carmine, both new shades, 16c red-brown, 24 on 18c blue-green, and 24c violet, have been issued perf. 12½. Also the 2c brown lake and 8c carmine have been surcharged for use as postage due stamps.

Persia.—The *Iran,* a philatelic journal published at Teheran, announces the issue of a new series for air mails; it consists of five values representing the Suns of Persia.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Poland.—Whitfield King & Co. report that they have received the 15 groszy blue, portrait of H. Sienkiewicz.

CHICAGO AERO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Chicago Aero Philatelic Society gave its 1st Annual Banquet, Saturday evening, October 27, 1928, at the Sherman Hotel. The two principal speakers of the evening were Captain Benjamin B. Lipsner, 1st Superintendent of United States Air Mail, and Captain Paul Richter, National Chief of Training Divisions.

Captain Richter told in his speech, of the progress the "Aviation International" is making all over the world, and that they also have organized a section called the "Aero-Philately International," and that they would make the Chicago Aero Philatelic Society Charter Member No. 1. Mr. Richter referred to the flights which will occur in the near future from Europe to South America, and to the West Indies, etc., and told what it will mean for Aero-Philately.

Mr. J. Max Golding, President of the C. A. P. S., called on Tom Hunter, one of the invited guests, who gave a very nice talk on Philately, and referred the members to subscribe to as many different Stamp Magazines as possible, and urged them to join the American Philatelic Society. The last of the speakers on whom Mr. Golding called, was Captain Benjamin Lipsner, Father of the United States Air Mail. Captain Lipsner told how the Air Mail started in this country, how much mail was carried on the different flights, and what amount of work it required to bring the Air Mail up to the level it has acquired. Capt. Lipsner, who is President of the "Aviation International," presented to the President of the C. A. P. S., an Air Road Map of the world, which was made for the Government in 1918, with his compliments to the Chicago Aero Philatelic Society. This very important Map was autographed by Captain Lipsner, and President J. Max Golding turned this map over to the Librarian. Captain Lipsner also promised the members present at the banquet that he would present to each one who gave his name, a letter on a Special Flight with his autograph.

The Society presented to Mrs. Richter, a "Zeppelin" Cover with their compliments, and quite a few of the members gave Souvenir Covers from various flights, also Zeppelin Covers and Lindbergh Covers to Captain Lipsner, who regretted that he did not start collecting when he began the Air Mail. He bought quite a few letters in the auction and he promised to become a real collector then and there.

The meeting lasted till far after midnight, and then the members were discussing the wonderful time and Aero-Philately for another half-hour in the lobby of the hotel.

The dinner arrangements were made by Mr. W. H. Gilley, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, Mr. Wm. F. Maedge, and Mr. Herman Wasmer of the Banquet Committee.

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Malta	#14	$5.00	$3.25
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Nigeria	#10	6.00	3.75
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	#100	2.50	1.60
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	#34	2.50	1.60
	#61	17.50	12.00
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	#79	9.00	6.00
	#88	7.50	4.50
	#114	5.00	3.50
	#128	2.50	1.60
Sierra Leone	#45	10.00	6.50
	#88	8.50	5.00
	#101	7.50	4.50
	#117	4.00	2.90
	#137	2.50	1.60
So. Nigeria	#18	8.00	5.25
	#29	7.00	4.25
	#41	9.00	5.75
	#54	8.00	5.50
S. W. Africa	#101-102	12.00	8.00
	#51-52	7.00	4.50
	#75-76	12.00	8.00
Tanganyika	#22	6.00	4.00
	#41	2.50	1.60
Tonga	#51	2.50	2.00
Transvaal	#260	5.00	3.25
	#277	5.00	3.25
Trinidad	#73	3.50	2.25
	#81	6.00	3.75
	#90	6.00	3.75
	#98	6.00	3.75
Trinidad & Tobago	#10	4.00	2.90
	#16	12.50	8.25
	#27	2.50	1.60
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CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor:—

I have just read in the October 15th issue of Mr. H. M. Brehm's experience with the Hawaiian Commemorative stamps and it brings to mind a little experience of my own about a month ago. I had sent a correspondent in Boulder Creek, Calif., a quantity of the 5c Hawaiians to be used in blocks of four on parcels to be sent to me.

Well, I got my stamps all right. It wasn't long until I received a parcel bearing a nice block of four 5c Hawaiian Commemoratives in superb unused condition! Along side of these were about 25c worth of stamps, all nicely cancelled. This puzzled me at first, but a letter the following day explained the matter clearly. My correspondent had affixed the stamps to the package, taken it to the post office and there had been informed by the postmistress that the stamps were cancelled stamps, were useless, and could not be accepted for postage. So, thereupon, he paid the required amount of postage, the parcel was franked with good, uncancelled stamps and sent to me, and I had four of my Hawaiians back none the worse for wear, but minus their original gum.

Sincerely yours,
Dale Dulmage.

Los Angeles, Cal.

NEW LATVIAN STAMPS

(*Continued from page 637*)

The second anniversary series which will be issued for the benefit of the Committee for the Erection of a Liberty Memorial and sold with a premium of 10 centimes per stamp, will embrace stamps of the same values as the series above, but no more than 40,000 copies will be issued.

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J. Sternbergs: Sketch for stamps of 50 cent, with a view of Césis (Wenden).

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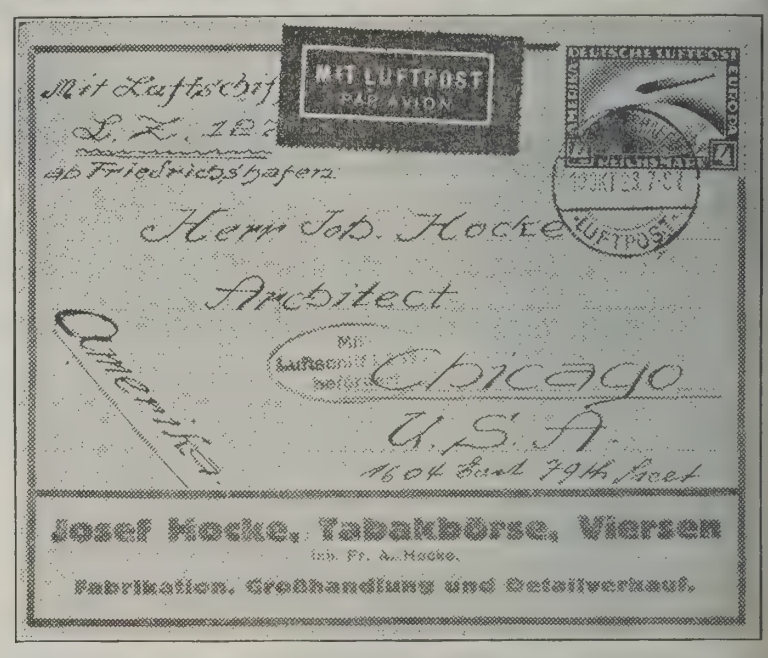

ZEPPELIN COVER

Through the courtesy of *The Comet*, an interesting and ably-edited weekly newspaper devoted to the welfare of the south shore, Chicago, we are enabled to show a cut of a Zep cover that was received by Mr. John Hocke, the architect of East 79th Street. We may add that the *Comet* contained a front page account of the celebration of the 1000th meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, and we suppose that our philatelic friend Robinson, of the *Comet* staff, may be credited for the *Comet's* recognition of philately from time to time.

SOCIETY CHAT

By R. J. SCHWARZ.

The two meetings of the National Air Mail Society of Chicago during October were well attended and a great deal of enthusiasm was shown.

The committee which was to investigate the matter of incorporating the Society under the laws of the State of Illinois, as was at first intended, reported that after consulting good legal advice it was found that such action would result in no material benefit to the Society or its members, and, therefore, the idea was considered dropped.

R. J. Schwarz gave a talk on C. A. M. route No. 2, Chicago-St. Louis; and among other interesting things about this famous route, often called "Lindbergh's Route" because he was chief pilot, it was brought out that "Lindy" carried all the mail on the southbound trip from Chicago *via* Peoria and Springfield to St. Louis, whereas on the return trip, northbound, pilot Philip R. Love carried all the mail from St. Louis while Lindbergh carried what mail was picked up at Springfield and Peoria.

At the second meeting of the month, President E. O. Howle told of how he happened to have been in Baltimore, Md., on October 15, when the giant German airship, Graf Zeppelin, floated over at a low altitude on its way to Lakehurst; and what a thrill it was for him because he knew there was at least one cover on board addressed to himself. He then exhibited a cover autographed by Dr. Eckener. Mr. Howle incidentally also told of how he paid a call at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing in Washington to see his friend, Mr. J. M. Smith, head of the department in which the postage stamps are printed, and being ignorant of any portending new issue how he was very much surprised during his visit when Mr. Smith took him to a complete unperforated roll of the new Molly Pitcher commemorative stamps just as they had come off the press.

WHAT ABOUT THIS PHILATELIC PROMOTIONAL IDEAL?

By HARRY M. KONWISER.

Just how much interest should. "the average collector" pay to the hobby apart from his personal pleasure in placing stamps in his albums or in his vaults, dependent upon his style of collecting?

Does the average collector take cognizance of the fact that he is part and parcel of an organized hobby; that the stamp dealer is on the watch to purvey to his particular requirements; to lead him, if it can, into certain forms of stamp collecting, to develop financial profit to themselves? And assuming this is known, as it is of course, what of it?

Should the collector be interested in creating and fostering a community of interest—admittedly realizing that dealers will gain the financial rewards? What of that?

A few (comparatively speaking) collectors, with the aid of the comparatively few intelligent dealers, years ago developed the idea that a "national society" would accomplish good results; that a community of this sort would increase the standing of stampsters and their dealer associates, and there is no denying that the national societies (as the A. P. S.) and the local groups, the Collectors Club, the Chicago Club, and others, have helped *not* only what we call "the hobby of stamp collecting," but the tradesmen.

The question is this: Are not all the collectors expected to "do something" for the hobby which they enjoy, or is it quite right and proper they sit quietly by, not registering any thought or word for the hobby? Is it sufficient to know that the present clubs are sufficiently alive and large enough to perpetuate the cult of stamp collecting, or are the dealers of tomorrow to be depending, always as in the past, on the hope that the new crop of collectors will ensue from the same place as the last—without rhyme or reason?

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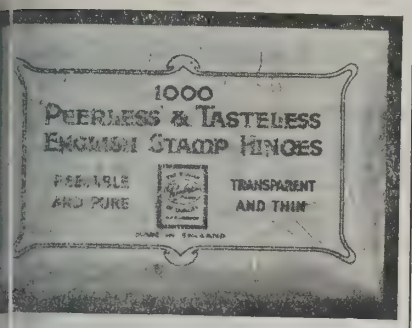

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not the present point—just who is go- g to make Philately a plaything for re people; that seems to be the point. Naturally, comes the query: If I am a mp collector and know a few more, n I also expected to proselyte? Why? As a "friend of the cause," of course, e others I lend myself to Philatelic opaganda, and I ask myself, at times, hy" this is agreeable. Is it because a desire to show friendliness to mak- e of catalogs and albums, who *Do t Want To See* Philately made a udo-science, to recognize their stupid- in compilations?. Is it, therefore, be- se I have a few stamps and aim to p keep up the market value? I won- r—as a collector, if you please.*

And in doing my "wondering" do I s that other collectors "feel the same vy?"

The collector of pictures or books sel- dn hits the spotlight as do groups of platelists. Why is it? Do they col- t, enjoy the collecting and let it go at t—not caring one iota about the fu- e of their hobby, nor about crude gs done by sellers and what not? I nder.

"To set the cause above renown,
To love the game beyond the prize."
—HENRY NEWBOLT.

DID YOURS COME BACK?

N. Irving Glover, Acting Postmaster eneral, today was notified by the Post- ster at Lakehurst, New Jersey, where l Graf Zeppelin is now anchored, that re are a large number of short paid ers at his office intended for dispatch the Zeppelin on its return trip to many.

The postage on these letters," said . Glover, "is $1.05 each. In no cir- stance will short paid letters be sent the Zeppelin, but will be returned to senders. In addition to this, only l in care of the postmasters at New rk City or Lakehurst will be taken on rd the German dirigible when it ts on its trip to Germany."

Mr. Glover said that there are at pres- some 3,000 pieces of mail at the kehurst post office intended for the f Zeppelin.

Sevard's Twinkles

Now that the Business Reply Cards and Envelopes have come down a cent to 2c and 3c respectively, we can begin anew our search for datings and varieties. The 2c Card is coming along copiously, but we don't expect much pep out of the envelope. The post card is one go-getter when it comes to business. We used to get 2% returns on the old postal card, and sometimes less. But then we were trying to sell in Connecticut, and you know what that is. Even when you lie to those birds, they don't believe you.

NOW WHO THINKS THIS IS A PATRIOTIC —"GIRL GIVING WOUNDED ZOUAVES A DRINK, BATTLE SCENE IN THE DISTANCE." HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN TEXAS GUINAN'S JOINT AND SEEN THE ZOUAVES THERE? AND AIREDALES, TOO.

Here's another one—Girl with hosiery displayed, squad of soldiers gazing, officer remonstrating—but in the next item, —aha!—officer also looking. The soldiers only gaze, but the officer looks.

Then there's one that we remember very well. Grant portrait with "We propose to light it out," etc. That refers to the time Fanny Ward called up General Grant to light it out on a foursome going thru the revolving doors. The printer was supposed to put an F in that sentence for Percy Doane, but it looks like L.

WHICH REMINDS ONE THAT ACCORDING TO THE INCOME TAX COLLECTOR, GENERAL GRANT IS THE ONLY PERMANENT RESIDENT OF NEW YORK CITY.

The fourth class permits which aren't at all plentiful when compared to meters and Red Cross seals and 2c perf. 10's and such, are mostly all of the box type, an oblong, or rectangle, containing the information of so much paid, the name of the city and the permit number. In 1925, the box added the words "U. S. POSTAGE" so that you wouldn't think they were spool labels, and only recently the box got another addition in the code about Sec. 435½ P. L. & R. with a droppage of the value. The distinction here made is in the box type as different from the postmark type. If you go back many years, you recall the old Paid in Money permits, and then the unboxed permits. Then we come to the boxes which continue at this time. These permits are mostly third-class, but as such, are very uninteresting. They are interesting, however, when they come on fourth-class matter. In order to call them by a classy name, we refer to them as FRANK TYPES, as distinct from meters, Type C permits, penalties, congressionals. Anyway, get the idea that these permits you find are collectible, and that if you haven't one of these box types, you'll get one—even on that free tube of Kolynos. That's right—the children should brush their teeth.

Every now and then, someone blats forth with a breviary for stamp dealers telling them what the words fine, splendid, rotten and superb mean. No matter how loud thunder is, we can't do a darn thing with it except scare the kids. Of course,, one realizes that the intentions are good but as father adviser says, "Hell is paved with good intentions." To go squawking around on a flight of fancy is believing in witches—zoopey on a broom. Unless there are some studies on stamp condition, we can't, for the life of us, see where all this yipping leads one, except, like Fido, to the back door—'raus! Everyone knows that some stamps run to a pleasing degree of acceptability as to condition, whereas, some other stamp, in any condition, is a desirable addition to a collection. Each stamp has its idiosyncracies; to wit, the White Plains stamp is found 31 times out of a hundred in fine condition, or we expect to find normalcy for that stamp within the confines of superb, fine or excellent condition. This is an actual average, and means average for that stamp. Not so

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37	20c	..	.12
38	1c	..	.02
39	2c	.05	.04
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62	50c	.10	..
63	1 gourde	.45	..
64	1c	..	.01
65	2c	..	.02
66	5c	.03	.02
67	1c ult.	.20	.20
68	1c	.10	.16
69	2c orange	.20	.20
70	2c lake	.10	.10
71	3c	.25	.25
72	4c	.42	.42
73	5c red brown	.50	.50
74	5c blue	.25	.25
75	7c	.38	.38
76	8c	.62	.62
77	10c	.30	.30
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95	50c	.10	..
108	1 on 20	.03	..
109	2 on 50	.06	..
110	1c ultr.	.60	..
111	1c green	.35	..
112	2c orange	.75	..
113	2c lake	.75	..
114	3c	.60	..
115	4c	3.00	..
116	5c brown	3.00	..
117	5c blue	.15	.15
118	7c	1.20	..
119	8c	.35	..
120	10c	.45	..
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126	2c	.04	..
127	3c	.06	..
128	4c	.07	..
129	5c	.50	..
130	7c	.30	..
131	8c	.25	..
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134	20c	.30	..
135	50c	.75	..
136	1 pia.	1.25	..
137	1c	.02	..
138	2c	.02	..
139	3c	.03	..
140	7c	..	.03
143	1 on 5c	.05	..
144	1 on 20c	.04	.04
145	2 on 10c	.06	..
146	2 on 50c	.04	..
147	1 on 5c	..	.10
148	1 on 10c	.04	..
149	2 on 20c	.03	..
151	1 on 10c	..	.06
152	2 on 20c	.75	.75
155	2c	.12	..
156	3c	2.10	..
157	5c	1.50	..
159	1c	.02	.02
161	1c	.02	.02
162	2c	.05	.02
166	5c	.10	.04
167	4c	2.10	..
168	7c	3.60	..
169	8c	3.00	..
170	10c	1.80	1.80
171	15c	.75	.75
172	50c	.75	..
173	1 piastre	1.50	..
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177	5c	..	.05
178	10c	.07	..
179	20c	.10	..
180	50c	.75	..
181	1c	.10	..
182	2c	.10	..
183	3c	..	.30
184	4c	.30	..
186	7c	1.00	..
187	8c	1.10	..
188	10c	.25	..
189	15c	1.00	..
192	1 piastre	1.50	..
195	3c slate	.10	..
198	3c orange	.10	..
200	20c	1.00	..
202	2c	.05	..
205	5c	.10	..
206	4c	.30	..
207	7c	.62	..
209	10c	1.25	..
210	15c	.30	..
212	1 piastre	1.50	..
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248	1 on 1 gourde	5.00	..
249	1 on 4c	.12	..
250	1 on 10c	.03	..
251	1 on 10c	.30	..
252	1 on 20c	.10	..
253	1 on 20c	.10	..
254	1c on 50c	.07	..
255	1c on 50c	.10	..
256	2c on 3c	.10	..
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258	2c on 8c	.09	..
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263	2c on 3c	.38	..
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268	1c on 50c	.75	..
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270	2c on 8c	.30	..
271	2c on 10c	.15	..
272	2c on 15c	.40	..
273	5c on 10c	.75	..
274	5c on 10c	.50	..
275	5c on 15c	1.50	..
276	1c on 15c	.10	..
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278	1c on 20c	.15	..
279	1c on 1 pias.	.05	..
280	1c on 1 pias.	.75	..
281	5c on 1 pias.	.15	..
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289	2c on 50c	.15	..
290	2c on 1 pias.	2.00	..
291	2c on 1 pias. red	1.25	..
292	3c on 3c	.25	..
293	3c on 7c	.15	..
294	5c on 3c	.15	.15
295	5c on 3c	.62	..
296	5c on 4c	.50	.50
297	5c on 4c	.10	.10
298	5c on 7c gray	.07	.07
299	5c on 7c	.25	..
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(Clipping from Philadelphia *Bulletin.*)

A fortune awaits the finder of a Philadelphia postmaster's provisional stamp, for although no one is known to possess one, it is pretty well authenticated that before the issuance of Government stamps in 1847, some were issued.

It is possible that stored away in the garret of some Philadelphia home is a musty old letter, bearing such a stamp. Its discovery would be an event in the world of stamp collectors, and although the price it would bring if put up at auction is problematical, it is certain it would be high enough to cause the uninitiated to gasp with wonder.

Recently Philip H. Ward, Jr., this city, purchased a ten-cent stamp of the Baltimore postmaster issue of 1845, for a price close to $10,000, and immediately sold it to a local collector at a profit. The stamp was hidden away for more than a half century among the effects of a venerable English bishop, and before its discovery only five of the Baltimore postmaster stamps were known to exist.

Several postoffices in the United States during 1845 and 1846 issued provisional stamps. In most cases these had a limited use, and with the exception of the New York office, comparatively few have survived. Although there is no definite record, there is an abundance of testimony that a provisional stamp was issued both here and in Washington.

It has been estimated that there are more than 3,000,000 stamp collectors in the United States, and the value of collections runs into millions. Last year $11,000,000 worth of stamps were displayed at an exhibition staged by philatelists in New York. In Philadelphia there are six collections appraised in excess of $100,000.

They include those of William West, Henry Clay Gibson, Wharton Sinkler and Edward R. Wood, Jr. Recently the collection of the late J. Barton Townsend, catalogued at $125,000, was sold and broken up. One American, Arthur Hind, Utica, N. Y., has a collection worth more than $2,000,000.

Philadelphia has a local stamp club with a membership of 175, which maintains a clubroom at 1632 Arch St., and which meets weekly to discuss events in its particular field. Stamp collecting was described as the "most all-consuming of hobbies" by Mr. Ward.

With this picture of the local field, it is easier to visualize the excitement that would be caused by the discovery of a Philadelphia postmaster stamp. Yet grandfather's old documents do not have to produce a provisional stamp to reward the searcher. So many and varied are the rare stamps that practically any collection of mail fifty or more years old is a potential gold mine.

For instance, during the '50's, letter carriers in this city received a cent for delivering a letter. For this purpose householders purchased carrier stamps, and would give one to the postman in lieu of a penny. Today carrier stamps are worth $500.

Letters carried by the Pony Express during the early settling of the West are worth $300 or more. Stamps cancelled by Mississippi River packets have a value ranging from $10 to $200. Any stamp depicting a bear and issued by the postmaster at St. Louis is rare and worth up to $3,000.

Values have grown up about correspondence which passed during the Civil War period. Letters from prison camps with the mark of the censor on the envelope; decorative envelopes of the period, Confederate stamps; all are at a premium today. In fact, not a generation of American life since 1847 has passed without producing an unusual stamp, made valuable by some vagary.

Only recently, with the issuance of the first twenty-four-cent air mail stamps, a sheet was put in circulation with an inverted center. That is, the airplane was printed upside down. A mistake being made by the printer. This error added fuel to the fire, and today these stamps sell for more than $1,000. As an investment they are said to be gilt-edged.

Stamps were first issued by Great Britain in 1840, other nations following within a short time. Most collectors are specialists, confining themselves to the issues of one country or a geographical division.

The United States alone is a field sufficient for the ambitious. The British, French or Portuguese colonies, or sections of Europe or South America, all offer years of hard work.

A collector, after spending a fortune on American stamps, was casting around for a new field. "How about the British Colonies?" suggested a dealer. "They will cost you about $20,000."

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By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

Part I. British North America

I speak very feelingly of this catalogue because for 32 years it was my child and I had sole charge of its development and growth. I am more than proud to know that the new edition with its great improvements and courageous pricing, is in the hands of the son of my dead brother, my nephew Mr. Stanley Phillips.

In this world of ours today, the lead in most things is with the new generation. Those of us, like myself, who go back to the older days of philately, find it hard to advance our ideas of quality and prices to the ideas of the new generation.

The Great War of 1914-18 has caused such huge changes in this world of ours, that many of us have failed to grasp its effects upon our small world—that of stamp collecting and its concomitants. It is here that the new generation has us oldsters "skinned to a frazzle."

First of all of importance when we come to consider the changes brought about by the War, is, in my opinion, the altered value of money in regard to its purchasing power.

The dollar of 1928 has only about half the purchasing power of the dollar of 1914, and I think this vital fact has been overlooked by most stamp catalogue publishers.

Even if there had been no increase in demand, and in values, between 1914 and 1928, yet prices all round should have been doubled, and yet in thousands of cases they have been little altered.

When, however, on the top of this, we have to consider a vast increase, throughout the world, in the number of collectors, with its corresponding demand for stamps, there is even more and greater reasons for prices being advanced. Then we have another great feature that has only developed of late years, and that is of "condition."

Year by year the rich collectors are showing us that they will pay two, three or even ten times the old catalogue prices, for superb and unusual condition. For generations we have seen this applied to other hobbies, but neglected in philately.

Take engravings for instance. A "Rembrandt" in first state and with full margins, is worth, maybe, twenty times as much as a later impression and one with short margins. Same applies to folio Shakespeare's, half an inch more margin means thousands of dollars on the price, etc., etc.

This appreciation of condition and of relative rarity is very much in evidence in the new Gibbons catalogue. For the first time we have what they term "Differential Pricing," which they define as follows:—

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This "Differential Pricing" is a move in the right direction.

In the old catalogue a single quoted price for a used stamp was understood to mean a stamp in good general condition, such as would be accepted by most collectors. To the great bulk of collectors such prices were misleading, to say the least of it. Take such a stamp as a New South Wales 3d Sydney quoted $20.00 (Scott). I have had lots of passable copies I could have sold at $5.00, but recently I paid $90.00 at auction for an extra superb used copy. This range of values applies more or less all through the older imperf. issues.

Now let us analyse some of Gibbons new quotations as applied to the stamps of British North America.

Here in America, with our good neighbour Canada, so close to hand, we can form even a better idea of real values than our confreres in Great Britain, as here we have more, and much larger collections, and larger stocks, than exist on the other side.

In the following notes, for the sake of clearness of comparison for my readers, I quote all Gibbons prices in dollars at five dollars to the pound. The small difference in the exchange does not effect my remarks.

British Columbia

	Scott.	Gibbons
5c rose, Imperf. unused,	$600.00	$750.00
5c rose, Imperf. used,	400.00	500.00
Unused is exceedingly rare, only one unused pair is known and two or three singles. A fine unused is worth $1,000.00. Fine used are also very rare.		
10c blue, Imperf. unused,	100.00	125.00
10c blue, Imperf. used,	70.00	100.00
Scott's prices for fine copies are high enough. Gibbons are too high. Fine unused and used are fairly easy to obtain.		
Perf. 12½		
5c red, unused,	20.00	35.00
Scott much too low. Gibbons about right. Used copies are rarer than unused.		
10c lake, unused,	25.00	40.00
Gibbons price is real value.		
25c yellow,	15.00	25.00
This is not rare. Scott is nearer correct value.		
50c mauve,	20.00	30.00
Gibbons price is about right.		
$1 green,	30.00	60.00
Gibbons is $60.00 unused, $75.00 used, both prices are above our market value, although the stamp is scarce.		
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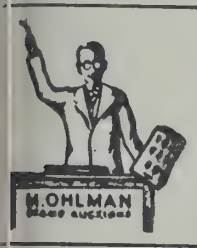

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7½d rose, used, 15.00 7.50 to 21.00

Gibbons correct, fine copies are getting scarce.
½d ribbed paper, horizontal, 50.00 75.00
½d ribbed paper, vertical, 100.00

This stamp is almost impossible to get fine, the paper tears so easily, superb copies are far, far rarer than superb 7½d green, and worth even more than Gibbons prices.

Perf. 12, 6d purple, raised in price both unused ($225.00) and used ($130.00), both prices well justified by rarity.
1858, 5c red, used, 1.00

Much too high. The stamp is very common and can be supplied in quantities at 30c to 40c fine. The 10c in its many shades are much better and more correctly priced by Gibbons than Scott, new prices used are, black-brown $32.50, brown-purple $4.00, brown $5.50, other shades $3.00

The brown is too high at $5.50, it is not rare and came in several printings.

The 17c is coming to its true value. Blue $7.50, slate-blue $9.00. This proportion is not right. I have one hundred blue and deep blue to 6 or 8 copies of the slate-blue.

In the large cents issues of 1868 Scott's are way out on one stamp. No. 21a, ½c black, watermarked, they price $18.00 used. I hereby offer $100.00 for a good used copy showing watermark distinctly.

Gibbons has made considerable advances in prices in this issue, which are well deserved.

The 1c laid is priced $75.00, against Scott's $50.00. It is rare and a good copy is worth Gibbons price.

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The 1c orange-yellow priced by Scott $3.50, and Gibbons $4.00 is over valued by both. They are slow to sell at $2.00 fine.

In the popular "small cents" 1870-1880, there are many increases. The 1c orange unused, Gibbons has $12.50, Scott $6.00, latter is much nearer market value.

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Copies of the 1894 $5 sold at $43 and $44 respectively, while the same stamp watermarked brought $19.50. The rose-carmine 2c block of 1898 sold at $31. The 1c inverted center Pan-American, described as a perfection mint copy brought a record price of $181. Inverts are becoming more popular day by day, and there are not sufficient numbers to go round.

In the 1902 issue blocks of the $1 sold at $28.50, the $2 at $45.74, and the $5 at $162.50. A pair of the 1c coil of the same issue #318 brought $62. The 2c coil in pair changed hands at $50.50, whereas blocks of the St. Louis issue sold at almost full catalogue.

A pair of the rare 10c coil of 1908 brought full catalogue—$80, whereas a 4c on blue paper of 1909 sold at $360, which is 20% higher than the new catalogue quotation, and this in spite of the fact that the copy was described as, "a fraction off-center at top." The 5c of the same issue went at $101, the 6c at $12, the 10c at $15.75, the 13c at $66, and the 15c at $9. These are still selling at most reasonable prices, when the quantities available are considered.

A pair of the 2c coil of 1910 #388, always a rare item, sold at $24.50. The Panama-Pacific issue sold around catalogue, a block of the 10c, perf. 10, bringing $25.

In the 1912 issue, blocks of the 50c #421 sold at $38.25, where the dollar block of the same issue sold at $29. The 1914 50c, perf. 10 watermark, a stamp which is somewhat scarcer than the catalogue indicates, sold at $28.50 per block, with the $1 going at the same figure. The rare imperforate rotary coil #459 in pair brought $43.50.

In the unwatermarked series, perf. 10 of 1916, a single 50c #477 sold at $47, while a mint block reached $200. A single of the $1 sold at $12.25, and a block at $51.

In the 1917 issue, a plate block of six of the 1c imperforate from one of the Rose Experimental plates, found a new owner at $55, while a block of the dollar, black-brown Scott's #518a brought $34. A plate number block of eight of the $2 orange and black, which could have been purchased from the Philatelic Agency for $16 only a few months ba... reached $33.50, whereas a single copy ... the 3c Victory in the red-violet sha... sold at $6.35, and a block of four ... $35.50. I can remember that not ... many months back, these were be... sold, when the first sheets were be... broken up, at $2 per block.

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263-265 5c to 20c, complete ..... .30

FINLAND
147-148 10m, 25m, pair 1.40

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192-195 1½s to 10s, complete ..... .75

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139 50o claret ..... .20
140 60o Prussian blue ..... .24
501 45o Prussian blue ..... .20

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ROUMANIA
308-319 25b to 10L complete 1.25

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REVIEW OF GIBBONS 1929 CATALOGUE PRICES OF MODERN COLONIALS

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Another Gibbons! And a mighty welcome little volume, too. Taken as a whole the K.G. issues show less changes than in the 1928 book. "Comparatively few new stamps have been issued," runs the Introduction, in part, "and there has therefore been less speculative activity in the Georgian section, but a continued upward tendency will be noted. More attention is being paid to the Edwardian issues, and here, also, changes have had to be made. Speaking generally, however, the most important alterations will be found in the stamps of the Victorian period.

An upward movement will also be noted in some of the 'neglected' groups such as Australian States, the Pacific Islands, Orange River Colony, Transvaal, and others. As a matter of fact no country can to-day be truly described as neglected, as there are keen collectors of all, and as the competition for stamps of the most popular groups becomes intensified, there is a tendency for a certain proportion of the demand for stamps to turn into other channels.

Of the popular modern favourites, Irish Free State, Rhodesia, Malta, and South-West Africa continue in good demand, the last-named showing a particularly sharp rise in prices.

Altogether, the market in the stamps of the British Empire is a most active one, and there is no doubt that prices generally will rise still further from year to year."

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Now for the prices. **Antigua** shows several rises, notably in the s. values of the first Edward set and the 5/- 1913 (the latter now at 25/-). The 1921-27 issues are now priced used as well as mint, the used almost throughout being higher. The most interesting changes in

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*25-37	0p10 to 25pi, complete	1.15
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*301-5	Dues, 1925, 0p50 to 5pi	.95
*158-62	**Albania** 1924, 2q to 50q, compl.	2.00
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*1-21	**Algeria** 1924, 1c to 5fr, complete	2.50
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*59-65	1927, 10c to 1.50fr, surcharges	.65
*201-22	1926 Dues, complete, 22 var.	2.25
*286-9	**Argentine** 1921, 3c to 12c, compl.	.75
*308	1922, 5c rose	.35
*318-22	1922, 2c, 5c, 20c	2.50
*369-70	1928, 5c and 12c, complete	.30
127-40	**Austria** 1910, Birthday, 1h-1kr	3.75
*831-7	1922, 2½k to 100k	1.00
*838-46	1923, 100k to 1000k	1.80
*847-51	1924, 100+300k - 1000+3000k	1.65
*852-7	1926, 3g+2g to 40g+10g (or used)	.50
*972-98	1915, 1h to 10k, complete	4.75
*73-6	**Bavaria** 1910, 1m to 5m	2.00
*90	1911, 10m orange on yellow	3.50
*91	20m on black brown	3.25
*136-52	1919, 3pf to 20m	.75
*6-21	**Belg. East Africa** 1924-5, 5c-10fr	2.50
*22-32	1925-7, 20c to 1.75fr (11 var.)	1.15
*92-102	**Belgium** 1912, 1c to 5fr	2.75
108-22	1915, 1c to 10fr	5.00
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*156-61	1921-3, 50c to 10fr	5.00
*163	1924, 5fr red brown	1.00
*163	Same, in original blk. of 4	3.00
*166-78	1925, 10c to 10fr, complete	4.00
*179-88	1926-7, 2c to 10fr	1.15
*295-9	1926, 5+5c to 5fr+1fr	1.00
*300-4	1927, 25c+10c to 5fr+1fr	.60
*305-13	1928, Orval issue, complete	1.75
109	**Bolivia** 1913, 1b slate blue	1.25
110	1913, 2b black	2.25
*119	1919-20, 2c dark violet	.75
*137	1923, 2b black brown	2.00
137	Same stamp used	1.25
	1928, New Airmail, 3 var. compl.	.75
*30-45	**Bosnia** 1906, 1h to 5k, compl.	1.75
*46-61	1910, 1h to 5k, compl.	3.50
*62-4	1912, 12h to 72h, 3 var.	2.50
*65-85	1912-14, 1h to 10k, complete	12.50
*86-104	1916-17, 3h to 10k, complete	3.00
*105-22	1917, 3h to 10k, complete	2.50
185 & 198	**Brazil** 1906-17, 5000r, 2 var.	1.00
*217	1918, 5000r violet, o. g.	2.50
288	1927, 2000r on 200r blue	.50
289	5000r on 50r green	1.00
74-6	**Bulgaria** 1907, 5s to 25s, compl.	.90
*130-46	**Cameroons** 1916, 1c to 5fr, cpl.	2.75
*147-63	1921, 1c to 5fr, complete	2.00
*164-8	1924-5, 5 surcharges	.65
*170-89	1925, 1c to 5fr, complete	1.85
*190-204	1926-7, 15c to 20 francs, cpl.	2.90
*301-13	1925-7, Dues, complete	.75
*56	**Canal Zone** 1920, 1b viol. and blk.	7.50
56	The same stamp cancelled	3.00
52-4	1917, 12c, 15c, 24c, the 3	.80
*57-63	1921, 1c to 50c. complete	4.80
57-63	The same set used	3.20
*66-80	1924-6, ½c to $1, complete	4.20
*305-7	Dues, 1915, 1c to 10c	3.10
305-7	Same used	.65
*313	Dues 1920, 4c on 4c	1.25
*318-20	1925, 1c to 10c	8.00
318-20	Same set used	2.85
*78	**Chile** 1905, 1p gold, green and gray	1.40
*83-97	1910, 1c to 10pes, complete	15.00
112	1911, 10pes orange yellow & blk.	1.00
146-53	1923, 2c to 5pes, complete	.75
*149-58	**China** 1912, 1c to $1, incl.	4.50
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*193	$5 scarlet and black	6.00
193	Same stamp used	.40
*232-48	1926, ½c to 50c	1.40
*723-6	1921, 1c to 10c, complete, rare	3.00
*901-20	1927, ½c to $5, complete	7.20
*921-4	1928, 1c to $1, complete	1.30
64-73	**Congo** 1921, 5c to 10fr, complete	2.40
*86-7	1922, 25 on 30 on 10c, the two	1.50
*88-103	1923-5, 5c to 10fr, complete	2.80
*201-6	1918 Charity, 5c+10c-50c+50c	.80
*129-35	**Costa Rica** 1924, 1c to 25c, cpl.	1.75
*136-9	1926, 3c to 45c, compl.	1.00
*147	1928 Lindbergh, 10c on 12c.	2.75
*552-4 & 555-7	1924, Olympics, either set	.70
*246	**Cuba** 1910, 1pes slate and black	1.10
*252	1911-13, 1pes black	1.75
252	Same stamp used	1.40
*288-97	1928, 1c-1p, compl., well centered	6.00
288-90&292,294	1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, the 5 used	1.00
*57-9	**Curacao** 1915, 50c to 2½gld	3.00
*1-4	**Cyrenaica** 1923, 20c to 1l, compl.	2.50
*775-8	**Czechoslovakia** 1923, 50h-300h, rare	2.00
*782-5	1926, 50h to 300h	1.20
*42-58	**Dahomey** 1913, 1c to 5fr compl.	2.65
*64-7	1922-5, 4 surcharges	.65
*68-75	1925-6, 10c to 1fr, complete	.60
*76-81	1926-7, 1.25fr to 20 francs	2.80
*301-8	1906, Dues, 5c to 1fr	1.35
*31-9	**Dan. W. Indies** 1905, 5b-5fr, cpl.	6.00
*40-2	1905, 5 on 4c to 8 on 5c	1.50
*43-50	1908, 5b to 50b	2.30
*51-8	1915-17, 5b to 50b	1.75
*1-18	**Danzig** 1920, 5pf-5m, used or mint	1.85
*25-30	1920, 1m to 10m, compl.	1.50
49-58	1921, 5pf to 10m	1.75
63-76	5pf to 3m, complete	1.60
*93-5	1922, 9m to 100m, rare	2.15
*156-67	1923, 5pf to 5gld, complete	7.50
*177-8	1924, 1 and 2gld	1.75
179-81	3gld, 5gld, 10gld, fine used	2.00
*840	1928, Dues, 3gld blue & carm.	1.20
*105-8	**Denmark** 1918, 27 on 1-27 on 10o	6.75
*110-12	1918, 27 on 68 to 27 on 10k	1.00
*140	1920, 5kr purple	2.20
*306	1919-22, Parcel Post, 1kr	1.75
*601-7	1921, Dues, 1o to 50o	1.25
*184-5	**Dom. Republic** 1911-13, 50c and 1 peso	.90
100	**Dutch Indies** 1912, 2½gld blue on blue	1.10
120	1912-14, 2½gld carmine	.50
142-6	1923, 5c to 1gld	1.30
147	2½gld gray black	2.50
*174-80	**Ecuador** 1908, 1c to 1s, compl.	.90
*504	1920, 20c deep blue	1.10
*505	20c olive green	1.00
*50-9	**Egypt** 1914, 1m to 200m, compl.	7.00
*61-7	1921-2, 1m to 20m	1.80
*78-83	1922, 1m to 10m	.90
90	100m black	2.50
*92-102	1923, 1m to 200m	4.80
92-102	Same set used	.75
*104	£1 ultr. and dark viol.	7.50
104	Same stamp used	2.50
*105-7	1925, 5m to 15m	2.20
*108-13	1926, 5m to 200m, complete	5.90
*114	50pi Birthday stamp	4.20
114	Same stamp cancelled	3.00
*115-17	5m to 15m	.75
*118-20	Navigation issue	.65
*125-7	Cotton Congress issue	.55
*128-38	1927-8, 1m to 200m	3.00
*139	500m chocolate and blue	3.20
*140	£1 green and brown	6.40
*320-2	1921 Dues, 2m to 10m	1.50
*326	1922 Dues, 2pi orange	1.60
*327-9	Dues, 2m to 10m	.60
*418-21	Official, 1m to 5m	10.00
*422-8	1m to 15m	1.65
*39-54	**Elobey**, Annobon, etc., 1907, 1c to 10p	5.00
*68-73	**Eritrea** 1924, 10c to 5l, complete	6.00
*367-70	1927, 40c to 5l	1.50
*259-62	**Estonia** 1923, 2½ and 5m, both sets	4.20
*152-67	**Fernando Po** 1907, 1c-10p, cpl.	6.50
*168-9	1908, 05 on 10c, both	.80
*172-83	**Fiume** 1923, 5c to 5l, rare	7.50
*184-95	1924, 5c to 5l, compl.	3.50
*196-207	5c to 5l, compl.	2.50
*404-16	1919 Charity, 5c to 10cor	4.60
*168-71	**France** 1924-5, Olympics	.35
*175-82	1924, 15c to 85c, 8 var.	.90
*191	1925, 5fr carmine	.75
191	5fr, used block of 4	3.00
*194-207	1925-6, 15c to 3fr, 10 var.	1.50
*208-23	1926-7, 7½c to 20fr, 15 var.	3.10
*224-30 & 232-3	25 on 30c to 1.10 on 1.40fr, 9 var.	1.00
*403-9	1917-19 Orphans, 2c to 1fr	5.50
403-9	Same set used	4.75
*410	Orphans, 5fr+5fr	12.50
*412-19	1922, 2c+1c to 5fr+1fr	1.50
*428-31	1927-8, 40c to 1.50fr, 4 var.	1.00
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*80	**Canton**, 2pi on 5frs	2.75
*81	4pi on 10frs	4.50
*54-74	**Kouang Tcheou** 1923, 1/10c to 2pi	4.75
*75-98	1927, 1/10c to $2	4.50
*68	**Packhoi** 1918, 2pi on 5fr	2.75
*69	1918, 4pi on 10fr	6.25
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16-30	**Alexandria** 1902-3, 1c to 5fr.	2.60
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34-5	**Turkey** 1902, 8pia and 20pia.	2.00
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*86-90	1922-5, 5 surcharges	.60
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*101-5	1927, 90c to 20fr	2.65
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33	50c (undercatalogued)	2.50
*40-2	1921, 5c to 25c, 3 provls.	2.50
*43-7	1922, 5c to 50c	.50
*48-53	1923-5, 6 provisionals	1.10
*54-64	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, complete	3.25
*301-9	1926-7 Dues, 5c to 3fr, complete	.65
*21-37	**Fr. Soudan** 1921, 1c to 5fr	1.75
*38-42	1922-25, 5 provisionals	.75
*43-53	1925-27, 10c to 20fr	3.00
*49-64	**Gabon** 1911, 1c to 5fr, complete	5.80
*79-84	1922, 5c to 50c	1.15
*85-101	1924, 1c to 5fr, complete	1.60
*102-12	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, 11 var.	3.20
*31-41	**Germ. E. Afr.** 1906-15, 2½h to 3 rupees	4.15
*32	**Germ. N. Guinea** 1915, 5m slate and carmine	.75
*26-38	**Germ. S. W. Afr.** 1906-15, 3pf-5m	2.75
*111-17	**Germany** 1920, 1m-2.50m, 7 var.	.95
*80-94	1906-11, 2pf to 5m, compl.	2.75
*264a	1923, 800th m on 300m	1.25
*266a	800th m on 500m	1.25
*339-41 & 350	1923-5, 1m, 2m, 3m, 5m	3.85
*482-5	1924 Charity, 5pf to 50pf	3.00
*839	1920 Eupen, 10fr brown	2.75
*863	Malmedy, 10fr brown	2.75
*47-56	**China** 1906-13, 1c to $2.50	2.20
*45-57	**Morocco** 1911, 3c to 6p25c	2.50
*175-8	**Greece** 1901, 1dr to 5dr	1.10
184-95	1906, 1l to 2dr	2.75
*259	1918-23, 25dr indigo	.65
*335-7	1927, 1d to 6d Favier, compl.	.75
335-7	Same set used	.65
*338-43	1927-8 Navarino, complete	.75
*54-70	**Guadeloupe** 1905-7, 1c to 5fr	3.60
*74-8	1922, 5c to 50c	1.15
*79-81 & 88-9	1924-6, 5 provisionals	.55
*82-7 & 90-4	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, compl.	2.85
*67-77	**Haiti** 1902, 1c to 10c, 11 var.	3.30
*171-3	1913, 15c de p to 1pia	2.50
*219-28	1915-16, 1c to 20c	1.10
*230-2	2c to 7c	.85
*179-81	**Honduras** 1915-16, 20c, 50c, 1 peso	1.00
*205	1923, 1p on 5c lilac rose	1.00
*208	10c on 1c brown	.60
*239	1927, 6c deep purple	2.80
415-17	**Hungary** 1926, 1p to 5p	.65
*576-83	1925 Olympics, complete	1.20
398	**Iceland** 1922 Official, 5k brown	2.00
*88-93	**Indo China** 1922, 1c to 12c, cpl.	1.95
*94-114	1922-3, 1/10c to 2pi, complete	4.75
*115-38	1927, 1/10c to $2	4.50
418-30	1918 Dues, 4/5c to 2pi	8.65
*431-43	1922 Dues, 2/5c to 1p	2.50
*444-56	1927 Dues, 2/5c to $1	1.75
*122-7	**Italy** 1921, both sets	.75
*138-41	1923, Propaganda set	1.50
*146-51	Fascisti set	1.40
*152-7	1924, Manzoni set	4.75
*160-3	1l on 5 to 1l on 25c, rare	2.50
*417-19	1923, Black Shirt set	.60
*42-58	**Ivory Coast** 1913-17, 1c to 5fr	5.80
49	1913-17, 25c ultr. and blue	1.40
54	50c black and viol.	.80
*59-63	1922, 5c to 50c	.60
*64-8	1924-5, 5 provisionals	.75
*69-80	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, 12 var.	3.40
182-3	**Japan** 1924, 5 and 10 yen	.30
*192-5	1927, 1½s to 10s	1.00
43-5	**Jugoslavia** 1920, 2 on 6h-2 on 20h	2.00
*440-1	1920, 15k and 20k, the two	2.25
*24-33	**Kiauchau** 1906-10, 1c to $2.50	2.25
111-12	**Latvia** 1922, 50 and 100r	2.90
*131	1923-6, 10l carm. rose	4.00
*367-70	1920, 20k to 1r	2.00
*374-8	1925, 6s to 50s	1.75
*1-17	**Lebanon** 1924, 10 on 2c to 25pi, compl.	2.00
*18-21	1924, Olympic Games	1.30
*22-36	0p10 on 2 to 25pi, 15 var.	2.30
*37-40	Olympic Games	1.50
*41-4	1p50 to 4pi, 4 var.	1.70
*45-9	1925, 0p75 to 3pi	2.25
*50-62	0p10 to 25pi	1.30
*63-71	1926-7, 9 provisionals	2.10
*72-80	1927, 0p10 to 25pi	1.25
*81-4	4 provisionals	1.20
*86-94	1928, 0p10 to 25pi	1.25
*95-100	6 provisionals	1.90
*401-12	1926 Charity, 0p25 to 25pi	1.50
163-75	**Liberia** 1918, 1c to $5, complete	3.00
214-27	1923, 1c to $5, complete	3.50
630-4	1924, 5 var., compl.	.35
845-57	1918 Official, 1c to $5	3.00
874-87	1921 Official, 1c to $5	3.50
888-901	1923 Official, 1c to $5	3.50
1-3	**Liechtenstein** 1912, 5h to 25h	1.50
*51-2	1921, 2rp on 10h, both	.60
*54-69	2rp to 1fr, compl.	2.75
*304-6	1927, 10rp to 30rp	.90
3-4	**Lithuania** 1918, 10 and 15sk, the 2	4.00
*9-12	1919, 10sk to 30sk, compl.	4.25
30-60	10sk to 5 auk, the 3 sets	.95
*97-110	1921-2, 10sk to 25 auk	1.00
*176-88	1923, 1c to 5l, complete	3.85
*218	1927, 5c green, rare	2.50
*219-25	15c to 5l	1.65
*701-11	1915-18, 3pf to 1m, 11 var.	1.00
*93-106	**Luxemburg** 1914-15, 10c to 5fr	4.00
*107-8	1915, 2 provisionals	1.00
*109-12	1916-17, 4 provisionals	.80
121-34	1921-2, 2c to 5fr	.80
*121-2	1921, 2fr and 5fr	.90
*139	1923, 10fr black	1.10
*304-6	10c to 25c	.65
*307-10	1924 Charity, 12½c to 5fr	1.85
*320-4	1927, 25c to 1½fr, compl.	1.10
*539-43	1923 Official, 80c to 10fr	2.15
541-2	Official, 5fr and 10fr, used.	1.25
*79-94	**Madagascar** 1908-17, 1c to 5fr.	2.60
*108	1921, 60 on 75c viol. on orange	1.25
*121-6	1922-5, 6 surcharges	.70
*127-40	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, 14 var.	4.25
*217	1924 Dues, 60c on 1fr orange.	.45
*31	**Marianna Isl.** 1916, 5m slate and carm.	1.00
*1-14	**Marienwerder** 1920, 5pf to 5m, compl.	1.90
33-5	1920, 1m on 2pf to 5m on 7½pf	2.50
*40-53	5pf to 5m, compl.	2.60
*27	**Marshall Isl.** 1915, 5m slate & carm.	1.20
*62-77	**Martinique** 1908-17, 1c to 5fr	3.25
*101-6	1924-5, 6 varieties	.75
*107-19	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, 13 var.	3.25
*14	**Mauritania** 1906, 75c blue on orange	1.10
*15	1906, 1fr azure	2.50
*16	2fr blue on pink	3.00
*18-33	1913, 1c to 5fr, complete	2.35
*40-3	1922-5, 4 provisionals	.70
*44-55	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, 12 var.	2.90
*15-27	**Memel** 1920, 5pf to 2.50m, compl.	5.00
*72-85	1922, 35pf to 50m, 14 var.	1.20
*401a	1923, 10m on 5c blue	.60
*461-70	2c on 10m-1l on 1000m, rare	7.00
*320	**Mexico** 1910, 5p carm. and blk.	1.3
*354-61	1914, 1c to 1 peso	1.1
506-14	1915-16, 1c to 5pes	.(
*1-17	**Middle Congo** 1907, 1c to 5fr	10.(
*18-22	1922, 5c to 50c, complete	1.3
*23-39	1924, 1c to 5fr	1.(
*40-3	1924-5, 4 provisionals	.7
*44-53	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, 10 var.	2.3
*30-2	**Monaco** 1920-1, 5c to 2fr, rare	1.3
*40	1922, 25c olive brown	3.(
*41	30c dark green	1.(
*42	50c ultramarine	1.1
*46	2fr scarlet	.7
*47	5fr red brown	5.(
*48	10fr carmine	3.1
*49-55	1923-4, 10c to 50c	1.3
*56	5fr dark green	2.3
*60-77	1924-6, 1c to 10fr	2.3
*78-85	1926, 30c on 25c to 1.25fr	1.(
*87-96	1926-7, 20c to 1.50fr	.3
*97-9	1928, Philatelic Exhibition	.3
*451-6	1905 Dues, 1c to 50c	1.3
*461-2	1918 Dues, 20c & 40c, the two	.3
*86-97	**Montenegro** 1913, 1pa to 5per.	1.1
*193-201	1913 Dues, 5pa to 50pa	1.1
*351-68	**Mozambique** 1920, ¼c to 1e, complete	3.(
118	**Netherlands** 1920, 2½gld on 10gld	1.3
119	1920, 2½gld on 10gld	.(
151	1923, 2½gld black	2.(
*454-5	2c and 10c	.(
*468-72	1927, 2c to 15c	.(
*477-84	1928 Olympics, complete	.(
*88-103	**New Caledonia** 1905-6, 1c to 5fr	4.2
*110-14	1921, 5c to 50c	.(
*116-22	1924-5, 6 provisionals	1.3
*123-33	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, rare	4.3
*137-59	1928, 1c to 20fr, complete	3.3
*122-32	**New Hebrides** 1912, 5c to 5frs	3.7
*401-7	**Nicaragua** 1921, ½c to 50c	1.1
*120-6	**Norway** 1925, 2o to 25o, compl.	.8
120-6	1925, same set used	.8
*127-30	1925, Spitzbergen, complete	.6
*77-8	**Nyassa** 1919, 50c and $1, the two	.6
94-105	1921, ¼c to 20c, complete	.7
*301-3 & 501-3	1925, Pombal, compl., rare	8.5
*401-9	1924 Dues, Triangles	.2
*185-93	**Panama** 1906-7, ½c to 50c	1.0
*204-11	1915, ½c to 20c	2.4
*213-16	1916-18, 8c to 24c	4.7
*218	1920, 50c orange and black	4.6
*219	1b dark viol. and blk.	5.5
*222-31	1921, 2c to 50c, complete	4.2
*234-43	1924, ½c to 1 balboa	3.3
*244-55	1926, ½c to 50c, complete	4.0
*256-7	1928 Lindbergh, 2c and 5c	.4
173-90	**Persia** 1902, 1c to 50k, compl.	.8
448-63	1909, 1c to 30k, compl.	.7
*222-31	**Peru** 1921, 1c to 1 sol, compl.	3.0
*319-25	**Philippines** 1926, 2c to 1 peso.	4.0
*701-4	1926 Official, 2c to 20c	1.0
252	1906, 2 pesos black	.6
*251-2	**Poland** 1928, 50g and 1z, complete sheet	.9
*60-74	**Reunion** 1907-17, 1c to 5fr, cpl.	2.7
*90-6	1922-5, 6 provisionals	.9
*97-110	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, 14 var.	3.4
*4-16	**Rouad** 1916, 1c to 20pi, compl.	3.6
*196-206	**Roumania** 1906, 5b to 3l, cpl.	2.7
*270-6	1922, 5b to 6l, compl.	1.7
*291-8 / 300-1	1926, 10b to 10l	1.2
*303-7	1927, 1l to 6l, compl.	1.0
*308-19	1927, 25b to 10l	1.7
551-62	1906, 3b to 15b, the 3 sets	1.0
*1214-17	1917-18, 10pf to 30pf	3.4
*104	**Russia** 1913, 5r black brown	.9
*114-32	1917, 1k to 10r, rare	2.7
*242-9	1923, 1r to 7r, both sets	1.7
*250-9	1k to 1r	2.6
*265-72	1924 Lenin, both sets	1.2
292-3	1924-5, 3 and 5Rbls, both	2.2
*294-301	1925, 7k to 40k, both sets	2.0
302	5 rubles red brown	1.7
303	10 rubles indigo	3.0
*330-5	1925, 3k to 14k, both sets	.9
*336-41	3k to 14k, both sets	.9
342-3	1926, 2 and 3 rubles, the two	1.4
*514	1919, 3k carm. and brown on buff	6.0
*515-18	1921, 4 var., complete	1.2
*540	1923, 1r+1r on 10r	2.5
*543	4r+4r on 5000r	1.4
*550-5	1926, 6 var., complete	.9
*226	**Turkey** 1913, 30p on 3 rubles	.8
*1-17	**Saar** 1920, 2pf to 1m, complete	4.5
*41-64	1920, 5pf to 4m, compl.	.9
*94-8	1921, 75c to 5fr	1.2
112	1922, 5fr brown and red br.	.7
*119	1925, 10fr black brown	.9
*79-94	**St. Pierre & Miqu.** 1909-17, 1c-5fr	3.7
*106-10	1922, 5c to 50c, compl.	1.2
*111-15	1924-5, 5 provisionals	.7
*116-26	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, 11 var.	3.4
*456	**Salvador** 1919, $1 dark blue & blk.	.7
*467	1920, 60c on $1	.7
*507-9	1925, 1c to 3c, complete	1.7
*50-60	**San Marino** 1921-2, 2c to 2l, cpl.	2.7
*61-68	1922, 2c to 90c, complete	.9
*71	1923, 1l dark brown	1.3
*72-6	1924, 3c to 2l, complete	.8
*77-80	30c on 45c to 2l on 3l	2.2
*94-7	1926, 75 on 80 to 2.50l on 80c.	.9
*98-103	Onofri, complete	.7
*104-8	1927, 4 provisionals, complete	1.7
*109-11	50c to 10l, complete	1.2
*112-15	1928, 50c to 5l, complete	1.0
*510-18	Dues 1924, 5c to 10l, compl.	19.5
*519-27	1925, 5c to 10l, compl.	3.5
*351-52	1917, 25 on 2c & 50 on 2l, rare	2.5
*353-61	1918, 2c to 3l, complete	3.3
*362-7	20c to 3l, complete	1.6

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77-8	**Sarawak** 1923, 1c on 10c and 2c on 12c, the two	2.50
96-102	**Senegal** 1922, 5c to 2fr, compl.	.90
108-11	1924-5, 4 provisionals	.50
112-27	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, 16 var.	3.60
155-66	**Serbia** 1918, 1p to 5d	.80
201-21	1916, 1h to 10k, complete	3.50
198-203	**Siam** 1926, 1t to 20t, complete.	17.50
90-96	**Somali Coast** 1915, 1c to 5fr, cpl.	3.75
97-102	1922, 10c on 5c to 30c	1.25
107-11	1923-5, 5 provisionals	.75
112-25	1925-7, 10c to 20fr	3.25
93-105	**Spain,** Morocco 1928, 1c to 4p, complete	3.25
68-73	**Spanish Guinea** 1907, 1c to 10pes	4.00
95-97	1909, 1c to 10pes	1.00
102-14	1911, 1c to 10p, complete	7.50
96	**Surinam** 1921-2, 32½c vio. & or'ge	2.00
97-101	1923, 5c to 1gld	4.25
102	2½gld gray black	13.75
04-7	1925, 3 on 5 to 15 on 20c	.70
20-6	1927, 10c to 35c, complete	1.50
27-33	3c on 15c to 50c on 7½gld	3.50
31	**Sweden** 1920-1, 5o green	.65
54	1922-3, 25o rose red	.45
68-77	1924, 5 ore to 50 ore	1.50
83-92	5 ore to 50 ore	1.50
*406	**Switzerland** 1915, 10c red on buff	2.90
*408-10	1916, 3c to 10c, complete	2.00
*104-16	**Syria** 1923, 10c on 2c to 25pi on 5fr	3.00
*117-20	1923, 4 provisionals	1.00
*121-34	1924, 10 on 2c to 25pi on 5fr	1.40
*136-8	50 on 10c to 2.50pi on 50c	.50
*139-42	Olympics, complete	1.25
*143-54	0p10 to 25pi on 5fr	1.25
*158-61	II Olympics complete	1.25
*162-70	1924-5, 1p50 to 3pi60c	3.30
*186-94	1926-7, 9 provisionals	1.40
*421-5	Dues 1923, 5 var. complete	2.60
*1-10	**Tannou Touva** 1926, 1k-5r, cpl.	10.50
*176-92	**Togo** 1916-17, 1c to 5fr	2.25
*193-209	1921, 1c to 5fr	4.75
*210-12	1922-4, 3 provisionals	.55
*213-32	1924, 1c to 5fr	1.80
*233-8	1925-6, 6 var., complete	.90
*239-44	1926-7, 90c to 20fr	2.85
*1-4	**Tripolitania,** Propaganda of Faith	2.40
*5-10	Fascisti, complete	2.40
*11-16	1924, Manzoni, complete	5.75
*17-23	1926, St. Francis, complete	1.75
*40	**Tunis** 1906, 2fr brown and ol. grn.	1.50
*41	1906, 5fr viol. and blue	1.25
*42-5	1908, 4 provisionals	1.10
*65-70	1923-6, 15c to 5fr	1.50
*98-108	1928, 3c on 5c to 20fr, compl.	1.40
*337-46	1925, 1c on 5c to 25c on 5fr	3.50
*347-53	1928, 40+40c to 5fr+5fr	1.50
*462-71	Dues 1922, 1c to 5fr	.90
*286	**Turkey** 1915, 10pi on 100pi	.60
624	1923-5, 500pi deep green	.90
644-7	1926, 25gr to 200gr	1.20
*1-17	**Ubangi** 1915-17, 1c to 5fr	7.60
*18-22	1922, 5c to 50c	1.40
*23-40	1c to 5fr	6.75
*41-59	1924, 1c to 5fr	2.10
*60-71	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, 12 var.	3.50
151	**Ukraine** 1919, 20gr red and green	1.00
*285-8	1923, 10+10 to 150+50	.70
*8	**Upper Senegal** 1906, 25c blue on pink	.90
*18-33	1914, 1c to 5fr	4.50
*1-17	**Upper Volta** 1920, 1c to 5fr	2.90
*18-22	1922, 5c to 50c	.65
*23-30	1922-5, 8 provisionals	.95
*31-40	1925-7, 10c to 20fr	3.25
154-8	**Uruguay** 1901, 2c to 1p, compl.	.95
*217-22	1919, 2c to 23c, compl.	2.50
*244-53	1922, 5m to 36c, complete	3.90
*267-76	1923, 5m to 50c	4.75
*277	1p bright rose	8.00
*278	2p light green	7.50
*279-81	2c to 12c, set	1.40
*282-4	1924, I Olympics	2.00
*285-97	5m to 1p, incl.	4.90
*298	2p dull violet	3.90
*300-2	1925, 2c to 12c	1.25
*303-4	5c and 12c, compl.	.60
*309-16	1925-6, 5m to 12c, compl.	.85
*317-27	1926, 5m to 36c, compl.	1.10
*330-2	1927, Philatelic Exhibition	2.75
*350-61	1928, 5m to 1 peso	3.25
*364-6	II Olympics	.50
*367-9	Garzon, 2c to 8c, rare	2.00
*276	**Venezuela** 1924, 25c ultram.	.75
*229a	**Wurtemberg** 1916, 25 on 25pf, unwmkd.	1.50

PACKETS

75 all different Argentine	.75
100 all different Argentine	1.00
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General collection of 3000 all different	7.00
General collection of 5000 all different	17.50
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at, as time goes on, an ever-increasing mber of used stamps will be priced high- than the same stamps in unused condi- on. We do not imply that this tenency is likely to proceed to extreme ngths, as there will naturally be a balcing demand for the cheaper variety, hich will tend to keep prices for unsed and used more or less on an quality."

Scattered rises in **Barbados,** with several of the high values listed at better gures in the used column. The 2/- and "Victory" go to 10/- and 15/- mint (2/6 and 17/6 used). Some of the **arbudas** are now priced used. **Bermuda** has minor rises; **Solomons** also. he scarcity of used copies of the latter emphasized. In **Caymans** the rare /- of 1921 now jumps to 75/-. The ree **Cyprus** rarities (45pi script and /- and £1 MCA) stand at their 1928 gures.

The outstanding rises in **Fiji** are the 1903, now at £5, and the do. 1906-12, ow at 65/-. The 4/- script of **Gib.** cks on 5/-, whilst the 8/- Universal ars to £9. The 15/- script of **Gold oast** goes to 40/-, the £1 to 40/- also, id the £2 to 80/-. Just why these three ities should be given these enhanced gures, I can't say. Were they withawn following the appearance of the ictorials? **I.F.S.** shows a large numr of changes, as usual, amongst which note the 2d orange, Die I, Harrison int, July, 1922 (No. 31), at 15/-, and e 10d Thom, July-Nov., 1922, with dull ack ovpt. (No. 43a), at 60/-.

The **Jamaica** 3/- MCA (1920-21) puts 1 5/-, whilst the 5/- script, in the arce blue and yellow-brown shade, mps to 50/-. As was expected, the 5d **eewards** fares poorly, being priced at shilling both ways, whilst the 2½d ange is at 10/- mint and 12/6 used.

In **Malta** the rare 10/- MCA 1919 goes £40, the 10/- script "Self-Govt." to /-, and a number of the "POSTAGE" t come in for small rises.

The 5r **Mauritius** on pale yellow, Die MCA (No. 203b), is now priced, viz., /-, whilst the rare 10r of the same ries, with olive back, reaches £20.

Quite a few **Naurus** are now priced in ed condition. **Newfoundland** shows a irly general upward trend, the 3c Alck attaining £100 mint and £90 used. **ew Hebrides,** which showed only one ange in last year's edition, has quite a w throughout. The 1911-12 set steps) and the 2d on 40c with "R F" wmk. ain rises, this time to 85/-. The curnt set is now priced at below face, nich is as it should be. Scattered rises **No. Nigeria,** with the £25 of 1904 itherto unpriced) at £200. **Nyasaland rotectorate** has a pretty general sprinkg of rises also.

I see the current **Papua** set is still up t was raised in the "S.M." a couple of nths ago when rumours of a new inting on unwatermarked paper, were ing circulated. This new printing has iled to materialize, however, nor is ere any possibility of its appearing thin the near future.)

The first Geo. issue of **St. Helena** ows an all-round rise in the used dumn, whilst the 15/- script is listed at £6. In **St. Kitts** the 5/-, 10/- and £1 of 1920 advance to 12/6, 22/6, and £4, though there is absolutely no reason for this figure for the 5/-, as it is still current. That scarce little stamp, the 1d red script of **St. Lucia,** reaches 5/-.

The 2/- **Turks & Caicos** 1925 (script) lists at 10/-, and that rarity, the 2/- 1913-18 on greenish white, soars to £6.

Rhodesia and **So. W. Africa,** as mentioned before, show particularly sharp rises, but these are too numerous for any detailed description. The lists of both **Palestine** and **Trans-Jordan** have been re-written by the well-known expert, Major Jno. J. Darlow, and in their new form will be found much more complete than formerly. The **Hong-Kong** list has been re-written also, and stamps on ordinary and on chalky paper are now listed separately for the first time. We wish this system might be extended to other Colonies as well: Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, etc., for example. Hejaz, properly enough, has been moved to Part II.

Tribute

—The Purchase and Use of Commemoratives, a Patriotic Duty.

By R. G. FRAME.

Unless a person has a large city post office available, it is difficult to obtain Commemorative stamps for postal use. After repeated requests at the local office for special issues, the postmaster stated that it was too much bother to order them, and that the majority of his patrons wanted stamps and did not care what they were as long as they were good for postage.

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IRISH FREE STATE

In its 1929 Edition, Scott's catalogue classifies the various surcharged issues of the Irish Free State for the first time. Every collector who has followed Scott's previous listing will wish to bring his Irish stamps up to date and I am therefore offering herewith all numbers that I can supply at present either used or unused. Where a stamp is not offered, it is either out of stock or in stock in quantities too small to advertise. I can also supply many of the major and minor errors, essays, etc., and solicit inquiries from those interested.

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2½d, No. 3	.36	..
3d, No. 4	.75	..
4d, No. 5	.30	.20
5d, No. 6	.90	..
9d, No. 7	.90	..
10d, No. 8	.45	.40
2½d, No. 9	.18	..
4d, No. 10	.36	..
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EDITORIAL

THE following letter has been received from Joseph L. Roberts, postmaster at Sharon, Pennsylvania: "Some time ago, Paul P. Wentz, a philatelist of this city made a special cancellation device for use in cancelling registered mail, and for the benefit of collectors who are interested in cancellations, a notice to this effect appeared in the different stamp journals. A large number of collectors have taken advantage of this opportunity to secure a variety of markings. In order to ascertain from the post office authorities if it was proper and legal to use such special devices, the question was submitted for a ruling, and I have to advise that under date of November 3rd, the following reply was received: 'You are informed that the Department does not consider it advisable to permit the use of cancellers of special design for use in cancelling the stamps on registered mail; and it is desired that all postmasters use only such cancelling instruments in cancelling stamps on registered mail, as have been provided by the Department for cancelling purposes. In this connection, your attention is called to article 12, page 93, of the July, 1928, Postal Guide.' The section in the July, 1928, Guide referred to reads as follows: 'Advertising on Postmarking Stamps Forbidden:— Postmarking dies shall not be used for advertising purposes, except by special permission from the Department, and permission will not be granted for such advertising of expositions, fairs or celebrations, unless they are of such national interest as to have been recognized or appropriated for, by Congress'." In our issue of November 5th, it was said that word had been received that the post office authorities frowned on these evidences of enterprise on the part of different offices, and now it looks as though these interesting markings have been given their *quietus*. However, traces of this postal irregularity will remain in collections as illustrating a temporary condition in our history.

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THE Associated Press has issued a despatch with the Orleans, France, dateline of November 5th, to the effect that on the 500th anniversary of the deliverance of Orleans in 1929, all stamps of France of the denomination of 50c will bear the effigy of Jeanne d'Arc. Surely, there will be no objection to the philatelic canonization of this glorious woman who saved Orleans in 1429, when it was besieged by the British.

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MR. ARILD G. ANSON, Minneapolis, Minnesota, begs for a moment's attention in order to show that he is entitled to applause for "probably having been the first to ask the post office department to issue a special stamped envelope, which is now promised for the first of the year." With no wish to dim the lime-light that may be descending on Mr. Anson, it is to be said that there were others who took their pens in hand to avow their belief that an envelope of the kind would be acceptable to the populace now that the people have become air conscious.

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HERE is a letter that came to W. A. Dudley, of the Chicago Fair, 1933, publicity staff: "After speaking to you Sunday, I thought out a very brilliant scheme to advertise your World's Fair without a cent of cost. The Chicago post office gets out a vast quantity of precanceled stamps, such as the above, each year. They are of all denominations, and carry mail to all corners of the earth. Why do not some of you see the postmaster and have the inscription changed from 'Chicago, Ill.,' to 'Chicago World Fair, 1933.' The cost to the post office would be trifling, but the advertising value would be immense." We have no doubt that many suggestions for utilizing the post office department in various ways to obtain publicity for the Chicago Fair will be made, but they will all be in the shadow of the great consummation that will be devoutly hoped for by many, special stamps for the occasion.

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IT will not be necessary to refer to the letters that we have received on the subject of the Molly Pitcher stamps, since we have disposed of the subject in the preceding issue. The issue is treated in a tone that ranges from raillery to outspoken derogation. However, we have received a letter from Washington that we do not pretend represents the official mind, but is a view of an officer at the capital. The gist of it is that "circumstances alter cases," and consequently, when a last-minute decision is made whereby a bureau that works to capacity under ordinary circumstances is compelled to extend itself, it becomes necessary to work with the tools closest to hand. Evidently, time is the essence of all contracts of the kind, and in the present instance, it seems to have been lacking.

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WHILE speaking of Washington, a few words about the Stamp Agency there are permissible, since we have occasional complaints that all the stamps that are sent out from there are not centered. Not unnaturally, the collector wonders why it is that all specimens that come from there are not in the condition desired by him. First of all, the stamps received by the Philatelic Agency come from the Bureau, and the clerks there can do no more than select the best specimens that are in stock in filling orders. Necessarily, as the supply of a certain issue becomes exhausted, the scale of condition becomes a descending one until finally, the worst stamps are reached; and on the theory that these are better than none, they are mailed to collectors. The clerks want to satisfy their patrons and they spend much time in going over the stock for good specimens, and in fact, the care that is exercised slows down the filling of orders. The workers at the Agency are interested in establishing their bureau in the regard of collectors, and they are reluctant to send out copies that do not comply with collecting standards, but they do not make the stamps and they must take what is offered to them. The Bureau of Printing and Engraving always runs at high speed, we are told, and since speed is a requisite, perforating must suffer at times, even though we are told that the uneven shrinkage of the damp paper is responsible for some of the off centering. In this connection, we are informed that some attention is being given to the question of even perforations by the authorities who may be realizing that a well-centered sheet of stamps is a badge of careful and competent workmanship. Perhaps the wishes of collectors in this regard have something to do with the disposition mentioned, because philatelists would rejoice and be exceedingly grateful if a marked improvement would be made.

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AS for delays in the filling of orders that readers occasionally mention, the force at the Philatelic Agency is not elastic, and when there is an inundation of orders, each person has much work to do; and conversely, when business is slack, the workers are not under pressure. We suppose that in time an appropriation will be made to care for emergencies that must be met when new issues appear, but until it does come, the probabilities are that customers of the department will have to exercise patience. The regular patrons know of conditions, but it may be that others do not, and cannot understand why there should be any considerable delay in filling orders.

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SOME of our readers may not have seen the Associated Press story that two million letters have left Le Havre, France, addressed to women in this country, and are due for delivery here about Armistice Day. The letters all bear stamps and were addressed by war widows; and the French government encouraged the mailing, although the sealed letters advertise perfumery.

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Did you read the figures on the return mail to Germany via the LZ 127? 49,745 letters, 51,938 cards, a total of 101,683 pieces. They weighed 1,609 pounds and filled 33 sacks! And that isn't all, either. Uncle Sam has to kick in with $75,713.50, Germany's share of the postage. This amount goes to the Zeppelin Company. And they *do say* we collectors are poor flyers!

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Begins to look as if we may get a cachet out in Oakland, Calif., on the seed-boat affair. Chas. L. Hall sends copy of a letter received by him from the Chamber of Commerce and right on Mr. Hall's letter's heels comes one from Ralph Moffett, saying a cachet *will be* used. Date has not yet been announced, so hold your horses. Mr. Moffett says he will let us know in time. If you feel that you really *must* send your covers along ahead of time, send them to the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. No hurry, tho.

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Mr. Moffett also writes that a special cachet will be used at Chicago during the International Aeronautical Show, Dec. 3, and Philadelphia, Nov. 3-10. Covers for the Chamber of Commerce in both cases. The Philadelphia notice comes much late to use, but is welcome, nevertheless.

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Things are beginning to look up—on the Cent. American route. I believe that we will have an announcement to make in the very near future that will cause you much joy. Now, don't all of you chaps write me for advance information. It will appear right in this column when—and if—I get it!

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Champaign, Ill., has been added to the Chicago-Evansville flight that is scheduled for Nov. 19th. Nice name, isn't it? Kind of wets the whistle, as it were.

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First reports from the Amsterdam-Batavia flight, received from Bangkok, Siam, states that the flight went through on schedule, but due to soggy landing field, the planes avoided Bangkok. It was hoped that the returning plane would be able to land and pick up the accumulated mail and carry it to Holland. Another new service was to start on Oct. 1st, when direct connections between boat and plane would be made at Marseilles, France, speeding up delivery of mail in Europe, England and America. Siam, under Mr. Praeger's guidance, is beginning to step out.

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Mr. Victor M. Suarez writes that the quantity of mail carried between Vera Cruz and Merida on the flight chronicled last week amounted to eighty-three and one-half kilos (about 183 lbs.). Mr. Suarez further states that a new route (or routes) will be inaugurated in the near future between Mexico and Guadalajara, Mazatlan and Matamoros.

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Judging by the clippings that come in from Akron, Ohio, the Rubber City is bouncing high with expectations of being the leading Air Mail city of the country. The gain for October, in Air Mail despatched, was approximately 500%, or about 2,500 pounds total. Got to do a whole lot better than that, though, to reach First Place.

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Coöperators this week were—Anna M. Schafer, Victor M. Suarez, John G. Knespert, Douglas Harwood, Wilfred T. Foster*, John W. Stanton, D. Abernathy, Ralph Moffett, Chas. L. Hall, Elizabeth Ann Bradford*. Electioneering too much for the rest of you folks?

This may interest our lady readers. Miss Anna M. Schafer, one of my excellent coöperators, is conducting a column for George W. Linn, in Mr. Linn's new weekly. Miss Schafer is to "write up" the collections of several Akron feminine enthusiasts, although I am unable to state whether or not the number includes any Air Mail cover collectors. Miss Schafer is an entertaining writer, and her interviews will make interesting reading.

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Mr. Robert A. Crosby, Secy. of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce, writes that the dedication may have to be postponed until Spring. Bridgeport (Conn.) will eventually be on CAM No. 1, if the expectations of the city are realized, and it may be possible that they will combine their Dedication with a First Trip.

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Saginaw, Mich., had an Air Mail day on Oct. 30th. I am indebted to Miss Elizabeth Ann Bradford for a cover. They used the cachet applied to Air Mail on the opening of the route, back in July, with an added two lines reading "Saginaw—Air Mail Day 10 30 28."

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National Air Transport have just about filled the bill in the October 13th issue of the *Bulletin Board*, their own publication. Besides interesting information pertaining to Air Mail, the *Bulletin Board* carries the photographs of 36 of the N. A. T. pilots. A fine, clear-eyed bunch of fellows, too. One picture in particular, that of William C. Hopson, brought a lump in our throat. Hopson was the pilot who crashed at Polk, Pa., on Oct. 17th, losing his life in the accident. At the time of the publication of the *B. B.*, his record stood at 6,010 hours in the air, exceeded by but one other pilot in the employ of N.A.T. It is to be regretted that this young chap had to go West without even a fighting chance.

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Another death recorded this week was that of Capt. C. B. Collyer, pilot of the Round-the-World flight of July. My Mears-Collyer cover becomes even more valuable through this accident.

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I want to take a little space this week to reply to the innumerable requests to supply "advance information" on coming events, privately. While I appreciate your interest in Air Mail events, and the fact that sometimes the information is received too late to benefit everyone, it would be too much of a task for me to assume the responsibility of notifying several hundred collectors almost daily, of coming events. If there is some public spirited reader, or readers, or even a corporation—I won't be fussy—that wants to pay me $5,000 a year to keep he, them, or it, informed on these events, I might consider chucking my present job and accepting, but until an offer of this nature comes sneaking in at the back door, you will have to be contented with what you get for your five year club dues! Charity is supposed to begin at home, but if I don't get out of the trenches oftener, my better nineteen-twentieths will soon invite me to make my home in the garage—and it's getting too cool to pound the Corona in that location!

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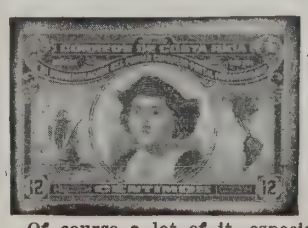

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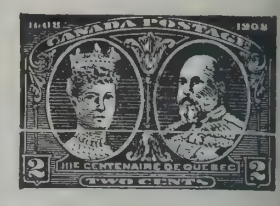
Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you. We also invite the Senior collector to extend words of advice, encouragement and stimulation and thus develop in the Junior a real passion for Philately.

Bear in mind that two short articles of from 50 to 75 words read better than one long one. Address the Beverly office.



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Brain Teasers

Here are some nice Teasers for our juniors. Answer all you can and send in your lists so we shall receive them by Dec. 20. Mr. LeDuc is our good helper on this contest:—

(1). What stamps were surcharged on the backs to make them available for postage?

(2). Certain stamps are found with large letters "T" in each of the four corners, and figure of value in the center. Where do you put such stamps in your album?

(3). What stamp shows a professional ice-skater?

(4). What is the difference between India Nos. 99 and 102?

(5). Certain stamps of Hungary were overprinted "Magyar Tanacskoztarsasag." What does it mean?

(6). Whose picture appears on the current regular issue for Egypt?

(7). French Colonial stamps having the words, "Colis Posteaux" on them, are used for what purpose?

(8). In 1924 Peru and Venezuela issued commemorative stamps over the same event in history. Name it.

(9). Under what country are listed the stamps that bear the inscription, "Postzegel Z. Afr. Republiek"?

(10). What is the picture on the 1919 issue for Uruguay?

Junior Dictionary

Portomaerke.—Found on the postage due stamps of Norway and the Danish West Indies. It means literally "postage stamp," but as the latter expression is usually translated "briefmarke" (letter stamp) or "freimarke" (frank stamp), "portomaerke" is given the signification of "strafportomarke," i.e., "penalty postage stamp."

Porto Pflightige Dienst Sache.—Found on the municipal service stamps of Wurtemberg and means "Service matter liable to postage."

Porto Scrisorei.—Found on the early stamps of Roumania (Moldavia and Moldo-Wallachia) meaning "letter postage."

Argentina

Two values, 5c carmine and 12c blue, were issued Aug. 27, to commemorate the centenary of the peace agreement between this country and Brazil.

Peping Not Peking

So far we have seen no reference in the lay press or elsewhere, to the fact that the name of the capital of China has been changed from "Peking" to "Peping." The interesting and unexpected news comes from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., who had several letters from the Peking Post Office headed "Peping." On writing to inquire if this was a mistake and, if not, the reason for the change, they received a reply stating that the change of name was made after the Nationalists entered the capital, which event marked the end of Chang Tso-lin's regime. "Peking" means "Northern Capital," but as Nanking is the new capital of China, "Peking" was changed into "Peping," meaning "Northern Peace." One would expect to see this interesting item of news in the ordinary daily press, but nobody seemed to have noticed it until the question was raised from Ipswich. —*Stamp Collecting.*

Brattleboro

A town in the state of Vermont having a population of over 6,000. It is philatelically famous from the fact that in 1846, its then Postmaster issued a special

5c stamp to facilitate the prepayment of postage. This label continued in use until August, 1847, when it was superseded by the government issue.

How To Organize A Stamp Club

By A. C. LeDuc.

(*Continued from page 647*

The First Meeting

In organizing a club composed of juniors, some adult familiar with usual parliamentary procedure should act as temporary chairman for the first meeting. He should act until all the officers have been elected and understand their duties. He should always be ready to lend any necessary assistance. If there is no adult in the club, there is usually some member who has been most active in getting the group together. He should act as temporary chairman until the officers are elected.

In opening the meeting the temporary chairman should state its purpose and ask for the opinions of those present. Then someone should move to organize a stamp club and that a committee be appointed to bring in a set of by-laws. The by-laws can be prepared in advance, or a recess taken for that purpose.

Officers of a Club

The officers in a stamp club may consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, auctioneer and sales manager. The duties of the president consist in presiding at each meeting and conducting the business in an orderly manner. He should also see that the other officers attend to their respective duties and that the various committees function properly. The duty of the vice-president is to act in place of the president when necessary.

The duties of the secretary consist of keeping a record of the business carried on at each meeting. He also sends out notices to members as to the date of the next meeting, and attends to correspondence.

The treasurer collects the dues and receives all funds accruing to the club from auctions and sales circuits. He pays all bills authorized by the club.

The auctioneer gets the material ready for the auctions, selling it to the highest bidder and disbursing the proceeds after the sale is completed. He makes a report directly after each auction.

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PHILATELIC AGENCIES

(L'Echo de la Timbrologie.)

Germany.—Versandstelle für Sammlermarken, Spandaues Strasse, 13, Berlin, C.2.
Austria.—Verkaufsstelle für Postwertzeichen-Sammler und Handler, Hauptpost, Vienna I.
Belgium and Belgian Congo.—M. le Commis-chef du service des Timbres-poste, Brussels. I.
Canada.—Post Office Department, Financial Branch, Postage Stamp Division, Ottawa.
British Colonies.—Controller, Colonial and Packet Service Dept., G. P. O., St. Martins le Grand, E.C.1.
French Colonies.—Agence Comptable des Timbres Coloniaux, 80, Rue du Faubourg St. Denis, Paris.
Denmark.—Postvaesents Slagskontor for Frimaerke-Samlere, Central post beygingen. Copenhagen V.
United States.—Philatelic Stamp Agency, Room 216, P.O. Building, Washington.
France.—Recette principale du Departement de la Seine, 52, Rue du Louvre, Paris. (Also sells stamps of Algeria, Morocco, Tunis and French P.O.'s in Egypt.)
Great Britain.—Controller, London Postal Service, E.C.1.
Hungary.—Magyar Kiraly post belyergerte kesits Iroda, Budapest 114.
Italy and Colonies.—Officio filatelico Italiano per la Vendita dir francobolli, Rome.
Holland and Colonies.—Director van het Postkoontor "Vevzammellarsloket," Rotterdam.
Sweden.—Frankobeckens expedition for Samlare, Lilla Nygatam 6, Stockholm 2.
Switzerland.—Briefaufgabe, Berne.
Czecho-Slovakia.—Postouni wrad (Filatelie), Prague I.
Soviet Russia.—Association Philatelique Sovietique, Pervaia Tverskaia—Lamskaia, No. 3, Moscow.

ODDS AND ENDS—

P. H. THORP is giving a talk o "Stamps" every Saturday ov WOR at 12.15 P. M., Central Standa Time. Our readers are invited to liste in and hear the fine publicity that o hobby is receiving at the hands of M Thorp. Our attention is called to th by Henry Wetjen, who furnishes t above information.

A NICE little pocket stamp book h just been issued by the Lond Stamp Club, 89 Farringdon St., Londo and we are indebted to the secretary, Whittard, for a specimen copy. It co tains the program for 1928-29, with i formation concerning the library, forge collection, etc. On one of the cov pages is a millimetre scale, and up another some pockets for stamps. All all it is a very handy production.

WENDOVER NEEFUS, Hudson, Y., has issued a very nice list co ering the stamps of the U. S. and Col nies. Stamps are priced in good a fine condition used as well as unuse and included in the list are department postage dues and revenues. Lovers U. S. should send for a copy.

THE work which Sigmund Rothschi began recently in Detroit, is bei continued in Toledo. O. C. Thomps writes us that he is lecturing in o of Toledo's largest department store and on Nov. 5 delivered an address b fore the Toledo Philatelic Society. M Thompson says that each of the Tole high schools have stamp societies and some of the grade schools postage stam are given consideration for a period du ing one day each week.

REV. GEO. W. WELSH, who h been a frequent advertiser in t WEEKLY, celebrated the twenty-first a niversary of his pastorate over Mt. Zi Reformed Church, Spring Grove, Pa., Sunday, October 21. Our many reade who have had dealings with Mr. Wels will join with us in congratulations.

H. B. JOHNSON, secretary of t Suburban Stamp and Curio Cl of Boston, informs us that his club, wit a membership of nearly three hundre enters a protest against the type of t Molly Pitcher commemorative. The cl condemns the tendency of the P. O. D partment to lower the standard of o stamp issues by surcharges on a par wit the issues of South and Centr America.

AT the meeting of the Cincinnati Co lectors Club, Branch 2, S. P. A November 1, W. P. Anderson exhibite his twentieth century collection whic comprises about all of the rarities issue since 1900. The exhibition was tho oughly enjoyed by the 35 members pres ent. At the next meeting H. C. Carpen ter will exhibit his collection of a mails and first flight covers.—A. E HUSSEY, M.D.

DEC. 18—Bellefonte, Pa., Airport, 10t anniversary, N. Y. to Chicag route, Special cachet (possibly non-offi cial). Geo. T. Bush, Bellefonte, Pa., wil gladly handle any mail sent him.

THERE is a letter at the WEEKLY of fice for Percy E. Morse. Who ca furnish the proper address?

DEALERS will find it to their ad vantage to write to the Scott Stam & Coin Co., 1 W. 47 St., N. Y. City, fo a copy of the firm's wholesale pricelist dated Oct. 29, 1928. It lists the variou accessories of philately and as well th famous Scott packets.

WE have received from W. T. Wilson 18 Livingston Rd., Birmingham Eng., a review copy of the firm's bi monthly list. This particular number i

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1923-6, 5, 10l, #130, 131	5.50
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1922, surcharges, #123-160	9.00
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1928, 5c to 1l, #226-32	.55
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1921, 1 to 5fr, #120-122	1.00
1921-22, 2 to 80c, #123-34	.65
1923, 10fr black, #139	1.25
1926, 5c to 1¼fr, #155-65	.65
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1923, 5, 10fr, #542-3	1.50
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1914-18, 1sh green, #62	.90
1915, 4d black, #63	.50
1921, ¼ to 6d, #66-73	1.35
1922, ¼d to 1sh, #98-105	1.75
1922, 2sh ultr. and brown, #106	2.75
1922, 2sh 6d black and violet, #107	1.75
1925-6, 2½ on 3d, 2½, 3d, #113-15	.75
1926, ¼d to 1sh, #116-125	3.00
1926, 10sh brown and gray, #129	4.00
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Marshall Is. 1915, 5m slate and carm.	1.50
Mauritius 1904-08, 3c green and scarlet, #129	.60
1910, 1r green, #148	.85
1922, 12c rose red, #171	.85
Memel 1920, 3m on 5fr, #12	5.00
1920, 20m on 5fr, #36	6.50
1922, 5pf to 9m, #50-71	1.75
1922, 35pf to 50m, #72-85	1.25
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1922, 3m on 60c violet, #318	4.50
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1915, 1 to 10c, #466-70	1.50
1915, 1p blue and black, #493	1.10
1915-16, 5p claret and ultr., #514	.75
1916, 50c, 1 peso, #536-7	1.50
1916, 5c to 1 peso, #593-602	2.25
1916-17, 5p green and black, #626	3.75
1923, 30c to 1p, #640-43	1.60
1922, 50c Airmail, #711	1.60
1903, 1 to 50c, #861-65a	1.00
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Middle Congo 1907-17, 20, 25, 30c, #7-9	2.75
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Monaco 1920-21, 75c olive brown, #27	1.25
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1920, 1fr yellow, #317	2.50
1905, 1 to 50c, #451-6	1.25
1909, 10c brown, #457	7.50
Montenegro 1902, 1h to 5k, #44-52	1.50
1905, 1h to 5k, #53-61	1.75
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given over to the various important collections purchased this summer, and which are now ready for the market. In fact, the list has something that would seem to accommodate every collector. It shows originality in its make-up, and up-to-date collectors will find it profitable to be upon the Wilson mailing list.

LAST week the Broadway Stamp Co., 116 Nassau St., N. Y. City, ran an advertisement in our columns. This firm has just moved into the Morton Building, where they intend to take a place among the first rank dealers of the city. Max Sage is the proprietor of this firm.

MAXWELL KRAUSE RETURNS

Our readers will be delighted with the return of Maxwell Krause to our advertising columns. It will be remembered that some months ago Mr. Krause experienced a serious accident, which necessitated his temporary retirement from active work. We welcome him back to our columns and feel that his quarter-page advertisement of Irish Free State will attract favorable consideration. No advertiser sends in finer copy than Mr. Krause submits, and we feel quite sure that no advertiser has enlisted a larger circle of friends than Mr. Krause, through his upright dealing with stamp collectors.

MAINE STATE ASSN. MEETS

("Bangor News"—A. B. Cragin.)

The Maine State Philatelic Association held its fall meeting, October 27, at The Worster in Hallowell. Five affiliated clubs were represented, the Androscoggin of Lewiston and Auburn, the Augusta, the Kennebec of Waterville, the Collectors Club of Portland, and the Penobscot Valley of Bangor. The officers of the association are Reuel Smith of Auburn, president; Sewall C. Brown of Brewer, vice-president; Abbot B. Cragin of Waterville, secretary; Mrs. Roger North of Augusta, treasurer.

The meeting was called to order at 3 o'clock when Reuel Smith gave an interesting talk on Postage Stamps as an Investment. The banquet was at 5.30, and was followed by a sale and exhibition. Exhibits were arranged in the billiard room. Waldo Sampson of New York exhibited an unusually interesting and valuable collection of early Rumanian stamps, containing many which have probably never been seen in Maine before. Daniel Day of Lewiston showed his superb collection of stamps of British North America. Miss Mattie Wadsworth of Hallowell showed her unique collection of United States and foreign covers. Charles Flint of Bangor exhibited his striking and artistic pictorial mounting of United States stamps, which occasioned much favorable comment.

The prize winners in the contest for the best arranged mounting of United States issue of 1922 were Louis S. Cook of Bangor, first and the Kennebec Stamp Club of Waterville, second.

Attractive cards, with a picture of The Worster, and bearing one of the just issued Molly Pitcher memorial stamps, were presented as favors by the Augusta club to all in attendance.

The Maine State meetings are rapidly growing in importance and are already attracting favorable comment from out of the state. Among those present from other states at this meeting were J. Waldo Sampson of New York, Alfred B. Schier of Boston, Henry M. Pringle of Washington, D. C., and Roy Hersted of Los Angeles, California. The next meeting will be held at The Worster, Hallowell, on May 18, plans for which are already under way.

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The Program Committees

The president appoints all committees. He should try to appoint members who are not already elected as officers as this tends to keep more members actively engaged in the work of the club. Committees should consist of an uneven number such as three or five. This prevents a tie in case of disagreement.

The most necessary committee is the program committee. This is very important as the proper functioning of this committee puts continued interest into any stamp club. Members must be entertained in one way or another. It is best to make the business part of a club meeting short and snappy so that there will be time enough for entertainment. Auctions are interesting, but should not be an exclusive feature of every meeting. Contests and puzzles with a stamp flavor are always well received. Exhibitions of collections with discussions and explanations of same should be frequent features. An article tracing the history and geography of a stamp issuing country may be prepared and read at each meeting. The entertainment committee must see to it that the different members have their share in the entertainments, so that it may not fall on a few members.

The entertainment committee should see that meetings are well planned, far enough in advance so that the individual who has something to offer, will be prepared to carry out his part of the entertainment. The chairman of the committee should be prepared to offer some kind of entertainment to the club, at a meeting, if his helpers fail him for any reason.

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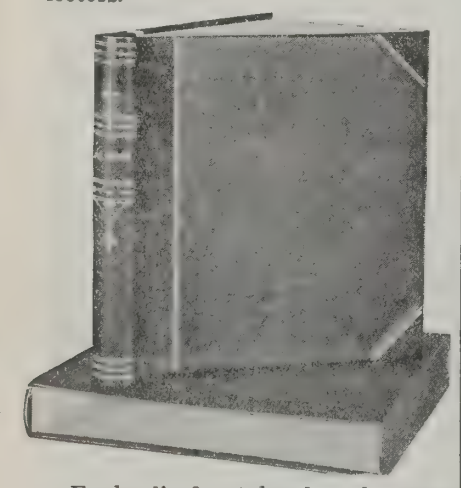

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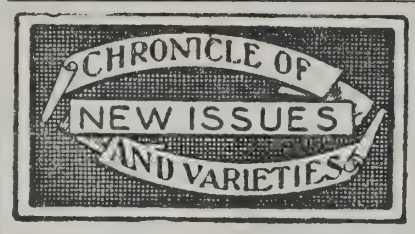

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United States

Stamps for Aeronautical Congress

The Postmaster General announces that there will be placed on sale in Washington on December 12th next, a series of two stamps, consisting of a 2-cent red and 5-cent blue, in honor of the International Civil Aeronautical Conference, which opens at the Chamber of Commerce Building in Washington, on that date. Thirty-six countries will be represented at the Conference, and it is expected that the delegates will have a special trip over the Air Mail routes from Washington to New York, and from New York to Chicago.

They will also be given a trip to Kitty Hawk, where the Wright Brothers flew their first plane.

The two stamps will be about the size of the current special delivery, and it is expected at this time, that the lower denomination will show the first Wright plane in flight with a view of the Capitol and the Washington Monument in the far distance. This will pay domestic postage. The 5-cent to pay postage abroad on the communications sent out by the delegates, will show two globes, depicting the Western and Eastern Hemispheres—somewhat similar to the stamp designed by the American Bank Note Company for our own International Philatelic Exhibition, distributed at the New York exhibition.

At the present time, there is no thought of placing these on sale at any other place than the Washington office, and further details will be given in an additional story next week, concerning how to make application to obtain these special varieties. They will be good for postage anywhere in the country and they are not air mail stamps, but are designed for regular use. The Conference will meet on December 12th, 13th and 14th.

Air Mail Envelopes

The International Envelope Company, the holders of the new envelope contract for four years beginning January first next, have recently negotiated the purchase of the plant at Dayton, Ohio, of the Middle Western Supply Company, the present contractors and manufacturers of our envelope stamps. Under the circumstances, it is thought that the new air mail variety will possibly be issued before January first, as with the new arrangement there will not be as many changes necessary as would have been the case had the new contractors found it necessary to establish a new plant.

The Philadelphia Mint is at present cutting the die for the new 5-cent Air Mail Envelope, and it is believed that this work will be completed early in November. It would not be surprising if envelopes would be available in time for the Aeronautical Conference, although this is not promised officially.

Philatelic Agency

The Philatelic Agency is receiving thousands of orders for the new "Molly Pitcher" stamps, and there are sufficient on hand to take care of all requests. It is hoped, however, that collectors and dealers will not become impatient, for it is a physical impossibility for the clerks employed to fill the orders immediately upon their receipt. It is very easy for one who has never viewed the Government activities to state that any dealer could furnish a few clerks who could turn out the work in prompt order. Such procedure is all very well for a private individual or firm, where they may simply stick the stamps in an envelope and send them out. There is so much red tape attached to Uncle Sam's requirements, that it is necessary to write out a bill for each order, to describe in detail the remittance, as well as what stamps have been sent and how. The Philatelic Agency would not think of transacting any business except in accordance with government requirements. A collector ordering a block of four necessitates just as much routine work as a dealer ordering five thousand of the same variety. If one viewed the numerous requests that are sent to the Agency, they would realize that some orders take from two to three hours to fill.

The Agency wishes to impress upon collectors that they do not handle the stamps of the Canal Zone, and that requests for such varieties should not be addressed to Washington. Those desiring Canal Zone stamps from the Government must address their letters to the Philatelic Agency at Balboa, Canal Zone.

Air Mail Covers

At a recent conference with Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, in charge of Air Mail subjects, the question arose as to numerous requests made upon the postmasters in different sections of the country for special items. For instance—one collector will write and ask that a block of four be placed in a certain corner and another block on the back, and that one block will receive the special cachet of the occasion, and that the one on the back receive some other postmark. Another collector will ask for a plate strip and will further request a postmark on the back and also on the front. Some ask for the arrival stamp to be placed on the back and some on the front. Still another will ask for different denominations of the issues on hand. In other words, the requests are so numerous and varied that it practically necessitates the special time of a clerk or two to even follow such requirements. Personally, I am of the opinion that as air mail covers are received from different points, that they should be removed from the letter accompanying them, all put in the same place and given the same attention on the day of issue. If it is customary for the postmaster to apply a certain postmark on the front only, why it is felt that this postmark should appear on the front and no other place. If we are going to necessitate a vast extra expenditure, we are soon going to put ourselves in a position where the officials from necessity will have to refuse all such favors. Right at the present tim philately is favored in having such ge tlemen as Messrs. Glover, Regar an Eidsness in charge, but we do not wa to find ourselves shortly without friend at court, and be refused these considera tions because of the cost. Under th circumstances, it is suggested that th Department authorize the postmaster t give the same consideration to all appl cations and to treat one no differe from the other.

The Department has not made up i mind upon the subject, and if reader have anything to say, it is suggested tha they address the editor of our Unite States Chronicle upon the subject.

Dutch Indies.—Whitfield King Co. send us for note a copy of the 12½ red, with the surcharge "Luchtpost 10 and an airplane in three lines. We ar also informed that these other value have also appeared: 20 on 25c, 40 o 80c orange, 75c on 1gul sepia and 1½ on 2½g rose.

Finland.—Two new items have ap peared, and are noted by Whitfield Kin & Co. They are the 50p green and marks mauve and black, both water marked postnorn.

French India. — The Economis Stamp Co. advise that they have receive the following surcharged stamps: 1 caches on 20c; 16 caches on 35c; 1 fano on 25c and 2 fanons 12 caches on 1fr Whitfield King & Co. inform us tha they have had come to hand the 4 cache on 20c, 1 fanon on 30c, 1 fanon 16 cache on 30c, and 3 fanons on 1 franc all over printed on the postage due stamps.

India.—Whitfield King & Co. writ under date of October 24th last, that they have received the 25 rupees, blue and orange, watermarked multiple stars.

Italy. — Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle four stamps bearing the word "Torino" and year date at the bottom. On the right side is the inscription "E X Annavale Della Vittoria," while on the left is "IV Crio De Emanvele Filberto". Colors and values are 50c pale orange-brown and pale blue 75c carmine, L1.75 green and L10 black and pink. Our correspondent also sends a 10c blue bearing the two line wording "Recapito Autorizzato".

Luxemburg.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the appearance of the 60c postage due stamp in green and red, design as the 1921 issue. Our correspondent also advises that it has been issued with the surcharge for Official use. Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle a 2 franc, black, with a view of Clervaux and with the inscription "Grand-Duche de" at the top and the name of the country at the bottom. The figure of value is in the lower left corner and "Fr" in the lower right. This stamp also has been issued with the surcharge "Official" in the usual manner.

Portugal.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2c orange, surcharged "40 C." in black with three horizontal lines obliterating the original value.

Switzerland.—The *Berner Briefmarken-Zeitung* illustrates the designs of the impending Christmas Charity stamps, foreshadowed in our issue dated August 25th. They are all of transverse oblong shape, the 5, 10, and 20c (Arms of Lausanne, Winterthur and St. Gall respectively) being small and the 30c (Portrait of Jean Henri Dunant) large format. Each is inscribed "PRO JUVENTUTE—HELVETIA—1928," with the value in figures. The stamps are now being printed (the three low values) at the Swiss Federal Mint and the 30c in Holland, and will be put on sale on December 1st. — *Stamp Collecting.*

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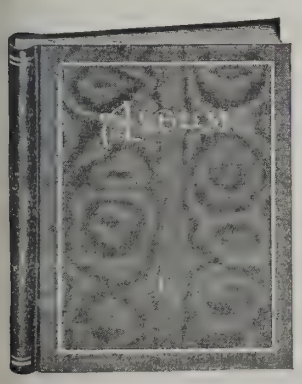

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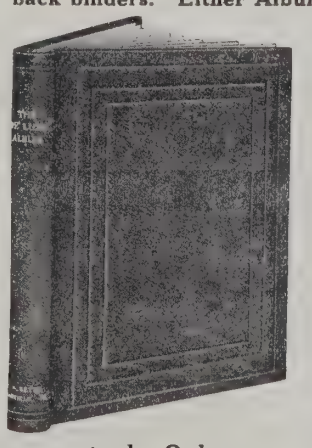

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Reception

—The Willing Victim is None Other Than Our Detroit News Man.

By HARRY CARTER.

(We sign Mr. Carter's name to this article not because he wrote it but because he is willing to stand for it. In fact, he will stand for any good thing that may be said of Mr. Boers and even a knock will be taken for a boost when it comes from a friend. The material is before us and this issue must be delayed long enuff to put in this stop press article.—W. O. W.)

Herman W. Boers, publicity director of the Michigan Stamp Club, is as proud as a peacock, in fact two peacocks. It all happened the other evening when he was presented with a life membership in the A. P. S., as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow members.

The clan gathered on Saturday evening, November 3, to the number of 50 or more, and after a short business session Mr. Boers was singled out for a special honor. The president invited him forward and said in part:—

"You all know that we have today the best man in the country for a publicity job (Mr. Boers blushes visibly.—ED.) and through his efforts this club has grown to be one of the foremost clubs in the country and known from coast to coast (Pres. Wilhelm of the A. P. S., and the Managing Editor both agree to this.—ED.). Detroit through Mr. Boers' efforts has been placed upon the philatelic map as a stamp centre. (Applause.)

He became a member of the club ten years ago, has served eight years as publicity director, and is also publicity manager of the Wayne Stamp Society. In behalf of the committee appointed to secure a suitable testimonial, I present Mr. Boers with a life membership in the A. P. S., in recognition of his valuable services." (Great applause.)

Now, Mr. Boers can write reams for the WEEKLY, but when it comes to making a speech he begins:—"I hardly know what to say." One thing that he did say was: "I shall do all I can to make this a bigger and better club," and any member of any stamp club who will stand on his feet and make such a promise and keep it is worth a dozen ordinary members.

Before the meeting closed Mr. Boers was given a rising vote of thanks. Now, of course, all of these honors were well deserved, but his friends hope that when he meets them on the street he will be the same congenial spirit as of yore. And he will be!

CHICAGO AND EVANSVILLE ROUTE

Under date of November 6th, the announcement is made that the Chicago-Evansville leg of the Chicago-Atlanta Route will be opened on November 19th, and the post offices at Chicago, Champaign, Ill., Terre Haute, Ind., and Evansville, Ind., will be supplied with special flight cancellations for use on the first day.

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By EMILE MIZRAHI.

The government of Panama has issue a stamp commemorating the 25th anniversary of its independence from Colombia. It consists of Scott's No. 23 surcharged "1903-1928." The commemorative was issued the first week in September, and November 3 was the date of th anniversary. There will also be place on sale new special delivery stamps o 10c and 20c denominations. The 10 will be in orange and the 20c in brown The exact date is not known, nor has th quantity to be issued been made public.

DUREL AND LOCHER LISTS

We are regularly noting the work o European dealers in producing catalog and pricelists. One of the latter is jus at hand from Jean Durel, 21 Rue d Carmelites, Caen, France. It is an illustrated catalog of rare and classic stamps a fine assortment of them being offere and many full page illustrations bein used to picture the good things listed Any lover of stamps, and particularl those who are interested in the artistic will want to write Mr. Durel for a cop of this beautiful 40-page book.

A list of similar merit and beauty ha been received from Edouard Locher Tegna, Switzerland. It offers a very fin line of rarities, and has been compile to acquaint philatelists with the exten of the stock of this well-known firm This, too, is a good-sized book, an though it is printed in French it ca easily be understood by even a junio collector. This book may also be ha for the asking.

A NEW KOOKABURRA

We have received from F. Halloran Marrickville, N. S. W., the particulars of a new 3d Kookaburra in blue. It wil be issued in connection with Stamp Congress at Melbourne, and the following account was taken from the *Victorian Philatelic Record*:—

"It has been decided by the Postal Department to signalise the opening of the exhibition by the issue of the well-known and popular Kookaburra design in a new guise. The new stamp will be of the value 3d, printed in blue, and will first be placed on sale at the exhibition post office on the opening date, October 29th. These stamps will be specially printed in small sheets of 60, which will show a novel structure in keeping with the souvenir nature of the printing. They will consist of fifteen blocks of four, each block being surrounded by a plain selvedge. These will be the stamps as printed and perforated at the exhibition itself, and will be on sale only at the exhibition. On the closing day of the exhibition (November 1) a general issue of 3d Kookaburras will be made throughout Australia, which will absorb the balance of the special sheets, together with a further limited printing in full sheets of 120 of normal make-up. Although this issue is officially described as "limited," we understand that ample for all requirements will be prepared, and that the element of speculation, which has rendered certain special issues in other countries so unpopular, will be avoided. On behalf of Australian philately we beg to thank the Postal Department for this compliment to our exhibition and for the implied recognition of our standing in the community."

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(*Continued from page 653*)

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Fifty years ago a young British naval officer sent money to nearly every nation to secure a complete issue of current stamps, and then went to sea before receiving them. Recently, in a home in the Mayfair section of London, letters from the various postal departments were discovered unopened. The find was appraised at more than $50,000.

Probably the highest price paid for a single stamp was $32,500 for one of a British Guiana issue. One of the outstanding finds of recent years occurred in Boston, when a block of the first issue of United States ten-cent stamps, of 1847, was found.

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SOME MODERN COLONIAL NOTES

By "CALABAR".

I think most everyone will welcome the new Falkland stamps, as the present issue has been in use for about 16 years; that is, the present *design,* as of course there has been the change in the wmk. of the lower values. Now is the time to look for used copies, especially those with postmarks of the smaller offices, viz., Fox Bay and So. Georgia. Of course, used stamps of this Colony, no matter from what office they were used, are very good property indeed; but a few copies with the above two pmks. make a nice little addition to any collection, and have the added worth of being a gilt-edged investment.

By the way, two types of pmk. appear to be in use at the Port Stanley Office now: one reading "FALKLAND ISLANDS" only, and the other, "FALKLAND ISLANDS —PORT STANLEY." The former is also a little larger than the other.

Speaking of used stamps, I recently sent out a small lot of covers to Anguilla (one of the Dependencies of St. Kitts), and when they came back again I found cover No. 1 postmarked 30th July, cover No. 2, 31st July, cover No. 3, 1st August, cover No. 4, 2nd August, cover No. 5, 7th August, etc. The Postmaster down there is evidently a most obliging chap, as most Pm.'s would postmark the entire lot either on the day they received them, or on the day of despatch; but the Anguilla Pm., whoever he may be, very kindly gives one a set of assorted postmarks. I don't know whether he cancelled each cover on the given day, or whether he did it all at once, merely changing the date on his stamp; but anyway I send him my hearty thanks for his trouble. (Of course, he may have gone to all this trouble, because he didn't have anything else to do! When you're the Postmaster of an out-of-the-way island in the W. I., almost anything, I fancy, will amuse you.)

The new Gold Coast pictorials have at last appeared. I fancy the omission of the higher values will give quite a lot of people cause for moaning and wailing, especially those gentlemen (the writer included) who bought up the higher values of the old set on the strength that they would be superseded by the pictorials. Well, I shan't complain, because it's just that sort of thing that puts the fun (?) in collecting.

I wonder how much longer the 3/- and 4/- values of the current Gambia set will be in use? These two values have been withdrawn from the current sets of Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, and Leeward Ids., so that all signs point to their withdrawal elsewhere, unless I miss my guess. Anyhow, it's just a suggestion, so don't fall all over yourself trying to get some used copies (which, however, is just what *I* should do!).

The Newfoundland 9c, so far, hasn't turned out so well as certain people expected. The market price at present seems to be around .50 here, and a little higher in London. Personally, I don't think it will show any very great appreciation, as it has been too well cornered. At all events, this is another proof, if proof be needed! of the desirability of modern Newfoundland stamps from the investment angle.

By the time these lines appear in print, the Malta Post. and Rev. overprints will probably be on issue, and all modern Colonial collectors once more worked up into a fever of excitment. The Air Mail provisional has just whetted our appetites enough to make us relish the new set with gusto. There seems little possibility of the 1926-27 series showing any unlooked-for advances, as the news of the forth-coming Post. and Rev. set was too well circulated in advance. The 1d, 1½d, 2d and 2½d are the only values of the 1926-27 series which will not be overprinted; at least, these values are not included in the original order of the Crown Agents. Perhaps they will be overprinted later, or they may even be overprinted locally? Well, this makes the fourth issue in six years, which looks as if Malta was trying to set something of a record in the line of stamp-issuing. And don't forget: a definitive Post. and Rev. series must eventually follow the new provisionals! Certainly, we can't complain about dullness these days!

I wonder why it is so many used high values of the current Solomon Ids. series are on the market just now? And the strange part of it is, that in most cases they fetch lower prices than mint copies! Is it possible that these stamps are used fiscally in some way, and hence can be offered at low prices? I have even seen some of them offered at less than face.

By the way, do you know that the current Cayman Ids. stamps are also used as postage due stamps? I was unaware of this, until I had a cover offered me recently, which was sent from England to the islands, and on which postage due was collected by means of two of the current 1½d Cayman Ids. stamps.

I understand that all the £1 St. Kitts are now sold out. The 10/- are still on hand, or were until quite recently. Both these duties are well worth getting hold of in used condition.

Speaking of W. I. issues, the 3/- script of Dominica (which has been withdrawn) exists on two different papers, viz., pale yellow or lemon, and deep yellow. Which is the scarcer, or whether they are of equal value, I cannot say. The 5/- script Dominica also comes on the two papers.

By the way, if you're sending any covers to Montserrat, to be postmarked, be sure and place some sort of an enclosure in them, as the Montserrat Pm. will not postmark empty envelopes. I sent him a small lot of covers recently, without enclosures, and he had to open them, insert pieces of paper, and re-seal them; and I may add that he made a very neat and workman-like job of it, and deserves a lot of thanks for going to all that trouble.

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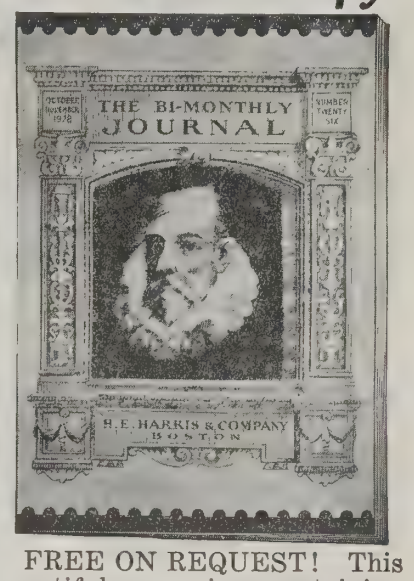

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Mr. P. M. Hayes, a member of the Chicago Philatelic Society, had an adventure recently that revealed the sordid side of mankind, philatelic and otherwise. Riding to his home late at night, his car was forced to the curb by two young thugs in an auto, in the near west side district, who compelled him to leave his car, emphasizing their demand with a flourish of weapons and threats to shoot. One of them struck Mr. Hayes a stunning blow, whereupon the two took Mr. Hayes' watch, seventy dollars in money, and a circuit of the Society of Philatelic Americans, valued in the hundreds of dollars; and then departed in Mr. Hayes' car. He reported his loss to the police. It transpired that the crooks threw the circuit in a front yard in the neighborhood, where it was found by a boy the next morning on his way to school. The boy took the stamps home and there his parents saw that they had been sent out originally by Dr. A. E. Hussey, Cincinnati, sales superintendent of the S. P. A.; and the doctor was written to and informed of the recovery of the package. By the time that Dr. Hussey could get a letter back to Chicago, it developed that the circuit had disappeared, under the following circumstances: An older brother of the boy secretly took the stamps to a dealer and sold them for a pittance. Under the questioning of a detective, the older brother confessed where he had disposed of the stamps. Let us say that about $600 in stamps went for $20 or so, and although we may not have the exact figures, they afford an idea of the discrepancy between the buying and selling price. The officer convinced the dealer that it would be well for him to turn over his purchase, and he did so, saying that he intended to hold the circuit until someone claimed it! We understand that Dr. Hussey proposes to report the dealer in question, and he deserves to be told of. The boy who was instrumental in saving the stamps was rewarded by Mr. Hayes, who incidentally got his car back, the thugs having sold it for $115.

PHILATELY IN NEW ZEALAND

By E. Philpot Crowther.

A distinctly forward move has been made so far as Philately in New Zealand is concerned and one that will in all probability have an effect reaching far into the future. A committee had been set to advise with the Wellington Turnbull Library authorities and assist them in the formation of a national collection for reference and the education of future generations.

This committee recently met and later held a conference with the curator, Mr. J. Andersen, at which several interesting decisions were arrived at and a general scheme outlined by which it was thought a noteworthy national collection could be built up in course of time.

The discussion dealt provisionally with three main considerations.

(1) The formation of a representative and complete official collection of all New Zealand stamp issues. This it was decided must stand by itself and be built up gradually with individual stamps obtained from official and other sources, where and when opportunity occurs.

(2) The treatment of specialised collections donated by individuals to the library as trustees for the nation. It was decided that these, as far as their quality and completeness warranted, should be kept intact. This it was considered would encourage possessors of notable collections to bequeath them to the nation instead of leaving them to be broken up, sold and dispersed.

(3) The method of arranging collections for display and safe-keeping. The importance of this matter was fully realised and a scheme was provisionally sketched out that would combine elasticity, standardisation of mounting, and variation of display when desired.

Altogether the result promises the inauguration of a national collection that future generations may be proud of, and that will bring New Zealand worthily into line with other nations whose philatelic possessions are famous.

Following up recent notes and promised information about the New Zealand Georgian imperforate stamps: details of the present sixpenny carmine-rose stamp have come to hand. This stamp (imperf.) has not yet been catalogued by "Gibbons," and is almost unknown to collectors. It appeared on June 8, 1927, on which day two sheets of 6d were issued over the counter at Wellington G. P. O., in each of which one line of comb perforation was missed—resulting in a horizontal row of 12 stamps, each imperf. at sides and bottom; and one row of 12 stamps across, imperf. at top only.

From these sheets the imperforated stamps were separated into ten blocks of four stamps each, and one block of eight stamps; it is the only block of eight in existence; and should eventually prove extremely valuable.

About three weeks later it became known that a similar sheet had been on issue at the opposite counter from which a block of six stamps had been secured, the remainder being sold to the general public and apparently lost. New Zealand collectors are strongly advised to keep a lookout for this stamp—especially used on a piece, as it is just possible a copy or two may come to light somewhere. In years to come it should prove a rarity of great price.

Another imperforated stamp of which no record appears to have been made is the halfpenny green Georgian, which appeared in a sheet issued at Masterton Post Office early this year, in which the top row of twelve stamps was imperforate along the top only.

In 1858 the British Government issued a new type of the one penny red stamp, in which there were letters in all four corners, and in addition a minute plate number engraved in the meshes of the ornamental side border scroll work. These stamps were issued from 1858 until 1879, and each new steel plate was numbered from 69 to 225, but owing to imperfections due to faulty annealing several plates were not printed from but scrapped. Plate "70" was one of these and is not generally known to have been used. The late Earl of Crawford assured me many years ago that at least one or two sheets of 240 stamps each were printed from it, after which, the plate proving too soft for use, it was scrapped.

"Gibbons" does not mention it, but several handbooks confirm the information. Owing to the odd sheets being passed out for general use no interest was aroused then, and practically nothi is known of this very rare "plate" riety. "Gibbons" starts the list w No. 71. A copy has been reported me as existing in England—somewhe in Sussex—and there is an undoubt copy in my collection which is treasur as my rarest stamp, because only o other is so far known to be in existen Its value is problematical but its rar is unquestionable. This example serv to illustrate the value of detail and o servation and to emphasise the impo tance that sometimes attaches to ev such a minor detail as a "plate numbe when that plate number is a wor known rarity.—*The Dominion.*

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By Clarence J. West.

I do not know whether your reade would be interested in a little prop ganda I have been carrying out recentl but here it is:—I am active in the M sonic fraternity and last year and al this year, I have taken occasion to gi a talk on Philately and Masonr illustrating the talk with the stam from my collection. Of course, there no real relation, but, after explainir something about the manufacture stamps and indicating the pleasure ar profit to be derived from the hobby, try to trace the Masonic events that a depicted in the faces and historical scen found on the stamps of the United State I have been very much surprised at t interest which has been displayed, an have several requests to repeat the tal to other Masonic organizations. Th may be a suggestion for some of yo readers.

A SPECIAL FOR PANAMA

From a correspondent we have receive a copy of the 2 cent Panama green, o the 1921 issue, with a portrait of Manue Jose Hurtado, with a surcharge in re to commemorate the twenty-fifth ann versary of the independence of Panam The issue was placed on sale on Novem ber 1st, and is to be supplied to all office although the number of the stamps pre pared is given as 150,000; and they ar valid for postage, both internally an abroad. The stamps are to be on sal for thirty days, or during the month o November, and the post office employee are asked to favor the sale of thes stamps for the time of their currency The surcharge reads: 1903, at top "Nov(3)mbre" in the center, and 192 at bottom, all in ornamental treatment.

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Patriotic Civil War Envelopes

By H. P. ATHERTON.

Less than five years ago I sold my first collection of these used covers. They were sold at auction, made into little bundles of ten covers each, and there were seven bundles as I recall. These averaged $4.50 per bundle, which, less the customary 20% commission would make these covers average some 35c per cover. You readers may have bought some of these, and perhaps traded them for Harding precancels, in which case you earned and learned as much as I did, and we'll say no more about it.

Pioneers always seem to have a tough row to travel; in philately, too. Yet they have the fun of finding out what is unusual, and what to look for next time, and their satisfaction comes from the knowledge rather than the remuneration in coin for the realm.

Soon after I sold my "Pats" they began to "look up," till right now they are so lofty that they enjoy looking down on the '47's for example. This was an early collection of Patriotics. Times change rapidly these days. Pedestrians hoofed it in the '60's, cycled in the '90's, motored in the '20's, and only the other day I asked a friend, "See you Saturday"? and he said, "No, Jack and I are flying over to Portland for the week end."

My good friend John E. Morse strolled into the office some days ago and said he had some Patriotic letter stuff written back in 1861, by a man who was making a collection of these Civil War Patriotic Envelopes at the time. That sounded interesting to me, and he has kindly loaned me the letters and allowed me to make use of them for the Forum, so by permission I'm quoting verbatim from these very interesting documents, two being letters, and two being notes penned on the faces of Patriotic envelopes.

First, the two letters. They have crossed Flags with inscription under—LIBERTY AND UNION, NOW AND FOREVER MORE, ONE AND INSEPARABLE. This is at top left of the stationery, while the writer's Return Address is in colorless embossing at top right of the page, . . . J. M. WHITTEMORE & CO., STATIONERS, 114 WASHINGTON ST., BOSTON. Here's the first letter, tho the second contains more about collecting these covers. Note reference to his starting the collection! "Boston, May 21/61. Mr. J. A. McAllister, Dear Sir, Your favor of the 18th at hand and we send you per this mail 45 Boston envelopes—15 of them for the stamps enclosed, and the *balance* you may send in *Philadelphia* envelopes—*all the* varieties you can find. They go at *one cent* per oz. prepaid and done up like ours now sent. Yours, Whittemore & Co., per Stodder." You will note he is sending an extra 30 different envelopes and asking for *all* the Philadelphia types that they can send to him. He was a collector!

Second Letter, . . . "Boston, May 25/61, Mr. J. A. McAllister, Dear Sir, Your favor with package of envelopes was duly received and we send this, all we can, of your order—Bell and Breckenridge are out of print on envelopes, have therefore sent them on paper. We have added a few more late styles, for which we should be happy to receive others. The writer of this has a collection numbering *240*. We have put in one which is quite rare, namely the *Flag* with *only 11 Stripes,* and the Engraver's name. The artist was so much ashamed of it that he collected all he could find of these issued, and destroyed them.

The regulation in regard to mailing is a late instruction from the P. O. Department. There is one we should like if you can send, the Pirate Flag torn in strips and underneath *'A. L., his marks.'*

Yours, Whittemore & Co.,
per Stodder."

One face of an envelope has the design of a U. S. Shield with Liberty Cap on a staff above the shield, and a ribbon reading "Liberty or Death," the shield supported by the "Holy Bible," and a scroll labelled "Constitution," while in front is a snake with an arrow through the neck. This is at the left side of this envelope, and under the design is this Company's Return Address, "John M. Whittemore & Co., Stationers, No. 114, Washington Street, Boston."

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This cover has the sign filled in with S. H. SEMON, 144 Broadway. At top of this envelope is another address, NEW YORK UNION ENVELOPE DEPOT, NO. 144 BROADWAY. An odd error is noticed in that "York" is spelled "Yokk." The envelope is addressed in mss. to the Whittemore Co., in Boston, and the note reads in mss. across the top, "Mr. Tupper has just brought in 300 and I exchanged them for ours."

So you see Mr. Stodder had 240 varieties in May, 1861, and if he had good luck he may have swapped for quite a lot with the chap who just had the 300 fetched in.

Now here is a very odd coincidence. While I was on my way typing this Forum, a man walked in and asked if I bought old envelopes with Civil War pictures on them! And the strangest part of it all is that many of them went to this same Whittemore in Boston, others to Butler of Philadelphia, and I have one addressed to this same collector of Patriotics, his name being H. F. Stodder and I am glad that my spelling of his name was correct, as his signature is so flowing that I was not sure of the unusual name.

One of the Patriotics went to Montreal, it is the first that I have had to Canada. Another is a very handsome one of Jeff Davis, in a circle with flags draped at the sides. It has a 3c 1857 stamp pmkd. MEMPHIS, and was used to LOUISVILLE, KY.! It is doubtless just prior to the war, as under the Davis likeness is JEFF DAVIS OUR FIRST PRESIDENT. There are some Generals and some loyal states, and caricature of three officers riding on slaves' backs toward another officer on a slave's back, the trio having a skull and bones flag, and under all is "SECESSION CAVALRY."

I never had such a strange happening as these covers coming to me from an entirely different part of the country from where the above quoted letters emanated.

I'm afraid that with these covers before me, I shall have to start in collecting them once again. There is a fascination about them that is quite a relief from the study of minute detail as regards the engraved postage stamp.

Will try to take up the various print shops which printed these designs at a future date. I have a list of maybe 25 printers, who put these on their presses, and such an item is of some interest to the ardent enthusiast in collecting Patriotics. And maybe Mr. Stodder was the pioneer collector of them all.

OCTOBER SUBSCRIPTION RECORD

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

TWO NEW COMMEMORATIVES

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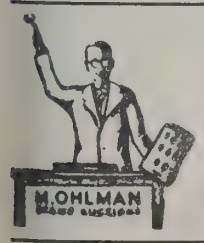

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The Junior Contest will be open to all boys and girls of Fairfield county, under eighteen years of age, and will include the following classes among others, under which they may compete: Animal, Ship, Scenic, Pre Stamp Covers, Air Mail Covers, First Day Covers not Air Mail, 20th Century U. S. Commemorative stamps, used or unused, etc.

The best essay on "Benefits derived from Stamp Collecting," not more than 500 words, will receive an award. Ten prizes, one for each class have been donated by the Senior members of the Club, and in addition, each of the ten winners will receive a year's membership in the club.

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NEW BELGIAN TUBERCULOSIS STAMPS

A set of stamps will be issued by Belgium, in December, to aid in the fight against tuberculosis, and will be on sale from Dec. 1 to Jan. 15. The set pictured shows various cathedrals, excepting the 5fr+5fr, which has the new library building of the University of Louvain. The value of the set will be 13.70 Belgian francs, or about 55c.

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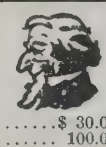

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Air Mail News

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Under date of November 8th, Mr. M. N. Cowan, Secretary of the El Paso Stamp Club, writes that "it is anticipated that Air Mail service will be inaugurated from El Paso, both Eastbound and Westbound, in the not very distant future, etc." The Club very kindly offers to attend to the despatch of covers sent them ready for mailing, such covers to be sent to El Paso Stamp Club, Box 11, El Paso, Texas, with instructions. This offer on the part of the El Paso Stamp Club will be appreciated by readers, I am sure.

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From Mr. Albert N. Brown comes the following—"The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce will receive and cachet all Air Mail sent to it for the purpose of forwarding on the 1st day of the Speed Boat Service in connection with the Air Mail from San Francisco to the Oakland Air Mail Field. The Boeing Air Transportation further promises collectors that if we place sufficient mail in the hands of their agent at Sacramento, Mr. Dayton Baker, Mather Field, Sacramento, Calif., that in such event that the Westbound Eastern mail is delayed and there will be sufficient mail at the field that they will send a special plane to take it so we can have a First Day westbound speed boat (cachet). It will require at least 100 lbs. of mail to secure this consideration, so be liberal with your covers. The City of Oakland Chamber of Commerce is planning to have something, too." This leaves it up to we collectors to get busy. Send your covers to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Baker, as above. Better do it now, as time is short.

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Harry A. Meyer advises that the Evansville-Atlanta flight will come off on December 1st, with stops at Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn. First Flight St. Louis to Louisville via Evansville, will occur on the same date. Better lay this route out on a piece of paper so that you can get the lay of the land and secure complete coverage, if you wish it.

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R. Oriol writes that the First Flight of the Miami-Porto Rico route will occur on December 15th. Stops will be made at Havana, Camaguey, Santiago de Cuba, Port-au-Prince, Santo Domingo and San Juan.

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Portland, Oregon, is holding an Air Mail week Nov. 5th-12th. Covers received from that point carry a cachet in the form of a tin hat—across the crown "Portland Post No. 1—American Legion

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I have just been rearranging the whole of my summer purchase of United States stamps in a series of new books mounted to suit the requirement of the middle class collector as well as of the advanced specialist. These books are priced at very reasonable prices, mostly based on original cost, and largely ignoring catalogue.

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" 3. 1851-56, 3c, 5c, 10c and 12c. Scarcer varieties and unusual items, such as in the 3c line through "three cents" on cover. 3c two positions of the cracked plate.
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1857-60, 1c, cheaper varieties only.
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" 6-7. The cheaper varieties of the issues from 1857 to 1867, inclusive.
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" 9. 1862-68, Unused and special used, the scarcer varieties. This book also includes a fine series in immaculate condition of the re-issues of 1875.
" 10. 1869, Unused and used, including some scarce imprints.
" 11. 1870-73, Unused only, including scarce strips with imprint and rare varieties.
" 12. 1873-82, Unused only, including a number of strips with imprint.
" 13. 1882-83, Unused only, many strips with imprint and some very rare items, one of the choicest being a strip of six of the 2c red-brown, special printing of 1882. This strip has the top margin and the middle pair of stamps is imperf. between vertically, probably unique in this condition
" 14. 1873-88, Used stamps, including many scarce varieties.
" 15. 1870-73, All used, including many very scarce varieties.
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The new stamps are to be the same shape and size as the special delivery stamp. The two-cent stamp will be printed in red ink and the five-cent stamp in blue ink. At the top is a dark border panel with wording "U. S. Postage" in white Roman lettering; a small scroll is at each end, and under the panel in small architectural Roman lettering are the words "International Civil Aeronautics Conference." On either side of the stamp are narrow border panels; within the borders are shown, on the left the Washington Monument, and on the right the United States Capitol; in the centre is a picture of the Wright aeroplane as first shown by the Wright brothers at Fort Myer, Va.

In the lower right and left corners are rectangular shields with numeral two (2) in each. A ribbon appears between the numerals and below the aeroplane with the dates "December 12, 13, 14, 1928," and under the ribbon is a base panel with the word "cents" in white Roman lettering.

The 5-cent United States postage stamp is similar with the exception of the Wright aeroplane being replaced by a globe showing the eastern and western continents, and a modern monoplane flying across it. The numeral "5" appears in place of "2."

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MR. ARTHUR BERGER, Boston, announces that he has found an unused pair of the 10c of 1857, common type, in an old hymn book, a short time after our "reference to the possibility of finding unused stamps in old dictionaries, Bibles, etc."

THE Los Angeles Philatelic Club held an auction sale of stamps donated by members, and was a great patriotic event on November 12th. Among the many lots entered was the "famous *caveat emptor* mystery packet." It is said that the buyer of this lot was sent to a private institution, and not the state asylum, as at first reported.

THE 1928-1929 price list of B. L. Voorhees, Chicago, recently issued, offers U. S. and revenues with especial attention to twentieth century U. S.

ON the convention photograph taken at Chicago of the delegates to the Precancel Stamp Society convention, sent to us by Mr. A. Hippchen, there are fifty-four persons shown.

WE have received The Flying Mail, a price list distributed by Mr. Charles A. Hall, Chicago, devoted to air mail covers and prices.

TO those who have written for information as to the Graf Zeppelin's last trip, word is given that particulars appeared in the WEEKLY as soon as they were available. Other correspondents are referred to the issue of June 11, 1928, for the list of Philatelic Agencies. Other inquirers are referred to the article, "How to Organize a Stamp Club," that was begun in the issue of Nov. 12th, by Mr. LeDuc. Further, all readers who send in clippings may know that they are gratefully received even though they may not be used in every case, or acknowledged by letter in each instance.

ON Nov. 1, the Panama Silver Centenary was observed with the issuance of the current 2c stamp bearing an appropriate overprint. First day covers are dated Nov. 1, and we have Emile Mizrahi, C. C. Lofler, and the Canal Zone Stamp Co., to thank for covers submitted.

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We have received the cut shown here from Mr. K. A. Wallquist, Chicago, who is the representative in the U. S. A. for the Philatelic Society of Sweden, and who made a visit in August, 1928, to Mr. Arthur Hind, in Utica, New York, for the purpose of interviewing him; and he tells of the reception he received in the following words: "I was very glad to go through part of this famous collection, of whose magnitude few collectors can have the right idea. It makes a philatelist's heart beat fast when, as I did, he handles four beautiful Alexandrias, or the famous Boscawen 5c; and it is a treat to the eye to see a superb block of four of the ten cent, 1847, or just as fine a block of six of the 1869 *inverted* eagle, thirty cent.

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He is a patient entertainer, and we spent hour after hour among his stamp albums. The philatelic world can be proud of him, as he has the keenest interest in stamps, and keeps his collection intact. Mr. Hind by no means has retired from business, even though he has a right to retire, did he wish; instead, he is the active head of his plush mills, besides local business enterprises, such as the Utica Hotel, etc. Golf is one of his favorite sports, at which he makes a good showing."

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UNDER the date of November 11th, Washington despatches appeared in the newspapers telling of the decision of the post office department to issue new 2c and 5c stamps in honor of the International Civil Aeronautical Conference, called by President Coolidge, at Washington, on December 12, 13 and 14, 1928. The meeting will commemorate the feat of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk, N. C., December 17, 1903, flying 852 feet, and remaining one minute in the air. Moreover, there will be a special postal station in the United States Chamber of Commerce Building, where the meetings will be held, with a special cancellation for letters that are mailed during the sessions of the conference. The two stamps are to be of the size of the special delivery stamp with the 2c printed in red, and the 5c in blue; and the description of the designs as given in the government circular is interesting. They are referred to as the International Civil Aeronautics Conference stamps, and they will be placed on sale on Dec. 12, 1928, at the Washington post office, and dealers and collectors may get them at the Philatelic Agency on the same day. The Associated Press distributed a story of over a dozen lines on the forthcoming stamps. We might add that the department's selection of the Wright plane as a stamp head-liner may have been influenced by suggestions that have been made to the department over a period of several years that the Wright Brothers be given stamp honors. We predict that these stamps will be popular.

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GUARD your stamps. Mr. J. H. Ripstra, famous as a collector of medals, latterly has been giving much attention to stamps. Recently, his home at 2126 Gladys Avenue, Chicago, was entered by burglars in the absence of members of the family during the day. The thieves took many valuable articles, and made a ten-strike in the medals and such stamps as Mr. Ripstra had at home. He has not yet checked up his stamp losses. Crooks are attracted by coin collections, considering them prize booty, and if anything, over-valuing them. Stamps, they know little about, as a rule; and to that fact may be attributed a degree of immunity enjoyed by them. However, during recent years, this sense of security has been disturbed somewhat as a consequence of stamp thefts over a wide territory. If there is organized stamp thievery, there must be stamp fences. Non-philatelic crooks would not steal stamps if they were not encouraged to do so by the knowledge that the stamps would be taken off their hands. Some day, a stamp fence may be smoked out, hard as it is to prove an offense of the kind, and the culprit's name will be held up to scorn.

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THE following letter has been received from Mr. W. G. Robb, Sterling, Illinois: "I think that it would be of interest to postmark fans to know that I wrote the secretary of the International Postal Union, at Berne, Switzerland, an inquiry about a list of post offices of the world, and he informed me that they had on sale a 'Dictionaire des Bureaux de Poste,' the latest issue being of the date of Nov., 1926. Price in Swiss francs, fifteen frances, fifty centimes, postpaid and registered. I have just received it at a cost of $3. Here we have the complete list in one volume. To be sure the names are in French, but are easily translated into English."

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IN order that Honorary Member No. 1, of the Chicago Philatelic Society, P. M. Wolsieffer might have company, the C. P. S. at a recent meeting elected C. E. Severn, Honorary Member No. 2. Mr. W. N. Emerson voted aye with the proviso that Mr. Severn show the gold medal given him at the 1,000th meeting of the society, every so often to prove that he still had it. Walter is a subtle customer, even though not a mannerly one; and as an ex-publisher he knows the editorial mind.

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WE thank Messrs. Stanley Gregory, A. N. Bonner, Charles N. Carnes, Abel Howells and L. DeMayer for copies of the new Canadian issues.

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SOME time ago, a reader asked what is in store for Liechtenstein upon the death of the venerable prince, and now we have the following commentary from Mr. Richard Hughes Bailey, of Emporia, Kansas: "I am reliably informed by a history professor, who has been in Europe for some time, that upon the death of the present prince of Liechtenstein, who is now eighty-eight years old, and has no immediate heirs, Liechtenstein will give up its identity as a principality, nominally independent, and will become just another canton of Switzerland. Thus, the interesting little dot on the map will disappear in a geographic sense." The ruler, John, who has attained this advanced age is highly esteemed by the people of his country, whose interests he ever has at heart, and it is doubtful whether their affections would be extended to one who was not an intimate relation.

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"I WANT to say even at this late date that I read every word of the account of your European trip. I sighed at the recital of the prevalence of collecting there. Here, in my city of nearly forty thousand, I do not know of a single collector other than I. All my friends think that I am in my second childhood, including my family, but I stand at the bridge, Horatius-like and defy 'em all," writes a subscriber who wants his name and city to remain unknown. By mentioning the city, we are sure that we could uncover other collectors there, and he even may find one in his Kiwanis crowd, if he would boldly proclaim: "I am a philatelist."

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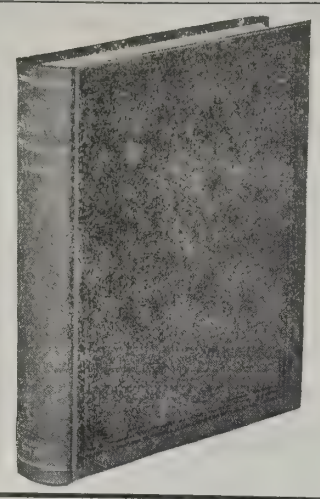
THE three pence Australia, to show the "Kookaburra" after the design of the bird on the 1914 six pence, which are to be printed at the Melbourne philatelic exhibition in sheets of sixty, as well as at the Stamp Printers in the customary sheets of 120, is receiving notice. In the *Australian Stamp Journal*, we find late information regarding the issue by courtesy of the Postmaster General's department. The stamp will be steel-engraved on unwatermarked paper, and although limited in number will be on sale at all the post offices. A cut of the stamp shows the quaint bird perched on a branch, and its very appearance is such as to excite interest, even amusement; and we predict that the stamp will be in demand. Our contemporary says that it has disapproved of issues of the kind by other countries, and it now shows its displeasure over this stamp at home.



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COLLECTORS CLUB, NEW YORK

By CHAS. J. PHILLIPS.

The magnificent collection of Danish West Indies formed by the late Johannes Elster of Berlin, Germany, and received by me on consignment, was shown at the October meeting.

The late Mr. Elster was noted for the wonderful general collection he had formed during the past thirty years. One of his great loves throughout most of his collections was to try and obtain entire sheets, and with the aid of his friend, Mr. Philip Kosack, and of the great house of Moens, he attained a great measure of success, many sheets being found in this collection that are not known to exist elsewhere.

The collection shown at the Club consisted almost entirely of unused stamps. First of all there are a few British stamps with the cancellation "C. 5." Following this we have a beautiful lot of singles and blocks of the early issues, amongst these an outstanding piece, which is very considerably under catalogued, the 3c imperf. on thin paper, but printed in a bright carmine instead of the usual dull rose.

In the 4c blue of 1872, there were pairs and blocks imperf. and imperf. vertically, and many shades and minor varieties. The issues of 1872 to 1896 were worked out in innumerable shades in every printing, both in singles and blocks, these being dealt with entirely separate from the large collection of entire sheets. In this section there is a fine inside margin pair of the 3c imperf., and many of the plate flaws.

The scarce 14c lilac and green was represented by two pairs, a block of four and several singles. Throughout this section special attention had also been given to the collection of varieties with inverted frame, which have been neglected by so many collectors. Noteworthy here also, were some of the very rare early printings in blocks.

In the 1887 issue, 1c on 7c lilac and orange, there was a fine block of 9, the middle stamp being clearly double printed. Here I also noted in the issue of 1895, a block of four of the 10c on 1c with the date 1895, which I do not find mentioned in any catalogue. This is noted as being worth $70.00. I do not know if it is an essay or a pure fake, but note it for what it may be worth.

The Provisionals of 1887 and 1902 included many varieties in addition to those usually catalogued, such as shifted surcharges, &c. Here also are found several blocks of four of the rare 2c on 3c with the small perforation 14.

Quite a feature of the collection was the sheets of the Postage Due stamps of 1902, showing all the different compositions and arrangements. Here I note 3 sheets of the 1c, 3 sheets of the 4c, 2 sheets of the 6c, and 3 sheets of the 10c, a series that probably could not be equalled in any known collection.

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Junior Dictionary

Porto.—A German word (derived from Lat. portare, to carry) meaning postage. In combination, i.e., "porto-frei" it means postpaid, but as usually used by itself, it means postage *due*. It occurs (1) in combination as "Portomarke" on the Austrian dues, (2) as a surcharge on those of 1916, (3) as an inscription on those of 1916, (4) surcharge, 1917, (5) on the dues of Austrian Levant, where it constitutes the only inscription except the value, (6) on no less than 13 different sets of provisional Hungarian due stamps, as a surcharge, (7) as a surcharge on Italian occupation stamps used in Austria, (8) part of the inscription on the Bosnia dues, (9) surcharged on Jugo-Slavia and no doubt elsewhere.

Porto Stempel.—This inscription, meaning "postage stamp," appeared upon the first envelope stamps of Finland.

Junior News Release

By Beach Conger, Jr.

Abyssinia. — The new Abyssinian stamps, showing Negus Tafari Maknoen and the Empress Zeoditou have appeared. They were first on sale at the Addis-Abeba post office on September 5th. The first design, portraying Ras Tafari, is inscribed in native characters, "Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah." He is shown wearing the famous gemmed crown of Abyssinia, which is supposed to weigh 20 lbs. The empress' head is also circled with an inscription, "Ethiopia holds out her hands to God." The stamps are ⅛ mehalik, orange and blue; ¼ meh. blue and yellow; ½ meh. green and black; 1 meh. carmine and black; 2 meh. blue and black; 4 meh. yellow and sepia; 8 meh. lilac and sepia; 1 th. red-brown and lilac; 2 thalers yellow-green and brown; 3 th. sepia and yellow-green. The new Post Office was opened the same day, and 50,000 sets were surcharged: 1920—P. T. T.—Souvenir of the memorable Day. This year is 1920 in the native calendar, the date is not an error. P. T. T. stands for Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones.

Albania.—This country has another new set of surcharges. The new set has been surcharged (in black and red): Kujtim Mbledhjes Kushtetuese, 25.8.28. The values are 1 quindar red-brown, 2q grey, 5q green, 10q carmine, 15q brown, 25q blue, 50q rosé-lilac, and 1 franc blue and grey.

Ceylon. — The Ceylon Post Office have issued a new 5 rupee stamp, yellow-green and purple, watermarked script CA, in the old design. Reason for this change was the discovery that many Postage and Revenue stamps of higher values were cleaned and re-used.

Another Map Stamp

The Dominican Republic issued on May 31 an air post stamp of 10c value. Color ultramarine and of familiar design.

U. S. 3c Victory

By Henry Mayfield, Jr.

In 1919, the United States issued a stamp in celebration of the Allied Victory. The stamp was issued in two shades, violet and red-violet. The stamp was engraved and perforated 11, with no watermark. The entire design appears on a shaded panel with the inscription "U. S. Postage" across the top. Across the bottom, in the center of the stamp, is the word "Cents" with the numeral "3" enclosed by a circle at either side.

In the center is a picture of the Goddess of Liberty, with the flags of the five allied nations: Britain, Belgium, the United States, France, and Italy, in the background.

Barbuda

By Henry Mayfield, Jr.

Of the hundreds of stamps issued by British Colonies, the set from Barbuda were the least needed. Barbuda is one of the islands of the Leeward group. Previous to the issuance of this set, stamps from Antigua were used. The postal needs are small as there are not over ten white men on the island. Eleven stamps were issued, the first eight on Multiple Crown and Script C. A. paper, and the latter three on Multiple Crown and C. A. paper. The stamps were from Leeward Islands, 1912-22, Die II, surcharged "Barbuda" in black or red.

Fiume Fancies

By A. C. LeDuc.

This former city-state in existence for a few years directly after the World War, had a hectic career. Originally a city in the Austro-Hungarian empire, its final disposition was one of the many problems left by that war. It became semi-independent and proceeded to show the world that it was no longer an integral part of Hungary. The stamps of the latter country were overprinted in large serif capitals with the word "Fiume," in December, 1918.

On Jan. 28, 1919, the first definite issue of stamps for this municipality state appeared. These were lithographs, and showed liberty on three of the values. The clock tower over the market at Fiume is shown on three values. A symbolic statue is shown on the 25c, 40c and 45c values. The six varieties from 60c to 10cor show pictures of the harbor of Fiume, with the Italian flag waving over all. This issue was inscribed "Fiume," but later in the year eight varieties of this set appeared with the inscription changed to "Posta Fiume."

On the 18th of May of the the same year, a charity set of 12 values appeared. These were to celebrate the 200th day of peace since the end of the World War, and were sold at a premium of 5 corones each. The low values show the statue of Romulus and Remus suckling the wolf. The values 45c to 1cor show a Venetian galley in full sail. The 4 high values show the Plaza of St. Mark's at Venice.

Later in the year 13 varieties of the first definite issues, inscribed Fiume and Posta Fiume, were surcharged with new values, and the word "Franco" in fancy letters. This issue was followed by another charity issue of one stamp, 25c plus 2cor, showing a picture of Dr. Grossich.

Apparently the charity issues did not sell well, so all values were surcharged "Valore Globale cent. 5," etc. This reduced the value of each variety to its original postal value, cancelling the charity premium.

In 1920, 14 values appeared all showing the head of the great adventurer and Fiume patriot, Gabriele d'Annunzio. Very few bald heads are as well known as this one!

The next set consisted of 4 values, one showing a dagger cutting a knot, one showing a fountain, another a figure of liberty, and the fourth shows 5 daggers held by 5 strong arms. This issue commemorated the capture of Fiume by d'Annunzio and his legionaires. All values were inscribed "XII Settembre MCMXIX" (Sept. 12, 1919), and were in use only on Sept 12, 1920.

The remainder of this set of stamps was later issued surcharged "Regganza Italiana del Carnaro," and most of them with new values.

In Jan., 1921, the d'Annunzio set was surcharged "Governo Provvisorio." This was followed with the charity set of May, 1919, surcharged "24—IV—1921 Costituente Fiumana" (the latter diagonally). However, in 1922 this last set was further treated to a surcharge by adding "1922" at the bottom right corner.

In 1923 an entirely new set was issued, and consisted of 12 values evenly divided among four pictures, namely, a galley in full sail, a Roman arch, St. Vitus, and an Attic column.

Not to let any chance for a surcharge to pass, the 1923 set was overprinted in 1924, with a fancy scroll and the words "Annessione All Italia, 22 Febb., 1924." The same set was also surcharged "Regno d'Italia." These two sets were presumably issued to advertise the fact that Fiume had been annexed to the Kingdom

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AIR MAIL NEWS

(*Continued from page 672*)

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An additional service on CAM No. became effective on Nov. 15th. A pla now leaves Minneapolis, Minn., at 8 A. M., arriving in Chicago at 12.10 P. M and leaving Chicago at 2 P. M., arrivi in Minneapolis at 6.10 P. M.

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Coöperators busy again this wee Messrs. D. Abernathy, Nelson F. Gerk R. Oriol, Henry A. Myers, Miss An M. Schafer, Albert N. Brown, Frank Wright*, John Hartwig, C. A. Hartwi A. Ullrich, Jr., Boleslaus Jarzembows Donald E. Dickason, C. J. Chan, Char Urnick, Jr., R. B. Gobble*, Austin Jones, Wm. Esselen, Jr., William Brierly.

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Jackson, Miss., dedicated an Airpo Nov. 9-10, and covers sent to the Po master bear a small rectangular cach of four lines reading "Municipal A port—Dedication—Jackson, Miss.—N 9-10, 1928." Probably applied by t Chamber of Commerce. *Not official.*

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Between now and January 1st, you w have a lot of cachets to add to your c lection, as well as the special new seri of Air stamp (?). Better check ba on your issues of Mekeel's and ma sure you don't miss out on any of t flights.

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Ottumwa, Ia., dedicated an Airport Nov. 10-11-12th, and covers sent to t American Legion Post have been r ceived back, with a large oval cachet a plied on the dedication date. Cach reads "Ottumwa Legion Airport—O tumwa, Iowa—*—Dedicated—Novemb 10-11-12, 1928." *Not official.*

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The Air Meet held by the Americ Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wa of Oneonta, N. Y., was productive of cachet, the date being Nov. 12th. Seve lines. *Not official.*

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Jacksonville, Fla., is to dedicate a ne Airport on December 1, 2, and 3, prob ably coincident with the First Flight the Atlanta-Miami route. My informa tion leads me to presume that a cach will be applied to Air Mail if sent i care of the Jacksonville Exchange Clu although I cannot vouch for this. It worth a try, anyway.

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Another bit of information gleane from one of the Aviation publication points to a special event at Kitty Hawk N. C., on December 17th. As the affai is in charge of the Chamber of Com merce, this might be well worth follow ing up, even if no cachet is forthcoming The cancellation alone, will be wort adding to your collection, for it will b the 25th anniversary of the Airplane.

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A contract to carry mail by dirigibl between Spain and Argentina has bee signed by Argentine postoffice official and representatives of the Spanish Trans aerial Company. It is reported the latte Company has leased the "Graf Zeppelin" for the service, which will be on a monthly basis, and that inaugural flight will occur shortly after the first of th year.

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St. Petersburg, Fla., has voted $16,000 to build an Airport. No opening date given, as yet.

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BRITISH COLONIAL NOTES

Newfoundland apparently insists on dishing it out to us in small portions,—because my St. John's correspondent just writes me that the 12c value of the present "Publicity" series is "exhausted, and no future orders will be given for same." With the 9c value still fresh in mind it is only natural to get the impression that somebody up there must have gotten the idea that stamp dealing is a lucrative business!

I read with interest "Calabar's" article in your paper—particularly the reference made to the Falkland Is., 2½d on 2d Provisional. Judging from his remarks and the fact that they appeared without editorial comment, it must have escaped both his and the editor's eagle eye that the WEEKLY already some time ago contained the fullest details in regard to this rare stamp that have so far appeared in any philatelic journal. It may be immodest to make such a statement because these details happened to come from my own pen! Half a dozen mint copies are already in this country—one in my own reference collection, and four are held by collectors to whom I sold them. In a letter from my London agent a week or two ago I am told that reports over there have it that only about 200 copies were left over in unused condition. That estimate may be too low—yet there is no doubt that here is another outstanding rarity, a stamp which—in spite of its low face value—will always stay out of the collection financed by a purse of ordinary size.

That makes me think of those two extremely rare "small stamps," British Central Africa, Nos. 71 and 72, which once upon the time also took the outside world by surprise, by appearing and disappearing very much in the same fashion as the Falkland Is., Provisional. A copy of the 4d No. 72 was just sold in a public sale held by J. M. Bartels Co., and realized $1,120.00. It was described as one of 17 extant copies. It was well worth the price—and in saying so I am sincere. I happened to be the runner-up, and lost it at $1,110.00, and tonight I am sitting by my fire contemplating whether my noble opponent got it away from me too cheaply!

Let us brave dizziness and "parachute" down to other stamps also of low value, but which remain within the reach of the more modestly endowed collector.

The obsolete "Small Scripts" as a whole are still selling very well. The Virgin Is., 5d, and Montserrat 5d, are still leading—with the Leeward Is., 2½d orange in third position. The Ascension 4d and 6d have been going ahead fast—and would, no doubt, have gotten further by now, if their progress had been left unhindered. Mauritius No. 184, distinguishes itself by being consistently absent. And remember, "absence" means more than standard catalogue price!

By the way, it is surprising that the array of talent who make it their business to entertain us with market advice have entirely overlooked that the Leeward Is., Colonies are changing the colors of their 1d and 1½d back to their normal hue. In fact, stamps like the Virgin Is., 1d violet, and 1½d red have been obsolete already for some time, having seen service only since 1927.

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Fiume Fancies

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of Italy. They more probably advertised that they were not necessary issues.

Besides the postage and semi-postals already mentioned, there were 17 kinds of special delivery stamps, 4 varieties of newspaper stamps, including the triangles and 26 kinds of postage dues. Many of these received similar treatment as the many regular issues by being surcharged. During its short career of approximately 5 years, Fiume has a total of 262 stamps to its credit, not including the minor varieties.

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Two or three countries have been sold intact and specialists interested in certain countries or groups of countries will have these submitted for inspection.

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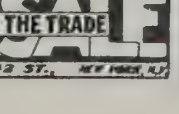

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United States

Aeronautical Conference Stamps

In this column last week, announcement was made that the Department contemplated placing on sale in Washington, on December 12th, a 2-cent and 5-cent stamp in honor of the convening on that date of the International Civil Aeronautical Conference, called by President Coolidge.

The 2-cent, which depicts the first Wright Brothers air plane with which they experimented at Kitty Hawk, N. C., was flown for the first time with Wilbur Wright as pilot, on December 17, 1903, flying 852 feet, and remaining in the air one minute.

The new stamps are officially described by the Post Office Department as follows:

"The new stamps to be issued for this occasion are the same shape and size as the special-delivery stamp, 144/100 by 84/100 inches. The two-cent stamp will be printed in red ink, and the five-cent stamp in blue ink. At the top is a dark border panel with wording U. S. Postage in white Roman lettering; a small scroll at each end; under the panel in small architectural Roman lettering—International Civil Aeronautics Conference—on either side of the stamp are narrow border panels; within the borders are shown on the left the Washington Monument, and the U. S. Capitol on the right; in the center is a picture of the Wright Aeroplane as first shown by the Wright Brothers at Fort Myer, Virginia. In the lower right and left corners are rectangular shields with numeral two (2) in each, a ribbon appears between the numerals and below the aeroplane with the dates, December 12, 13, 14, 1928, and under the ribbon a base panel with the word 'cents' in white Roman lettering.

The 5-cent U. S. Postage Stamp for the International Civil Aeronautics Conference is similar with the exception of the Wright aeroplane being replaced by a globe showing the eastern and western continents, and a modern monoplane flying across it; the numerals 5 in place of the numerals 2.

The new International Civil Aeronautics Conference stamps will first be placed on sale December 12, 1928, at the Washington, D. C., office, and for the benefit of stamp collectors and dealers, the new stamps will also be placed on sale the same date at the Philatelic Agency, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department."

Arrangements have been made for the opening of a special branch post office at the Chamber of Commerce Building, in Washington, where the Conference will be held, and at this office, a special cancellation will be used during the three days of December 12, 13 and 14, when the Conference is in session.

In discussing the matter with Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, during the early part of the month, it was mentioned that a green, or some other bright color cancellation, would look extremely well on the new stamps. It is believed that this thought will be given special consideration, and that we may have some very attractive covers showing the new stamps with the special postmark.

Mr. H. M. Southgate has seen the working models for the two new varieties, and states that they are extremely attractive, the latter variety especially appealing to this experienced collector.

Mr. Glover in writing about them describes them as "knock-outs." The proofs were approved by the Postmaster General on November 8th. While the stamps will only be available in Washington, on the first day, they may be acquired in small quantities by other postmasters on requisition.

Campaign Covers

During recent years much interest has been taken in early Campaign Covers, and the collector runs across now and then a cover used when Lincoln was candidate for president and wh Grant and Colfax were can dates for the presidency and vi presidency, respectively. Late Campai covers are seldom met with, for t means does not seem to be adopted the present time to advance the inter of candidates of either party. Und the circumstances, two covers recent sent by Mr. Milton R. Miller, a extremely interesting. One shows a po trait of Hoover and Curtis in blue, wit in a red frame, while a second cov shows similar portraits of Smith a Robinson.

Odd Booklets

Mr. Southgate writes that a few Go ernment booklets were recently note wherein a glassine paper between t stamps was used instead of the regul wax paper, which the Department h been using for many years. These a to be found on the 1-cent in the 25-ce and 97-cent booklets, and the combin tion of the 1-cent and 2-cent in the 7 cent booklets. Our correspondent a vises that they were turned into t regular stock, and will most likely sho up anywhere. We would like to be a vised of the location of any of the booklets in the several post offices.

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Borissues.—The announcement that King Boris of Bulgaria is affianced to Princess Giovanna of Italy is, in effect, to prophesy new commemorative stamps, perhaps from both countries. Princess Giovanna is twenty-one and the third daughter of the King and Queen of Italy.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Czechoslovakia.—Whitfield King & Co. submit for note the new 1918-1928 Jubilee set of stamps. The series is a very attractive issue comprising a variety of subjects and of the following values and colors: 30h black, 40h brown, 50h green, 60h red-orange, 1kr red, 1kr20h lilac-brown, 2kr bright blue, 2kr50h dark blue, 3kr brown and 5kr lilac.

Dutch Indies.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the three additional values of Air Post surcharges. They are the 20 on 25c mauve, 40 on 80c orange, 75 on 1G sepia, and 1½G on 2½G carmine-rose. All the overprints are in black, except the 75c on 1G sepia, which is in blue.

Iraq.—A 2 annas "Railway Letter" stamp is illustrated in our Amiens contemporary. It is a plain type-set label inscribed "RAILWAY" at top, "POST." at foot, "LABEL" at right and value at left, with a large "I.R." [Iraq Railways] in the centre and Arabic characters around these initials.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Italian Colonies.—The commemorative series in "honor" of the Italian African Society, will probably be on issue shortly. It comprises four denominations, viz. 20+10c, 30+10c, 50+10c, and L1.25+10c, for each of the four Colonies, *i.e.* Eritrea, Cyrenaica, Somalia and Tripolitania.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Jind.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that he has received the 10R green and carmine, Nasik printing, surcharged "Service."

Liechtenstein.—Further details of Prince John Jubilee commemoratives, to be issued November 12th.—(1) Portrait of Prince John II, Lithographed, 100,000 sets. 10, 20, 30 and 60 rappen. (2) Double portrait of Prince John II, Line-engraved, 50,000 sets: Fr. 1.20, Fr. 1.50 and 2 francs. (3) As (2), but only 25,000: 5 francs. The stamps are to be on sale at the local post offices until January 31, 1929, and will remain valid until November 12th next year.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Newfoundland.—Copies of the 14c brown-lilac, type as the 9c of the same issue, have been received from Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. The perforation is 14x14.

Patiala.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the following new items from this native state: ½a green, 4a olive and 2R carmine and orange, all Nasik printings.

Portugal.—Mr. R. Roberts has submitted for chronicle a new provisional. It is the 40c on 2c chocolate.

Roumania.—Copies of the Air Post stamps with the error of inscription have been received from Whitfield King & Co., and Mr. R. Roberts. The values are 1 leu brown, 2 leu blue and 5 leu rose-red. Each bears the name of the country at the top with "Posta Aeriana" at the bottom. In the centre is an airplane with the name "C-Raiu" at the end. Whitfield King & Co. also submit the Dobrogea set of seven values as follows: 1 leu green, 2 leu brown, 3 leu grey, 5 leu lilac, 7.50 leu bright blue, 10 leu blue and 20 leu red. Each stamp bears the dates "1878 1928," and are of four different types, the 1 leu and 3 leu, bearing two portraits, and the others being of pictorial designs.

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THE Bridgeport (Ct.) Philatelic Club will hold a Stamp Exhibition and Junior Contest at the Public Library, Dec. 4 to 6. This will be the first exhibition held in Bridgeport in twenty years, and we look for a good attendance, as the interest here is keen, especially among the Junior Collectors.—FRED J. WILSON.

SPOKANE, Wash., dedicated Fancher Memorial Beacon on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, and a non-official cachet resulted. The beacon is pictured in purple. Cover from E. Strasser.

THE special ear of corn cancellation that has been used at the Fairfield, Iowa, post-office on registered mail has been ordered discontinued by the P. O. Department. We are indebted to F. A. Spielman for this information. As he suggests, this order probably sounds the death knell of all special registry cancellations.

WE are informed by Francis J. Field that the Dutch East Indies issued 20,000 of the 2½g stamps overprinted for the air service and surcharged 1½g.

A MUNICIPAL airport dedication took pace Nov. 12, at Davenport, Iowa, and we are indebted to F. H. Grace for a cover showing an attractive cachet in green. It is, of course, non-official.

ROGER HACKETT sends us an account of the philatelic contest recently held at Bosse School, Evansville, Ind., by the stamp club. 75 questions were used covering a wide range, and first prize was awarded Henry Ruley, with a percentage of 85. Robert Mueller was second with 69%, and Jack Slade third, with 67%. We may publish the set of questions later.

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Nowadays hardly anyone, it seems, takes any interest in the postal affairs of those few remaining out-of-the-way spots which, strangely enough, are still muddling through without benefit of stamps. The never-ceasing flood of new issues is of course largely responsible for this; it is a hard enough task to keep an eye on all the stamp-issuing Colonies, let alone the others—if, as some people will question, there are such places.

And there are, curious as it may seem. Lord Howe Id., for example; and Christmas Id., and that tiny islet in the Pacific—Pitcairn, whose first settlement was founded by a group of mutineers from the now-famous "Bounty." But the most interesting—and most isolated—of all the present "stampless" Colonies is Tristan da Cunha—a group of three islands lying midway between Cape Town and Buenos Ayres, in the vast wastes of the So. Atlantic. The principal island—Tristan—is about seven miles across and rises 7,640 feet above the sea, it being the crater of an extinct volcano. With ref. its past history, which is most interesting, Capt. A. E. Hopkins (Bath) writes:—

"Although discovered in 1506 by the Portuguese navigator from whom it takes its name, it was quite uninhabited until 1816. In that year a detachment of troops was sent over from Cape Town to garrison the island. It was feared that it might be used as a base by the French in possible attempts to rescue Napoleon from St. Helena, 1,200 miles to the north.

"When the garrison was removed a year later, one William Glass, a native of Kelso, Scotland, with two companions, asked to be allowed to stay behind. They were later joined by three others. All these men had fought under Nelson, or had done guard duty over Napoleon at St. Helena. One of them was a married man, and the others apparently envied his state. They accordingly commissioned a friendly skipper of a whaling vessel to fetch them wives from St. Helena. Some time later the whaler duly disembarked five ladies of colour, who had agreed to take pot luck in the marriage market. They were lined up on the beach and inspected, and each man picked his fancy. They were duly married, and lived happily ever after, so the story runs. From these five couples are descended the whole present-day population of 150."

Now as to its postal affairs. There are of course no stamps, and all letters from Tristan to the outside world are handed into the missionary (who is, amongst other things, the Postmaster) and, after being postmarked, are forwarded via whatever ship happens to call next. Two types of postmark are employed: one reading "Tristan da Cunha" in a double-lined circle, and the other "Tristan da Cunha—South Atlantic" in a single-lined circle. The latter is apparently the commoner of the two. These are both handstamps, of course,

and are in purple or blue-black. The purple varies, however, and is almost black in some examples.

In England, postage due is usually collected on letters arriving there from Tristan, the amount collected normally being 1½d, though sometimes it is 2d and 3d. I have one cover, for example, which was stamped on arrival with the current English 2d postage due stamp (also with the "2d" postage due handstamp, in black). The cover shows, besides the Tristan pmk. in the upper right corner, the receiving pmk., which was used to cancel the postage due stamp.

I have also two covers bearing the "London Paquebot" cancellation, which consists of a small single-lined circle reading "London F. S." and the date, and five parallel wavy lines at the right, the centre one of which is broken and the word "Paquebot" inserted. (Both these are assessed 1½d postage due.) Two other covers which I have, and which were posted in 1926, show the usual "grid" postmark of the Foreign Branch, London. This pmk. is not found on later covers (at least, not on those I

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have)—on these only the letters "F. B." (The letters are not always present, however.)

Covers are found, of course, franked with the current English 1½d stamps, as some people who have correspondents in Tristan send them out small supplies for use on their letters. I have one cover franked with a 1½d Great Britain, which bears, in addition to the Tristan pmk., the transit pmk. of Montevideo (both these being on the face), whilst on the reverse side is the receiving pmk. Covers are also known with the Port Elizabeth (transit) pmk., and there may be others also. I understand that covers are sometimes found franked with So. African stamps, but I have not seen any so used.

The present postal situation is well set forth in a petition, which was presented by the people of Tristan to the Home Government two or three years ago:—

"Petition from the Inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha respecting Letter and Parcel Mails to the Island to—

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We feel most chiefly the difficulty of obtaining flour for bread making, soap for washing, medical supplies, and clothing, all of which must come to us by mail; also paint and canvas to maintain our fishing boats. We can get none of these vital necessities without a regular mail.

We beg that when it is not possible for the Postmaster-General to fix an annual mail with some steamship company he may try and arrange that by favour of the Lords of the Admiralty a warship from the Cape Station or elsewhere may bring us our mail."

The following letter, which I received on 2nd April, last, may also be of interest:—

"Sir,—Your registered letter of 23.6.25 arrived on 27.3.27!

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Please read 'The Lonely Island' by Mrs. Rogers."

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Which brings us to the question: should Tristan da Cunha have its own postage stamps? The answer, in my opinion—and which is based on the above facts—is "yes," most decidedly. Since Barbuda and Ascension, whose inhabitants had no real need for stamps, were allowed them, why not Tristan? Stamps for the isle would be welcomed not only by collectors, to whom such issues have always a special appeal (as witness the Barbuda's, Ascension's, Kuwait's, Nauru's, etc.), but above all by the people of Tristan, whose plight is so simply testified to in the above excerpts. True, the stamps would be unobtainable locally-inasmuch, as Mr. Pooley points out, there is no money on the isle—but if sold under some such plan as he outlines in his letter, they would not be a whit more speculative, in my humble judgment, than the issues of many other Colonies whose stamps are sold wholesale in London. It is only a question of degree, from selling a part of an issue in London, to selling the entire issue there; and bearing in mind the charitable nature of such an issue, there is no reason why special stamps for Tristan should not be issued. What have readers to say?

ADDENDA

Since writing the above I learn that prior to 1921, the pmks. in use at Tristan were of a different type than those described in the above notes. Perhaps some reader can give us further details re. them?

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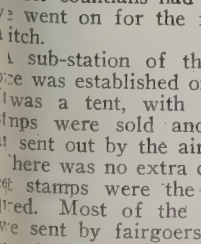

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n August, 1912, one of the first air nil lines of history was established in ncer county by special order of Postnster General Hitchcock.

The line wasn't very long—it only gre service between the fairgrounds and t Rockport postoffice. And it wasn't lg-lived—only for the four days of the fr, Aug. 20 to 24.

But it wasn't any play air line, either. I was part of the experiment with airlis being made by the postoffice dptment of the United States. And its lile success was a step in the establishnnt of the network of mail air lines of tday.

Congressman Lieb appealed to Postnster General Hitchcock and the official athorized the line. Horace Kearney pted the plane, the first that many ncer countians had seen, and the serve went on for the four days without a itch.

A sub-station of the Rockport postice was established on the fairgrounds. It was a tent, with a counter, where stmps were sold and letters received at sent out by the air mail.

There was no extra cost—regular two-cet stamps were the only postage reired. Most of the cards and letters we sent by fairgoers to themselves to ccept as souvenirs.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

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"We had prepared 10,000 books of stamps containing 40c worth of stamps in each, as stamps made up in this way are found convenient and safe to carry by travelers, lumbermen and fishermen. The books contain Postal and Telegraph information, and the advertisements pay for the cost of production."

The booklets, issued on August 15, 1926, contain eight 1c green (Twin Hills, Tor's Cove), and sixteen 2c carmine (Southwest Arm, Trinity) pictorial stamps of the July 9, 1923, pictorial series, in panes of eight (2 horizontal by 4 vertical). The stamps are comb perforated 13½x14, and have a narrow margin at the top (or bottom) of the pane, through which wire staples pass and secure the small sheets of stamps, with five interleaving sheets (white) of advertisements between pink covers. All letter press is in black. One of the advertisements reads—"These stamps are one of the productions of Whitehead Morris, Limited, Contractors for engraving, printing and stationery of every description. London. Agent for Newfoundland, W. J. Edgar, St. John's."

As both the 1c and 2c stamps are horizontal rectangular in shape, the panes are inserted between the covers (pink), sideways, with the top to the left or right. The booklet panes are made from regular 100 stamp sheets; i. e., the upper four, and the lower four horizontal rows, the 5th and 6th rows being discarded. The five panes (of eight stamps each) from the top of the sheet, have the margin at the top, and those from the bottom of the sheet, have the margin at the bottom.

The booklets bear no indication on the outside cover as to their official character, or what they contain, and both the front and back of the cover bear advertising matter of Ayre & Sons, Ltd., a large mail order house on Water Street, in St. John's. Inside, however, on the cover, at the front, are "Rates of Postage from Newfoundland," and at the back "Newfoundland Postal Telegraph" information.

The booklets measure 71x49mm, which is the size of a pane of six stamps (2 horizontal by 3 vertical), sideways, with margin, the other horizontal pair (of the pane of eight), being folded over. The booklets are sold at face, 40c, and were still obtainable when I was in St. John's the latter part of September, 1928.

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(Red Bank [N. J.] "Register"—T. I. Brown.)

When the United States government issued the Molly Pitcher postage stamps a short time ago, Ensley E. Rogers of Branch Avenue, assistant postmaster at the Red Bank postoffice, who had read that the King of England was a stamp collector, sent a block of the Molly Pitcher stamps to the King. Mr. Rogers does not class himself as a collector; but having just read about the King of England's collection the thought the King might be interested in getting some of the Molly Pitcher stamps before the issue was exhausted.

Mr. Rogers did not have in mind at the time he sent the Molly Pitcher stamps across the seas that they were commemorative of a victory of the American army here in Monmouth county during the Revolutionary war, or he might have hesitated about sending the stamps; but he had heard so much from local stamp collectors about their wish to possess transient issues of stamps that he felt only a desire that a great English collector of stamps might have copies of the stamps relating to the county of Monmouth, in New Jersey, which was named after the county of Monmouth in England.

However that may be, Mr. Rogers got back last week the Molly Pitcher stamps which he had sent to the King of England. Accompanying the stamps was this courteous letter from the King's private secretary:

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

The Private Secretary is commanded to thank Mr. Ensley E. Rogers for his letter of the 20th October, and for the stamps which he was so kind as to offer for the King's acceptance, but as His Majesty only collects stamps of the British Empire, the stamps are returned to Mr. Rogers herewith.

1st November, 1928.

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(White Plains "Reporter"—Dr. J. S. Parker

At a meeting of the Westchester Cou ty, N. Y., Chapter of the American Phi atelic Society held Nov. 16, at the Cit Club, it was suggested that the War painting of the Battle of White Plain be reproduced in bronze and be place in some public place, preferably, the ne Post Office.

It will be recalled that the picture i question is the one that was painted b Edmund F. Ward, of Gedney Farm, an was used as the model for the Sesqui centennial Stamp commemorating th Battle of White Plains, on October 2 1776. This two cent stamp was put i circulation by the government in 192 and was, and still is, of great interest t citizens of this city.

The picture shows a gun crew o four privates in action, representing par of Alexander Hamilton's battery, in th Battle of White Plains. Major Alber W. Draves, formerly professor of Amer ican History at the United States Mili tary Academy at West Point, referring t the picture said that it was absolutel correct from a military standpoint, an that it portrays faithfully the spirit o the situation and the intensity of th action.

Another interesting thing about th picture and the stamp is that it is th first time that private soldiers have ever been featured on any stamp. Usuall nothing less than a general is used as the feature, but in this case, the four private compose the entire group.

Several paintings were made by various artists in the vicinity, and the one made by Mr. Ward was finally chosen as the most representative of them all.

Stamp collectors, and philatelic societies all over the world are unanimous in their belief that this White Plains stamp is one of the ten most beautiful stamps in the world.

Twenty-five members of the county chapter attended the meeting and took part in the discussion of the proposed tablet. The next meeting of the society will be held on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, December 15th, at the home of the president, K. N. Woodward, Brevort Road, Chappaqua.

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By REV. A. T. GESNER.

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Sidney F. Barrett showed a portion of the great Hawkins Collection of United States Stamps, which contains, as is well known, a wealth of rare 19th Century early issues of great value, in immaculate condition. Farrar H. Tows had a nice little selection from his famous Hawaiian Collection, which was worth a long journey to look at. Charles Curie, the well-known general collector of 19th century stamps, brought a big book with pages filled from top to bottom with the stamps of nearly every nation under heaven.

Harry Linquist, President of the Collectors Club, had an amazing display of Norway stamps of every denomination, shade and variety, punctuated with pairs, blocks and splits to a degree that made some members "see stars." J. M. Bartels, one of the philatelic deans of Nassau St., brought with him his prize winning collection of Denmark stamps, which has been decorated at exhibitions both at home and abroad. Elliott Perry exhibited by "himself" a most fascinating collection of Sanitary Commission stamps, recalling the period of the Civil War.

Charles J. Phillips, chairman of the delegation, modestly concluded the Exhibition by a display of a considerable portion of the famous collection of stamps of Afganistan, gathered by Sir David Mason during his journeys of research in that land, and which has now found a temporary resting place in one of Mr. Phillips' burglar-proof safes. At the conclusion of the Exhibit, Mr. Phillips spoke a few words of the work that the Collectors Club is endeavoring to do, and invited those present, who were not already members, to join the Collectors Club and share in the privileges of the Clubs' great library, and receive the Society's ably edited quarterly review. On February 6, the Waterbury Stamp Club will send a delegation of its members to meet with the Collectors Club in New York.

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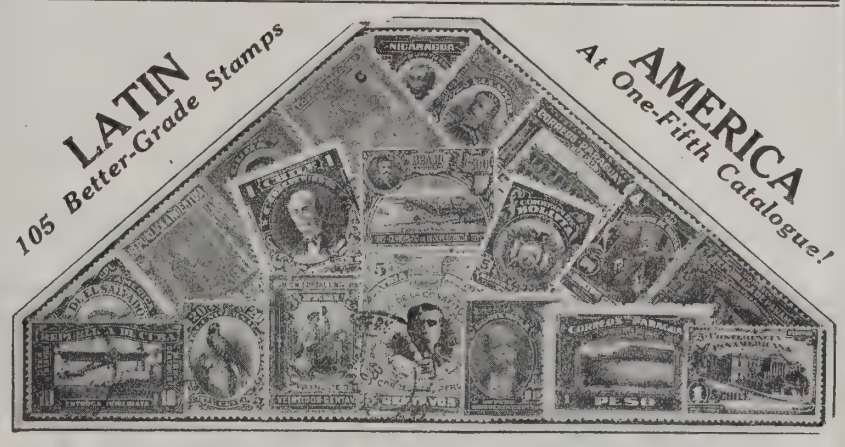

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THE CATALOGUE OF NORWAY

By ELIAS RASMUSSEN.

Again comes the annual event of the arrival of Scott's catalogue; and as usual I have perused the interesting volume. Specializing in Norway, I am of course, most interested in what has been done to that country. Scott is improving, even though the most important and necessary change has not taken place, giving the 20 and 21mm stamps their individual catalogue rank, as separate stamps and issues. Scott will have to come to this in order to catalogue Norway intelligently and fairly. The best plan would be to follow "Norges Frimarken 1855-1924," by Dethloff-Anderssen, whose catalogue is complete and accurate.

There are other changes that would improve the list. I think the small N variety of No. 44, which was given place in Senf many years ago, is worthy of attention much more than the "no period" variety. This stamp was used in 500,000 copies, and this little N variety occurs only once out of 200 impressions, making it very rare. It was catalogued in Senf, 1907, at 25 marks, unused, and 6 marks used. In Senf of 1925, the price is 25 marks used and unused, while the ordinary variety is only 1.25 marks. Another stamp that deserves catalogue recognition is the 5 ore moss green, perf. 12½. It is catalogued in "Norges Frimarken," and would be 36a. There are but twelve copies known of this stamp, but I have owned three of them myself, and so know that it exists!

Regarding the price changes, we want to compliment Scott. Even though the increase in Norway, No. 4, is not as great as it deserves to be, still I am glad to see my pet stamp get some recognition. The dealers have been out of this stamp practically for some time. If there was any fear that someone would corner No. 4, if the catalogue value was increased, it was silly; it would be easier to corner a stamp at 10c than at 50c or a dollar. Anyway, this old classic, aged 72 years with an issue of only ten million in a time when there were few collectors, is now beginning to climb, and those who laughed at my prediction that some day this stamp will be worth a dollar will please remember that sometimes he who laughs last, laughs best. The trouble is that most collectors believe as I do, and they keep their No. 4's, judging them to have a good future,—and they are going to.

No. 3 received a just increase; it is worth $2.25 used. I am glad that No. 1 remained at $4.50, as it is too high now. The price for it in Norway right now is 8 to 10 kroner retail. It is interesting to see that No. 15 is now $1. The fact is that it is a scarce stamp, more so than No. 9. The paper of No. 15 was so poor that one will find a very large percentage more or less torn. The increase in price of No. 21 is a sensible one, to 85 cents unused. The remainder of this issue was used for No. 72, and thus, No. 21 is much scarcer unused than used. The price could have been put to one dollar. The fact is that Norway stamps are usually much scarcer in unused than in used condition. The only exception to this rule may be in the case of blocks which often are rarer in used than in unused condition, especially in the ore stamps before 1890.

We wonder if the cataloguers are aware of the fact that the actual issue of the 1 krone, 1878, No. 32, was only 697,200; of No. 33, the 1½k 1878, only 216,100 and of the 2k 1878, only 277,600. The reason for this small issue was that in 1915, the government of Norway burned all the remainders, as follows: 1k, 350,700; 1½k, 836,700 and 2k, 745,100 stamps. Norway, No. 38, issued five years later than No. 33, had an issue of 200,000 stamps, and is catalogued today at $20 unused, and $10 used. Nearly everyone knows that you see very many more of this stamp used than unused, and the catalogue price does not show the relative scarcity of used and unused in this instance.

The most neglected stamp is No. 39, the 12 öre yellow-brown. In 1895, No. 38 was catalogued by Senf at 1.50 marks unused, and 1mk used; and No. 39 was then priced at 1mk unused and 75mk used. Norway, No. 1, was only 40mk used. In 1905, Senf priced No. 38 used at 4.50 mk, and No. 39, 1.75mk, used and 1.25mk used. If we then knew that the total issue of this stamp was only 395,000, it follows that this stamp deserves more attention. There are few enough of the used stamps, but the unused are about a hundred times as scarce. No. 39 is certainly a good stamp.

No. 79 has taken another jump from $5 to $7 unused, and from $2 to $3.50 used. It is still too low. Only 51,000 were issued. The stamps were badly perforated, and it is hard to find a decent copy. I hold that No. 79 is harder to find and rarer than No. 80; it deserves attention. However, No. 80 is scarcer used than unused. Even No. 81, which is only 20c used, is not such a poor stamp, as it was issued to the number of only 273,000, which is not large in later times. Of the later issues, keep an eye on No. 107. It is a real stamp and has advanced; it was in use for a few months only. No. 135 is worth more than No. 114. No. 136 will be better than 107, as it was used only a month or so before it became obsolete, and superseded by the 20 öre of the same color, No. 145. No. 136 was printed late in August, 1927, and No. 145 had taken its place in October, 1927. The 40 öre dull blue was replaced by No. 148 slate, in almost an identical way. In the later issues the stamps that I think will advance rapidly are Nos. 107, 115, 117, 130, 136, 138, 142, 143 and 144.

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343	.05	385	.18	421	8.00	464	4.50	493	.06	537	.10
344	.12	390	.10	422	5.00	470	.55	495	.08	538	.05
346	.35	394	.25	423	7.50	471	1.20	496	.09	539	.08
351	1.10	396	.40	441	.13	472	1.20	497	.30	541	.60
352	.50	408	.04	444	.14	473	.50	520	.25	544	.04
367	.07	409	.07	448	.14	481	.02	521	.45	545	1.20
368	.25	410	.06	449	.14	482	.04	525	.05	546	.50
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EDITORIAL

IT is somewhat amusing to witness the critics of the recent U. S. surcharges going through their exercises; and we cannot enter with real enthusiasm into their campaign of more or less polite objurgation. In our opinion, there is an incongruity between the Hawaiians and the Molly Pitcher commemoratives and the events they celebrate, but that belief is not sufficient to justify the uncorking of the vials of wrath on the luckless issues. While we may say that we do not quite feel that some of our correspondents are entitled to speak as harshly as they do, we assure all who have written on the subject of the Hawaiians, and particularly, the Molly Pitcher issue, that their letters are scanned with interest. While speaking of U. S. commemoratives, we shall reprint the following criticism of "U. S. A.: Utterly Speculative Abortions" that appeared in *Gibbons Stamp Weekly* of April 27, 1907: "The great and mighty republic is at it again. There are to be more speculative show labels for milking stamp collectors. This time it is to be a series for the Jamestown Exposition of 1907. This local show rubbish is increasing at such a pace that it would soon outstrip the ordinary postal series of the United States. By and by, we may expect a Chicago Tinned Meat series." By this time, our editorial friend's reason must have tottered on its throne. Incidentally, that 5c Jamestown is about as good a stamp as there is in the catalogue, and if anybody tried to organize a movement for a Tinned Meat series in Chicago, the sponsor would fall to earth, he'd know not where. Mr. Michael Miller, Baltimore, sent in this echo of the past.

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MR. E. O. HOWLE, Chicago, has shown us a buying list of U. S. stamps that was copyrighted in 1899, and bears on the front page the following description: "Price 25 cents. The Philatelic Stamp Value Book. Compiled from Standard Authorities Containing Values of Hundreds of Rare Stamps Wanted by Collectors." Overleaf is the explanation in answer to the question, "Who buys rare stamps?" that dealers in the large cities, some of whom are named, do so; and that by consulting the directories of the different cities, other dealers may be found. It looks as though this verbally pretentious, but actually ridiculously inadequate list is an unfinished job, since it consists of a single page on which relatively few prices appear, and then only up to the 1862-66 issue. Here are some of the prices "by the hundred" that are appended to certain of the stamps. Brattleboro, $50 a hundred; Baltimore, 5c and Millbury, each $50 a hundred, while the New Haven drops to $10 a hundred, which is the same quotation on the St. Louis, 10c. The 5c St. Louis emerges at $25 a hundred, and the highest price in the book is given to the 25c St. Louis (sic!) at $250 a hundred. The 5c of '47 is named at the comparatively high figure of ten dollars a hundred, and the 1c of 1851, the imperforate (shades of Ashbrook) has the buying price of one dollar a hundred. Other stamps are given at proportionately liberal prices, revised downward. The leaflet is a curiosity certainly of philatelic literature, and whether it was ever circulated, we cannot say, but at any rate the compiler was off to a poor start with a poor mount.

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A CHICAGO postal employee, Mr. U. L. Johnson, writes to tell of the first day's service on the air route, Chicago to Evansville, Indiana. He says the mail was the heaviest ever transported on an air route out of Chicago, distances considered, and that the four cities on the route contributed nearly fifty thousand pieces. The poundage of mail was reported as follows: out of Chicago, 172 pounds; Evansville, 161 pounds; Champaign, Ill., 222 pounds, and Terre Haute, 110 pounds. After December 1st, this Chicago-Atlanta route will be extended to Atlanta, Ga., with stops at Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. H. A. Meyer sent us covers on the first flight from Evansville, Ind., and Messrs. E. G. Young and L. L. Steimley from Champaign, Ill.

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IN the 1924 catalogue, under Sweden, 1855, No. 1a, appeared for the first time, as 3s orange (error); and in the recent catalogue, it is priced at $9,000 in used condition. In the Chicago *Abendpost* of November 14th, there appeared an interesting history of this rarity, which has been translated for us by Mr. Joseph Goder: "One of the most valuable stamps in the world is the yellow three skilling stamp of Sweden, which is an error, since the color should be green. Engineer C. A. Tamm sold the copy to John Ramberg, notary at Goteborg, for 37,000 Swedish kroners, about $10,000. The history of the stamp is as follows: in 1885, a fourteen-year-old school-boy, G. W. Backmann, found the stamp while searching for specimens in old correspondence at his grandfather's place in the country. He offered his find to a dealer in Stockholm, who, on examination, shook his head, saying that the stamp was yellow instead of green, but he paid the boy the price of the normal copy at that time. Soon, it was reported in the paper that Lichtenstein, the great European collector, had shown the stamp at an exhibition as one of his great rarities. In 1894, Lichtenstein sold the copy to Friedl in Vienna. Later, it came into the collection of Ferrary, Paris, and in the German Postal Museum. In 1922, the stamp was sold to Sweden for the sum of 35,200 francs." While this story may not be absolutely correct in all its details, it is something to find news of the kind in this old German newspaper.

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FROM Mr. Jos. L. Regensburger, Albuquerque, N. M., we have received a registered letter, the stamps on which have received the impression of a special "killer" that takes the form of the "thunderbird," which is "the Indian symbol of the sacred bearer of happiness." He adds: "From to-day, the cancellation will be used on all registered mail at this office." However, it is possible that this piece of Indian ornithological symbolism will not flap its wings for any great period of time, in view of certain rumblings from Washington.

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THE Associated Press recently told in a despatch that the assistant postmaster at Red Bank, New Jersey, sent specimens of the Molly Pitcher stamps to King George for the royal stamp collection. In due course, a letter came from the private secretary of the king with a polite declination to accept the stamps, inasmuch as King George collects the issue of the British empire only. The newspaper treatment of the story was varied, and judging from some of the head-lines, there was an editorial disposition to associate the refusal of the stamps to the subject that they extol, since Molly Pitcher replaced her husband, a sergeant in the Continental army, who fell in the battle of Monmouth, and served the cannon, thereby immortalizing her bravery. We refuse to impute any subtle motive to the action of the royal collector, who, as is well known, gives his collecting attention to the stamps of his own domains.

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WITH regret, we announce the death of Godfrey Schirmer, Denver, Colorado, on November 15th, at the age of sixty-five years. Mr. Schirmer's interest in philately was of no ordinary kind, and we remember how he asked for our assistance in preparing a talk on stamps for use over the radio. His collection has not been described to us, but it is reasonable to say that it contained good stamps. Mr. Schirmer was the German consul for Colorado, and was highly esteemed in financial circles, having been president of the American National Bank at the time of his death, as well as a director in various other enterprises. Too, he was a real philanthropist, and his death deprives philately of a friend, and the world of a useful citizen.

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MR. G. VAN DE KIEFT, New York, writes: "I received on the regular mail on November 14, the 1928, Netherlands, No. 190, changed in color to No. 191, which means that No. 191, ultramarine will have to be changed, also. The rate on the regular mail seems to have been changed from 15c to 12½c."

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WE await word from London as to the particulars of the London Stamp Exhibition, at Memorial Hall, Nov. 16th to 24th, feeling that it will be successful in all its functions, following the opening ceremony performed by the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of London.

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Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
40 Wilshire Park, Needham, Mass.

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Here is some bad news. The Pan American Airways, Inc., advise that they will NOT apply any cachets, or handle mail for collectors over the West Indian, Cuban and Porto Rican routes. This word comes direct to me from the General Traffic Manager, who states that, while the Company regrets that it cannot help collectors out, the task would be beyond their facilities to handle. It looks as if we will have to depend on the local postal authorities to come to our assistance.

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The Amarillo, Tex., Board of City Development has sent notification to collectors that their covers will be held for a short time pending the completion of the Airport, possibly during December. Evidently a cachet will be applied, so get your covers down there quickly.

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Clipping from Chicago paper states that another Mexican route is being considered. The proposed route will be from Los Angeles to Nogales, Hermosillo, Culican, Mazatlan, Tepic, Guadalajara, Queretaro and Mexico City. Courtesy of Mr. D. Abernathy.

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The Postal Bulletin of November 17th does not include Louisville as a landing point on CAM No. 30, which begins operations on December 1st. Our item of last week stated that Louisville would be connected up with St. Louis, which was not the true fact. Information was taken from a Chicago paper, which led to the error.

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Louisville, Ky., applied a three-line cachet to mail carried on the First Night flight on CAM 16. The cachet reads: "First Night Flight—CAM 16, Nov. 12, 1928—Louisville to Cleveland." As covers sent to the Postmaster at Louisville bear this cachet, we believe that it is OFFICIAL.

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Covers from the First Flight U. S.-Germany via "Graf Zeppelin" have been received back in this country and make very welcome additions to these Trans-Atlantic hops. The cachet was carefully applied both at New York and Lakehurst, and my covers are exceptionally clean and give the appearance of having been handled with respect to their collective value.

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For the information of readers who sent covers to Mr. Henry O. Meisel, to be given motorcycle service on Nov. 12th, Mr. Meisel writes that the large cachet on the covers was applied by the Chamber of Commerce and the small one, reading "Nov. 11th, 1918—Armistice Day—Nov. 11th, 1928", was applied by himself at the time he autographed the covers. Mr. Meisel acted as "pilot" and carried the mail himself to Green Bay, Wis. NOT OFFICIAL.

Davenport, Ia., dedicated an Airport on Nov. 12th and a cachet was applied to 2952 pieces of mail on that date. Mr. Frank H. Grace states that this mail was received from 519 collectors, residing in 258 different cities, located in 42 states and provinces—ample evidence that Airport dedications are popular affairs to the minds of a FEW collectors! I thank Mr. Allen P. Harding for information on this dedication, also. NOT OFFICIAL.

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The Albany, N. Y., "Times-Union" of Nov. 7th carried a fine piece of publicity for Air Mail cover collecting, through the efforts of Mr. Chas. G. Riess of that city. The article pictured Mr. Riess holding a cover that had been carried by Air Mail from Mexico City to Montreal and back to Albany, a map of the routes covered by the letter and a close-up of the cover. The story occupied a prominent place in the paper and was a nice piece of work. Mr. Riess is to be congratulated for his efforts.

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The election must have interfered with a lot of my co-operators' work! Look at the list this week! The star indicates a cover received from some point, kindness of the co-operator*—Jesse E. Baker, Anna M. Schafer*, Donald E. Dickason*, Erwin Strasser*, Claude W. Parker, Boleslaus Jarzembowski, Clarence Montgomery, Geo. T. Bush, Henry O. Meisel*, F. O. Nelson*, Glenn M. Kidder, Frank H. Grace, D. Abernathy, Carroll L. Weber*, R. M. Hayes*, Wilfred T. Foster*, Burt Williams*, O. H. Phinney*, Frank W. Wright*, Allen P. Harding, Wm. H. Conkling*, Dr. Jos. H. Beattie, Albert N. Brown.

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Dr. Beattie sends a clipping that is well worth giving here. "Astonished farmers of Bradford, Conn., saw an airplane swoop out of the fog and land in the stubble of an oat field. The pilot jumped out, brisk enough, and asked, 'Where's Cleveland?' 'He's dead!' replied a farmer. 'No, no,' replied the pilot, 'I'm an air mail pilot out of Hadley Field, N. J., for Cleveland, Ohio, and how far from Cleveland am I?' When he found out, it was his time to be astonished. He had been flying eight or nine hours in the fog and through some mishap to his compass, had been flying east instead of west."

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A small sketch of Butte, Mont., was incorporated in a cachet applied to Air Mail on Nov. 12th at the official opening of the Butte Airport. Cachet reads: "Official Opening—Butte Airport—Nov. 12th". NOT OFFICIAL.

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The American Legion Airport at Connellsville, Pa., was also dedicated Nov. 12th. The American Eagle has a prominent place in the cachet applied to Air Mail, together with the place, date and particulars of the dedication.

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Springfield, Ill., celebrated the convention of the 33rd Division War Veteran's Association on Nov. 17th, and the Chamber of Commerce applied a cachet to Air Mail. Cachet is in the form of a white cross in the centre of a circle, the circle being solid and carrying the words "33rd Division—War Veterans Association." Over the circle, "Chamber of Commerce Welcomes"; under the circle, "Convention—Nov. 17th, 1928—Springfield, Ill." Courtesy of Mr. Wm. H. Conkling. NOT OFFICIAL.

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Mr. Geo. T. Bush sends a sketch of the cachet that will be applied to Air Mail on December 18th, by the Bellefonte, Pa., Kiwanis and Associated Clubs. Collectors desiring this cachet applied to covers on that date, the tenth anniversary of Air Mail at Bellefonte, may send their covers, ready for mailing to Mr. Bush, care of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club.

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A Municipal Airport at Shawnee, Okl., will be opened on Jan. 1st next, according to plans being made now by the aviation committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

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Antonito, Colo., dedicated an Airport on Nov. 13th, but no cachet appears on covers received from that point. *** Here are three possible chances for cachets—McAlester, Okl., Shawnee, Okl., Matamoras, Pa. They may be "pulled off" any day, so send your covers along. *** An additional service on CAM 16 between Cleveland and Akron went into effect on Nov. 15th. No cachet was used, I believe. *** Claude W. Parker reports that a special cachet was used at Ranger, Tex., for the dedication of the Airport on Nov. 10th. The Chamber of Commerce made the application. NOT OFFICIAL.

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Flint and Pontiac, Mich., will be added to CAM 27 on December 1st, as forecast a couple of weeks ago. Pontiac becomes a terminal of the Chicago-Detroit leg, while Flint will be included in the Bay City leg.

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The Canadian Postal Authorities announce the beginning of an Air Mail service between Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon and return on December 10th. The service will continue over the holidays, ending on Dec. 29th. Special cachets will be applied at the various terminals and the mail will be handled about as the recent Toronto—east and west flights. December 10th, the plane will leave Winnipeg at 9.15 A. M., fly to Regina, and relays will be used on to Calgary, Saskatoon and Edmonton. The return trip is scheduled to leave Edmonton at 7.00 A. M., arriving in Winnipeg at 4.15 P. M., in time to connect with east and south bound trains. If you contemplate following this through, handle your covers the same as you have been doing for U. S. contract flights, only using Canadian Air Mail stamps instead of U. S. The postmasters along the route will probably have their instructions as to how to handle collectors' mail and you should experience no trouble. Canadian Air Mail stamps can be secured, or if more convenient, send money orders to the amount of postage required, not forgetting the RETURN POSTAGE for any covers sent to yourself in care of a postmaster. December 10th is the date.

Stamp News for the Juniors

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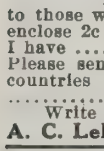

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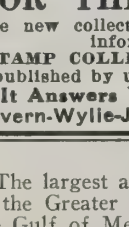

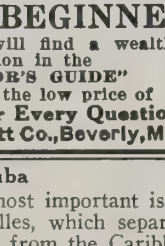

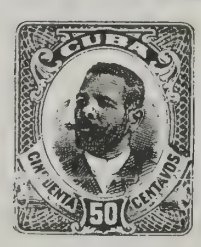

Fiji "C R" Stamps

The meaning of the script capital letters "C R" under the crown on the 1871 stamps of Fiji has puzzled a good many collectors. They stand for "Cakobau Rex," *i.e.*, King Cakobau. In 1871 a number of Englishmen set up a Fijian government and nominated the principal chief, Cakobau, as King. At the end of the year a national post was established to take the place of the private post then operated by the proprietors of the *Fiji Times*. Postage stamps of the values of 1p, 3p and 6p were ordered from Sydney, New South Wales, and these were engraved and printed at the Government Printing Office there. They were placed on sale on December 17, 1871, and early in the following year (January 12th, to be exact) they were surcharged with values in *cents*, as this latter was the currency most generally in use. These stamps remained in circulation until October 10, 1874, when the Fiji Islands were ceded to Great Britain, and all the stamps on hand were overprinted with the letters "V R" (Victoria Regina) before being placed on sale.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

Luxemburg Charity Issue

We illustrate herewith the new charity issue of Luxemburg. There are five values, 10c+5c, 60c+10c, 75c+15c, 1fr+

25c, 1.50fr+50c. The set was issued December 1, and the supply is plentiful. We are indebted to the Home of the Postage Stamp for these particulars.

Junior News Release

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

Kelantan.—The Malay State of Kelantan is to have a new $1.00 stamp. Instead of the current native design, the stamp will show the Sultan of Kelantan. The stamp will be inscribed: "Kelantan Postage and Revenue," in both English and native.

Liechtenstein.—Stamps commemorating the 70th birthday of Prince Jean II have appeared, October 5th being the 1st date of issue. The values which show a portrait of the Prince, and are as follows: 10 rappan, 20r, 30r and 60r. The 1.20f, 1.50f, 2f show two pictures of the Prince, at the age of 60 and a current portrait.

Poland.—Another scholar and writer is honored this month on a postage stamp. Poland has issued a commemorative in honor of Henryk Sienkiewicz, the author of "Qou Vadis," and other books.

Russia.—Because of the fact that the government printing office found it impossible to print the desired quantity of stamps in time for their issue on the correct date, the Soviet government has announced that the Tolstoi commemoratives will not make their appearance.

Saargebiet.—This territory has two new airmail stamps, depicting an airplane in flight over the city of Saarbrücken, the center of the state. The values are 50c carmine and 1fr violet.

Transjordania.—The current set was surcharged "Dastour," or in English, constitution, on September 1st, to commemorate the formal recognition of this Arab nation by the British Government. The report states that only 5,600 complete sets were surcharged, which implies surcharging of individual values. The stamps were only in circulation for one month.

Turkey.—Another Smyrna Agricultural and Industrial Exposition is being held, and rumor has it that another commemorative set will be issued, on sale at the fair only. Further details have not yet been received.

New Leeward Stamps

New postage stamps on order from the Leeward Islands Colony embrace thirteen varieties, with a total value of £4 8s 9d, as compared with eighty-six at present in circulation (face value £8 9s 10d). A peculiarity of this colony is that, in addition to a uniform series of Postage and Revenue stamps inscribed with the name of the Leeward Islands, each of the five Presidencies comprised therein has its own distinctive stamp issue. Not only are the designs of the six issues to undergo immediate change, but a number of denominations now current are to be abolished and two additional values added to the uniform series only. The design in each instance to take the form of twin medallions, the one embracing the King's head, and the other the device of the public seal of the Presidency in which the stamps are issued.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Swiss Child Welfare

The annual event of issuing Child Welfare stamps for this country takes place on December 1st, and four denominations are to be issued. The 5 centimes will show the Arms of Lausanne, the capital of the Canton of Vaud, printed in red and black with a violet frame, on both sides will be represented bunches of grapes symbolizing the vine cultivation of that Canton. The 10 centimes will bear the Arms of Winterthur, Canton of Zurich, printed in red and black on white with frame in green, on each side of the Arms is an anchor. The 20 centimes will show the Arms of St. Gall and represent a black bear with yellow collar and red tongue, standing on a white ground. The frame is in red, and at the left is seen the Caduceus (the wand of Mercury) encircled by two snakes, at the right side is seen the crosier and tiara of a bishop, St. Gall being the seat of a bishop. These three values are all on buff papers. The 30 centimes will be printed in blue, and will be of a larger design, similar to the Pestalozzi issue of last year, and will portray Henri Dunant, who was the founder of the Red Cross, this stamp celebrates the centenary of his birth, which was this year; on the left the Red Cross is seen surrounded by rays. The 5, 10 and 20 centimes will be printed at the Federal Mint and the 30 centimes in Holland.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

Chambre de Commerce de Valenciennes

An inscription found on a 10c provisional war stamp issued in 1914 by the Valenciennes, France, Chamber of Commerce.

Junior Dictionary

Porto Rico.—A fertile West Indian island lying 75 miles east of Hayti. It was a Spanish settlement until 1898, when, as a result of the war with the United States, it was ceded to the latter country. Civil government was conferred in 1900. Postage stamps under Spanish dominion were first issued in 1873.

Portugal Continente.—Found on many Portuguese stamps, and meaning "Portugal-Mainland." This is meant to emphasize the fact that though Madeira and the Azores are integral parts of the republic, they have their own separate series of postage stamps.

Portuguese Congo.—The Portuguese section of the Congo district, excluding Angola, which has its own postage stamps. Postage stamps for this region were first issued in 1893.

Portuguese East Africa.—A dependency of Portugal situated east of Rhodesia, and consisting since 1891 of the three provinces of Mozambique, Zambesia and Lourenzo Marques, each of which has a separate postal administration. The territory as a whole is now known as the "State of East Africa."

Portuguese Guinea.—A colony of Portugal on the west coast of Africa, south of the British possession of Gambia. Postage Stamps were first issued in 1881.

Poschta.—Russian for "post."

Poschta, Pochta, Poshtsha, Poshta.—Variations, and in some cases misspellings of the word "Posta," meaning post or postage.

MISCELLANY—

THE first number of *Linn's Weekl Stamp News*, 20 E. Chestnut St., Columbus, Ohio, has just appeared. It small, but well printed, and in the hand of Mr. Linn will soon take on additions pages. A sample copy will no doubt be sent upon request. Mr. Lin has our best wishes for success. He a capable newspaper man and philatelis and the new paper starts under favorabl auspices.

THE new stamp paper which is to ap pear from N. Y. City, will be issue fortnightly, instead of weekly. E. Power will be editor, and Frank L. Wi son associate editor. The first numbe will appear the first of January, 192 The offices of the paper will be at 148 Broadway, N. Y. City.

OUR dealer-subscriber, Francis Gross, 681 Hancock St., Brooklyn N. Y., has just returned from a fou months' trip in Europe. He will b pleased to hear from his old friends.

ON Armistice Day the American Legion Airport was dedicated at Connellsville, Pa. We have a cover fro McKeesport, Pa., under date of Nov. 1 10 A. M. marking, and Cleveland, O Nov. 13, 8 P. M., indicating airma service.

AN editorial appeared in the Ne York *Sun*, on Thursday, Nov. 1 entitled "Precancels." It is a well-writ ten editorial and indicates a very goo knowledge of the subject upon the par of the author. The annual report of th Smithsonian Institution, in which is in corporated a report on the National Mu seum, shows the receipt of contribution to the precancel postage stamp collectio through the president of the Precance Stamp Society. The editorial calls th precancelled stamp "the perfect symbo of the collector's folly." The argumen used is the impossibility of securing complete collection, a very familiar on indeed to those general collectors wh persist along the lines of collecting th issues of the entire world. Clippings ar at hand from J. M. Bartels and F. C DePuy.

NOTWITHSTANDING the passin of Bertrand L. Drew, the invitatio "Come in and browse around" is no destined to be lost to philately. W. S Barker, a long-time dealer in Boston, ha bought the business of Mr. Drew, as wil be noticed by the advertisement else where in this issue. Mr. Barker will n doubt maintain the high standard o business for which both firms have bee well known.

WE are indebted to L. L. Steimley fo a first flight cover CAM 30, Chi cago to Atlanta. The date is Nov. 19 and the postal marking is Champaign, Ill

THE November issue of *Stamples Covers* edited by F. S. Eaton, 7 Sachem St., New Haven, Conn., is a hand. Anyone interested in covers o this character will do well to communi cate with Mr. Eaton. A sample copy will be sent prospective subscribers o receipt of 50c, which will be refunded to anyone so requesting and returning the copy. The subscription price to non-members of the A. P. S. is $2.00 per year. Members of this organization who are connected with the Stampless Covers Unit may receive the paper on receipt of annual dues of $1.20. The last number is filled to repletion with matter of interest to the collectors of stampless covers.

A NEW magazine devoted to airmail stamps and covers has just been issued from Holton, Kans. It is called the *Airmail Collector*, and a sample copy will doubtless be sent to any interested party. With the great interest that is now being taken in airmail philately this magazine

hould fill a real need. It is a monthly iagazine of fifty-two pages, and the pa-er before us is a remarkably good first umber.

THOSE of our readers who sent letters to the Chamber of Commerce, Cle-urne, Texas, for Nov. 10 and 11, special achet, can secure return of their letters y forwarding return postage to Mana-er C. C. Patterson. As it turned out, o special cachet was used.

F you are a collector of precancels you will do well to write 2758 Clarkson v., Omaha, Nebr., for a sample copy f the *Precancel Bee*. Volume 2, Num-er 7, is before us, and it is a creditable ublication.

I. E. STAMP CO. REORGANIZED

Elsewhere in this issue is a notice to ie effect that the N. E. Stamp Co. of oston, is to take on a new lease of life nder the management of Tom V. Bin-iore. It will be reorganized and open p in the Fall of 1929, for active business.

TO HERMAN W. BOERS

By C. H. HOLDEN.

(November 19 we paid tribute to the enter-ise of Mr. Boers in prose. and now through ie courtesy of C. H. Holden of Detroit, we ortray his virtues in verse. It is praise well served. He is not a "tinseled, passing ageant.")

erman Boers! Who has not heard of Her-man?
f course, all knew he was born a German,
ut the germ he had has germinated,
ntil today he's a stamp bug rated.

ong his writings of philatelic news
tonic has been to dryness and blues,
nd are eagerly read from coast to coast,
aying which is no idle, empty boast.

ndeed, no other bug with agile wings
as soared so high in describing things
hat happen in the ever busy camp
f the alluring little postage stamp.

'e in Detroit know what his pen has done
o place the Michigan Stamp Club in the sun,
city today regarded far and wide
s a fair haven where live ones abide.

o show what we all think and deeply feel
having a man of such worthy zeal,
ie Club, making plans for a lengthy trip,
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hat Club will be next to enroll a name,
o prove that its publicity agent
more than a tinseled, passing pageant?

SYDNEY VIEWS

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

A collection of unique interest and nsiderable magnitude has just come on e market, comprising engravers' proofs id trial printings of stamps of British ssessions. Formed by Mr. C. H. ortimer, of Dorking, it is the most mprehensive collection of the kind ever ought together. Mr. Mortimer had en gathering material for many years r a work on proofs of the line-en-aved stamps of the British Empire om 1840 to 1900, and although he has w parted with his collection I trust e results of his great researches will t be published. I am indebted to Mr. Roberts, the purchaser of the collec-n, for the opportunity of making some tes on the rich collection of New uth Wales proofs.

The New South Wales stamps com-he artistic with philatelic interest. We ow little of the three local engravers o produced the famous "Sydney iews," or, as they used to be called, old diggings." They were Robert ayton, John Carmichael, and H. C. rvis, all of Sydney, who engraved the , 2d and 3d respectively, and treated e design in different ways. Carmichael, o was a deaf mute, was the best en-aver of the three, and his 2d stamps, om the early state of the plate, are autifully executed and free from er-rs and omissions. When one remem-rs that each of the twenty-four stamps the plate had to be engraved separate-l by hand his fidelity to detail is re-arkable. Both Clayton and Jervis itted various details from a number stamps on their respective plates. But rmichael's fine work, being on cop-r, wore very quickly, and the heavy rin of Jervis was employed in re-ching it.

Mr. Mortimer's collection contains autiful contemporary proofs of the 1d d 3d, including a very rare one of the latter in black, and the curious litho-graphed essay of the 1d in bright red. This "litho" used to be regarded as a forgery, but is now known to be due to a proposal of Clayton's to print the stamps by lithography; there is a pair of the essay in the Tapling Collection.

Valuable Records

There are two essays for 6d and 1s stamps designed by the Postmaster-General, Mr. James Raymond, himself, and engraved by Carmichael, but the artistic origin of the next issue, with the Queen's head "laureated," is attributed to Mr. A. W. Manning, the Inspector of Stamps. Most of these were engraved on steel by Carmichael (1d, 2d and 3d), each repeated separately by hand fifty times to form the printing plate, and in the case of the bi-coloured registration stamp there were two steel plates bearing fifty heads and fifty frames respectively. As the proofs show, the finest quality in the engraving for this series was Carmichael's 6d stamp which he engraved on copper. Jervis also took a hand in engraving the laureates; he did the 2d and 8d on copper, and the retouching of Carmichael's plates when they became worn.

A clerk at the post office department, Mr. T. W. Levinge, prepared the original rough sketches for the "diadem" series, but they were re-drawn in London by Mr. Edward Henry Corbould, and engraved by Mr. William Humphrys. In the case of the larger design, the 5d green, introduced in 1855, had the longest life of any stamp, being in use for over half a century. In these two diademed types the collection of die and plate proofs is very extensive, and most remarkable of all are the small trial plates with impressions which have been subjected to a great variety of tests for colour and for protection against cleaning. Even the original mixings of the pigments for the ink are noted in a contemporary hand.

There is also a rare die proof in black of the beautiful coin design by Corbould for the 5s stamp; this was engraved by Frederick Heath. It was, however, Mr. Levinge's idea to have the design circular, to make it readily distinguishable from the other values, and to show the young Queen crowned, with sceptre, and the four stars of the Southern Cross, and a sprig of waratah, representing Australia.—*Postage Stamp.*

Culture

—A Strong Plea for the United States to Have "Cultural" Stamps.

(A. W. Claflin—"Prov. Journal.")

Germany is employing her postage stamps as propaganda for her highest culture.

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Contrast with these the portraits on American stamps. With the exception of Franklin and Martha Washington, they are now all portraits of Presidents. The stamps of the denominations from one to twelve cents are distinguished by the portraits of Franklin, Washington, Lincoln, Martha Washington, Roosevelt, Garfield, McKinley, Grant, Jefferson, Monroe, Hayes and Cleveland. On the stamps of higher denominations the pictures are symbolical or scenic. Earlier stamps bear the portraits of Webster, Clay, Admiral Farragut, Chief Justice Marshall, General Sherman, Commodore Perry, President Madison, General Scott, Alexander Hamilton, the statesman; Secretary of War Stanton and President Taylor. Very beautiful stamps have been issued in commemoration of various events or industrial activities, but these do not rival the cultural German stamps.

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BELA SEKULA CATALOG

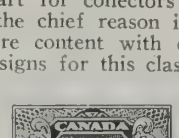
From Bela Sekula of Lucerne, Switzerland, we have received a catalog of the firm's December sale, to be held from Dec. 10 to 15 inclusive. This sale is remarkable for the wonderful collection of Finland that is contained. It requires forty-seven pages to list the Finland numbers, and in the accompanying book of illustrations twenty-four full pages are given to illustrating these items. This collection was the property of a well-known Finland collector by the name of Lindberg. It was offered at auction in 1927 by a Berlin firm, but in consequence of limits only a small number of lots were sold.

This sale is also strong in other European countries, and several pages are given to British Colonies and countries in North and South America. The extent of the sale can be understood when it is known that 6,023 lots are listed, and the book of illustrations runs to 116 pages. The firm will have another big sale in January, and auction patrons will do well to have their names placed upon the firm's mailing list.

TOPICAL NOTES ON NEW ISSUES

Liner "Provisional." — An unprecedented postal incident occurred on a recent eastward-bound trip of the French liner "Ile de France," which carries an aeroplane to be catapulted from the deck to expedite the delivery of mails. Letters to be delivered by this ship to shore air service cost an extra 10 francs postage, and the ship's post office on this occasion ran out of 10 francs stamps. The postal officer in charge created provisional 10 francs stamps by surcharging 1,000 of the 1.50 franc blue and 2,000 of the 1.50 red stamps. The overprinting is said to have been done in the presence of a French Consul on board, and the novel stamp varieties thus created have been selling for 300 to 400 francs each in Paris.

Collecting Postage Due. — Postage Due stamps are not so popular with collectors as ordinary postage stamps. The fact that they represent a fine or double tax on insufficiently paid mail may account in part for collectors' neglect of them, but the chief reason is that most countries are content with conventional numeral designs for this class of stamp.



A novel exception is the new series printed at the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the Philippine Islands, in a pictorial design by a Filipino artist, A. Garcia. His theme is both appropriate and amusing, representing the postal clerk refusing to give up a letter until the fine has been paid. There are seven values, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 20 centavos, all in carmine.

New Issue for Gold Coast.—The new stamps for the Gold Coast are a departure from the printing processes hitherto used for British Colonial stamps. They have been printed by Messrs. Harrison and Sons, Ltd., of Hayes, in their photogravure method known as "collogravure," as used for the stamps of Egypt with the fine photographic portrait of King Fuad. The design and small size of the Gold Coast stamps do not lend themselves so well to this class of printing as the larger Egyptian designs did. The medallion bearing the profile of King George is too small, and gives neither the character of a photograph nor the modelling of Sir Bertram Mackennal's medal head. The view beneath the King's head is of Christiansborg Castle, near Accra, which is now the residence of the Governor of the Colony. Like the historic Cape Coast Castle and Elmina Castle, it is a relic of the days of the slave traders.

Rajah of Kelantan.—Kelantan, a State on the east of Malay Peninsula, was transferred along with Kedah, Perlis, and Trengganu from Siamese to British protection in 1909. The first Kelantan stamps were issued on January 11, 1911, bearing as their central device a group of Moslem and Malayan emblems. It was reported at the time that the Rajah, on seeing the stamps of the neighbouring State of Trengganu, on which the portrait of the Sultan is used, expressed himself as dissatisfied with the Kelantan device. A correspondent of the *Straits Times* at Kota Bharu stated at the time that the Rajah wished to buy up the whole issue and have it replaced by a set bearing his portrait.

Nothing further was done about the matter until the present year, when arrangements were made through the Crown Agents for the Colonies to have a new 1 dollar stamp engraved in intaglio with the Rajah's picture, surrounded by an ornamental border, inscribed in English and Malay, "Kelantan Postage and Revenue."

New Issues for Air Services.—There is a sheaf of new air post stamps from Canada, Germany, Roumania, the Saa and Uruguay. Canada and Rouman are newcomers to the albums of the a stamp collector. The former has used five-cent stamp of large size, showing map of Canada, over which are tw angels and an aeroplane. Roumania contribution is a set depicting a mon plane in flight, the body of the machi bearing the name of the pilot, Capta C. G. Craiu, but the name has been mi spelt C-Raiu on the first edition, and corrected issue is in preparation. Ge many's new two-marks and four-mark stamps were issued just in time fo franking some 50,000 letters and pos cards sent by the Graf-Zeppelin t America.

Two handsome photogravure stamp printed by the Vaugirard firm in Pari and showing an aeroplane in flight ove the Saar, have been issued in that terr tory; they are fifty-centimes carmine an one-franc violet. The new Uruguay ai stamps are in the old design of a futuris bird, but this has been re-drawn, and i smaller; the stamps are now perforate and in a full series of twelve denomina tions in place of the four original im perforate stamps.—*Postage Stamp.*

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The present-day insistence on the importance of condition and the very wide variation in condition found in the early imperf. issues of most countries, make it impossible that a single price figure shall be, in such issues, any real idea of the value of an individual stamp. In recent editions we have stated that our prices, in such cases, were for good average copies of the stamps in question, but it must be admitted that, for the ordinary collector who possesses but one or two specimens of each stamp, the definition is very little informative value.

It is as a result of the single-price method that abuse of the term "catalogue value" has arisen, to the detriment of collectors, particularly the inexperienced, who naturally try to buy all their stamps at a bargain price, and who fall easy victims to those who offer, by advertisement, or through other market channels, mixed lots which purport to contain scarce stamps of the older issues, and which are offered and sold at a small fraction of the "catalogue price," this latter being, of course, prominently stated, without any reference to the condition of the specimens offered.

On examination, such lots, if they do contain (as they too often do) a proportion of forgeries, or stamps cleaned or cunningly repaired, are found to consist in large part of damaged, cut close, or heavily cancelled copies, which are either worthless or whose market value bears no relation to the catalogue price.

As a result of these abuses there are numerous collectors who, priding themselves on their business acumen, have got together large collections of stamps, purchased at low rates, and which they fondly believe to be worth five, ten or twenty times what they paid for them. When they, or their hopeful heirs, attempt to dispose of such collections, and find that, far from showing them a large profit, they can only be disposed of, if at all, at a very heavy loss, deep disappointment naturally results, and the blame which should rest on the collector himself, or on the unscrupulous persons who have misled him, too often falls on the reputable dealer who is unable to pay a large proportion of catalogue price for almost worthless rubbish.

While it is impossible by any method of catalogue pricing to guard the inexperienced against forgeries and faked stamps, our new method, which we term "differential pricing," should be of great assistance to collectors when buying those early imperf. issues which vary greatly in condition. In effect, we have quoted low and high prices which cover the ordinary saleable range of stamps, from poor, but not hopelessly defective, specimens to fine copies in first-class condition. It should be particularly noted that beyond this range of pricing there lie, on the one hand, very heavily cancelled, cut into, or otherwise damaged specimens, which have practically no value, and on the other those superb copies (not to mention pairs, strips, blocks, and stamps on cover) which are the cynosure of wealthy collectors, and whose value often bears no calculable relation to the catalogue price of stamps normally met with or of single specimens.

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BOOK REVIEW

Those who are familiar with the famous Melville stamp books will be interested in knowing that Nos. 24 and 25 have just been issued. One deals with Virgin Islands and the other with Baden. The latter book is dedicated to Carl Lindenberg, who died this year, and "to whom most of our knowledge of Baden's postage stamps is due." It is enough to say that both of these booklets are printed in the familiar form of the previous books and are even more fully illustrated. The books are 36c each, and may be obtained from the Philatelic Institute, 26 Plumstead High St., London, S. E. 18., England.

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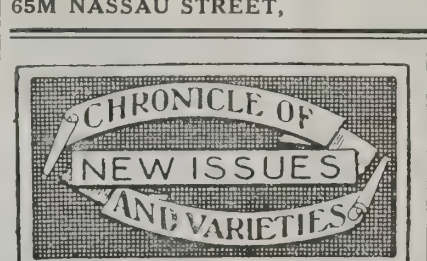

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United States

Aeronautic Conference Stamps

By the time these notes appear in print, the new 2-cent and 5-cent stamps, issued in behalf of the International Civil Aeronautics Conference, will about be ready for issue. It is learned that the first order placed with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing by the Post Office Department, calls for twenty million of the 2-cent, which are to be printed in red, and five million of the 5-cent blue. At the present time, it is not the intention of the Department to increase this order, although, of course, when the Bureau actually does the printing, the quantities usually run slightly under or slightly above the amount specified.

On the day of issue, December 12th, they will be available at Washington only, although a small supply may be obtained by other postmasters upon requisition. The stamp being larger than the normal variety, it is not likely to prove popular with the average postmaster, and as a result, if they hold the quantity in Washington, they are likely to last for some time.

The official announcement of the issue of these stamps, appears in the Postal Bulletin for November 13th, which contains a communication of the Third Assistant Postmaster General of November tenth.

5-Cent Air Mail, Bi-Colored

Mr. Malcolm H. Ganser, in our contemporary the *Weekly Philatelic Gossip* states that the current 5-cent Air Mail stamp offers the first opportunity that we have had for ten years to find an inverted center. He is not far wrong in this assumption that there is such a possibility, for at the present time, the demands of postmasters for the 5-cent Air Mail red and blue is so great that the Bureau is working to the full capacity plates available for producing the stamp. As a matter of fact, I am reliably informed that they are being turned out so fast that there is a great possibility of such an error being found. It is suggested that collectors watch their post offices most carefully, for it will not come as a surprise if one of our many readers finally locates such a variety.

Cancellations

In the Chronicle for November fifth, mention was made that the Lansford, Pa., postmaster had used a special four-leaf clover on certain political circular letters sent out from that post office, the sending out of the circulars without proper postmarks resulting in the dismissal of the postmaster. The information given relative to the design of the postmark was officially received from Washington.

Evidently one or two other cancellations were used, for Mr. Henry C. DeWitt, Jr., has sent for inspection one of the Lansford covers, with circular enclosed, which shows a postmark consisting of two horizontal lines about one-sixteenth of an inch wide and one inch long, no doubt applied by means of a cork. The clover-leaf has not been seen, although the information being official, no doubt, it was used on thousands o circulars.

Mr. H. M. Brehm kindly sends a reg istered cover, showing the special Ap pleton registration postmark, which h states was discontinued on Novembe 17th, due to special instructions fron Washington.

The cancellation which was placed i use on October 8th, was previously de scribed in this column and consisted of black mark in the shape of an apple showing the word "TON" across th center in white letters. It is to be re gretted that the postal regulations d not permit these special markings, whic are unusually attractive, and add interes to the collection.

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Eritrea.—Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to a set of stamps recently issued for this colony in the same values and designs as noted under Tripolitania.

Falkland Islands.—Mr. B. S. H. Grant tells us that the actual number printed of the 2½d on 2d provisional was 1,179, and that the type used for surcharging has been destroyed.—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

Federated Malay States.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts copies of the 35c red on yellow, script watermark.

Finland.—A stamp Exhibition is to be held at Helsingfors early this month, the arrangements being in the hands of the Helsingfors Philatelic Society. Special permission has been granted by the State to overprint 100,000 each of the 1 mark and 1½ marks stamps; we are not informed the nature of the overprint, but it is stated that it will be in three lines. As usual with these Exhibition issues, the sale will be restricted to 50 stamps of each denomination to every purchaser of a ticket of admission to the Exhibition.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

Iraq.—From Mr. A. J. Batten we receive a specimen of a two annas Railway Letter stamp, together with a newspaper cutting relating to the new Railway Post Service introduced by the Iraq Railway on the 1st September last. By this service letters can be dispatched by passenger train from any railway station upon the addition of the special 2 annas stamp to the ordinary postage fee.—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

Italian Somali.—Whitfield King & Co. note that they have received a set of stamps for this colony, which are in the same colors and design as reported for Tripolitania.

Monaco.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us two new provisionals of this country. They are the 1fr25c blue on bluish, type A13 surcharged "50" in red, and the 1fr-05c red-violet, type of A11, surcharged "50" in black. Two short horizontal bars obliterate the original value.

Netherlands.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the 12½c blue, and 27½c grey, watermarked circles.

San Marino.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle the L.30 postage due stamp in orange figure of value in brown, perf. 14, watermarked as before.

Spain.—*Seville—Barcelona Exhibition.*—We have now obtained official news direct from the Spanish Exhibition authorities. The following is a complete translation:

"In the month of November next the Fabrique Nationale de la Monnaie will issue commemorative postage stamps for the Exhibitions of Seville and Barcelona.

This issue will comprise of eight series, including nearly all the current values. These series will be for Spain, Aviacion, Morocco, Tangiers, Cape Juby, Sahara, Fernando Poo and Guiana.

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Tripolitania.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1928 issue, commemorating the forty-sixth anniversary of the African Society of Italy. The values and colors are 20+5c green, 30+5c red, 50+10c violet and 1 lire 25c+20c blue.

Uruguay.—In connection with the recent celebrations of the centenary of the signing of the preliminary peace terms between the Empire of Brazil and the United Provinces of the River Plate, a special set of stamps was put on sale on August 25th, showing a portrait of General Garzon. These stamps were issued in sheets of four, but we have been unable to obtain any. Our agent at Montevideo informs us that the stamps were on sale only at the Central Post Office, and only one sheet of four of each value was sold to each person. The stamps were printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons of London, and only 7,500 sets were issued. Our agent goes on to say that the public crowded round the two Post Office windows where the stamps were sold, and so great was this crowd that it practically turned into a fight to get anywhere near the counter, and even then many people had to go away without any 5 centesimos green, and 8 centesimos stamps at all. The denominations and colours are as follow:—2 centesimos red, blue.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

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Commonwealth specialists, particularly those who are interested in the varieties of the 1d Georgian stamp, were treated to a considerable surprise last month when printings from the left-hand plates of this value were placed on sale at the various post offices. It will be recollected that for the last ten years printings of the 1d denomination have been confined to the right-hand pair of plates, i.e., during the printing of the 1d violet, and the 1d green with single watermark, no watermark and large multiple watermark. The advance of the postage rate to 1½d naturally brought about a lessened demand for the 1d value, for which reason, no doubt, two of the plates of the latter were laid aside. We should imagine that Mr. Ash has now resumed printing from the four plates set together.

It is interesting to inspect sheets from the left-hand plates and to locate varieties which were well known in the 1d red, and which are, therefore, so to speak, old friends. The upper plate continues to show the two vertical columns of die II in the 2nd and 3rd vertical rows of the right-hand pane. As was the case in the sheets printed in red from this plate, the little "spur" in the left-hand value tablet, the distinguishing mark of die II, is only faintly marked on the 2nd stamp of the bottom row. In the left-hand pane the variety "saddle on emu" on the 6th stamp of the 6th row is still to be found.

There is one point concerning the little "spurs" on the stamps of die II which we have not previously seen referred to in print. In the left-hand vertical column of the two rows of die II, these spurs are not only less distinct, but they project from the base of the tablet in a slanting direction. In the right-hand column they project upwards almost at right angles, and are considerably more apparent. It would be interesting to know the reasons for these differences, which are constant in each of the ten pairs of die II on the sheet.

The left lower plate contains several interesting varieties, but, alas, "the substituted cliches" and the retouched "age" of "Postage," which were in the right-hand pane, have been rectified. In the left-hand pane the "Penavy" variety, the 5th stamp of the 4th row, is still in evidence, and immediately beneath this is the "retouched corner," which was only recorded in the 1d red quite recently. Another variety, also found on the 1d red stamps, is a white dash just below the right-hand value table, the position of which is the 6th stamp of the 7th row of the left-hand pane.

All the sheets we have seen have been perforated by the 13½ x 12½ machine, and bear the John Ash imprint. This imprint in the upper plate is fairly close to the stamps, but on the lower plate there is a 7mm space between the marginal lines below the stamps and the top of the imprint; consequently many of the sheets printed from the lower plate have had the imprint wholly or partially cut away before they left the printing office.

We should suppose that a large number of sheets have been printed, and as the left-hand plates show no sign of wear there is no reason why they should not be used regularly in the future. We expect Mr. Ash will correct some of the varieties, such as the "Penavy," in the near future, but whether he will think it necessary to rectify the twenty impressions of die II on the upper plate is more doubtful.

As however he has retouched less obvious varieties it is quite possible he may see fit to eliminate these also.

Mr. J. Howard Johnson has drawn our attention to a variety which exists on the upper right-hand plate of the 1d stamp, and has been found in all printings of that value from the red penny until recently. The variety consists of a distortion of the right-hand frame line from just below the tail of the emu to the right-hand bottom corner. In some printings, notably those in violet, it is very marked, and once seen can be easily picked out.

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Its position is the 6th stamp of the 5th row of the left-hand pane, and we have seen examples of it from the red penny down to the early printings on small multiple watermark paper. The later sheets with the Ash imprint, however, show that it has been corrected, we think, by retouching.

We are indebted to Mr. A. A. Rosenblum for the information that at the forthcoming Melbourne philatelic exhibition the Postmaster-General's Department intends to install, as part of their exhibit, a working plant which will be in operation printing and perforating stamps. These stamps will bear a special imprint, and will be on sale only at the exhibition post office. We do not know whether, apart from the imprint, this stamp will be a definite variety, but we hope, for the good name of Australian philately, that it will not.—*Australian Stamp Journal.*

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Robert Fulton's steamboat pictured on an old United States stamp, Pasteur's portrait on a French one, radio shown on a stamp of Guatemala lent to science and invention. The shimmering green Bosphorus on a Turkish stamp, the white-capped Alps gleaming from a Swiss stamp, famed Mt. Ararat crowned on an Armenian issue—here was the beginning of a world tour.

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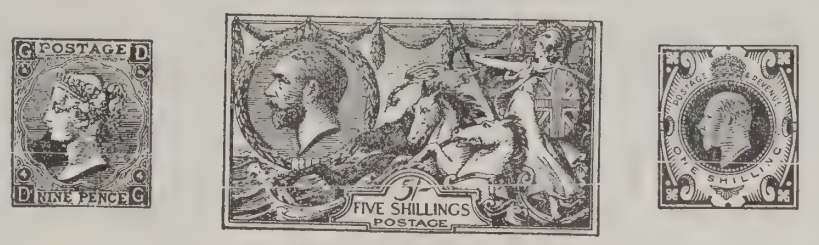

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NEWFOUNDLAND CABOT TOWER, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

At Signal Hill, St. John's, on Saturday, December 14, 1901, signals were received across the Atlantic, for the first time in history, without the aid of ship or cable. Signor G. Marconi had his instruments in one of the rooms of the old barracks on Signal Hill, and his aerial was suspended from a kite. Before leaving England, Marconi had arranged with his assistants at Poldhu, Cornwall, that on receipt of a cable from him advising that all was ready, they were to send the three dots, which in Morse code stand for the letter "S," beginning at 3 p. m. (11.30 a. m. Newfoundland time), and continuing until 6 p. m. Despite the fact that high winds were prevailing on December 14, and the kite was by no means stationary, the first signals were heard at 12 o'clock noon, and regularly from 1 p. m. on.

Although Marconi had been experimenting in wireless telephony for many years, his first serious attempt at communication across the Atlantic was in 1920, in connection with the visit of the delegates from Great Britain and the Overseas Dominions to the Imperial Press Conference in Canada. The delegates left England on the R. M. S. "Victorian" on July 20, 1920, and to enable the ship to communicate with land on either side, during her voyage, powerful installations were made at Chelmsford, near London; at Cabot Tower, Signal Hill, St. John's and on the ship herself. All the way across the steamer was in touch with Chelmsford, and audible conversations took place on Sunday, July 25, 1920 (when the ship was 650 miles east of St. John's), between Premier R. A. Squires, at Signal Hill, and Lord Burnham, head of the delegation, on the steamer.

"It was chiefly for this reason" (i.e., the association of Cabot Tower with wireless telegraphy and telephony), wrote the Minister of Posts & Telegraphs of Newfoundland (W. J. Woodford) on Jan. 31, 1928, in his report for the year 1926-27, "that we selected it as the design for one (the 9c) of our postage stamps." In his 1925-26 report, he had announced (under date of Feb. 10, 1927) that plans were under way for a complete new series of stamps (to replace the pictorial series of 1923-24), which would show not only the geographical position of Newfoundland, but also its many lines of communication with the outer world.

Cabot Tower stands on the crest of Signal Hill, at the entrance to St. John's harbor, 510 ft. above sea level, and is used as a signal station for reporting all incoming vessels. Its foundation stone was laid in 1897, when the island was celebrating the 400th anniversary of its discovery by John Cabot on June 24, 1497.

The stamps of the so-called Publicity series were received at St. John's early in December, 1927, and the official notification of their issue appeared in the *Evening Telegram* of Tuesday, December 27, 1927.

"General (Royal Arms) Post Office
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Signed, W. J. WOODFORD,
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General Post Office,
December 27, 1927.
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The orders for the new stamps which had been accumulating in the Wholesale Stamp Department, from collectors and dealers abroad, were filled and dispatched by the mail leaving Tuesday, January 3, 1928. The cross country express leaves St. John's every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 1 p. m., for Port aux Basques (546 miles), and connects there with the Cabot Straits steamer for North Sydney, N. S. (102 miles).

In selling the new stamps at first in complete sets only, the idea of the postal authorities was to withhold them from general use pending the reduction of the very large stock of the pictorial series of 1923-24, of which there had been, in the G. P. O. vaults and in the Wholesale Stamp Department, on June 30, 1927, total of 16,107,047.

The 9c of the Publicity series is vertical rectangular in shape, 19½x25½mm line engraved and recess printed in dar green, on unwatermarked paper, b Messrs. Whitehead, Morris, Ltd., Lon don, in sheets of 100 (10x10), and per forated single line 13x13½, with th usual cross marks in the four margin for aid in perforating.

Under the central vignette (Cabo Tower), in two lines of small colore caps is "Cabot Tower, Signal Hill, S John's—First Trans-Atlantic Wireles Signal Received, 1901." At the top o the stamp design is the denomination i words "Nine Cents," with the numera "9" on octagonal tablets in the corners and across the foot, "Newfoundland–Postage" in two lines; the lettering an numerals are colorless. At the sides o the design is fruit and foliage ornamen tation.

Although the 9c of the pictorial serie of 1923-24, had exhausted in June, 1927 and there was no stamp of this denomi nation on sale at any of the Post Offices the 9c Publicity was not sold separatel until towards the end of March, 1928 when two denominations (9c and 30c were released. By July all others wer to be had, and although only a few wer in general use, they could be obtained o request. Of the 9c Publicity approxi mately 42,000 were received at St. John's from the printers, and about 6,000 addi tional were sold in London to the stamp trade through the Office of the High Commissioner for Newfoundland.

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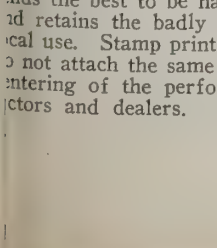

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The inclusion of the 9c denomination n the Publicity series was an error on ne part of the postal officials, as it no onger represented any particular rate. t was therefore decided, soon after issue f the stamps, to discontinue the 9c and eplace it with one of 14c denomination, or which there was a very pressing need. When this was learned, there was heavy uying locally of the 9c, and stock exausted on May 18, 1928. The last 3,000 in the Wholesale Department were sed to fill an order from Grand Bank, n the south coast.

The 14c stamp, printed in purple-rown, and perforated 13x13½, single ne, was issued at St. John's, on August 3, 1928, and duplicates in all respects ne design of the 9c, except for the necesary change in the denominational letters nd figures at the top of the stamp.

When at the St. John's G. P. O., on eptember 22, 1928, I learned from Mr. V. B. Jennings, the Wholesale Stamp lerk, that the centering of the perforaon of the stamps of this series is very ad, and that great difficulty is experinced by him in securing stamps that are erfectly centered to fill orders from ollectors and dealers. However, he nds the best to be had from his stock, nd retains the badly centered ones for cal use. Stamp printers, unfortunately, o not attach the same importance to the entering of the perforation, as do collctors and dealers.

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Who said there wasn't a Santa Claus? Here is your present, all ready for opening! December 15, Milwaukee to Green Bay, Wis., via Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Appleton. Special cachets at the above points and possibly at Chicago. This route is a spur of CAM No. 9 and will be operated by the same contractor. Good chance for Round Trip covers, as the Northbound plane is to leave Milwaukee at 7.30 A. M., arriving in Green Bay at 9 A. M. Returning, plane leaves Green Bay at 3.45 P. M. and arrives in Milwaukee at 5.10 P. M. Distance of route, 100 miles.

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Another present! Kitty Hawk, N. C., *will* apply an official cachet to *all* mail despatched on December 17th. Kitty Hawk is not located on either a railroad or Air Mail route, but is away out on the fringe of land that separates the Atlantic Ocean from the mainland of North Carolina, about 50 miles north of Cape Hatteras. Your covers should be there as early as possible.

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Getting into the toe of your stocking you will find some few odds and ends left there by St. Nick himself. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 17, special cachet. Covers to the Chamber of Commerce. Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 18, covers to Kiwanis Club. Youngstown, McKeesport and possibly Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 17, covers to Mr. J. P. Penning, 124 E. Eugene Ave., Homestead, Pa. (See note elsewhere for full directions.) A very good chance is offered at Dayton, Ohio, home of the Wright Brothers and the scene of their early experiments. Covers to Chamber of Commerce.

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Henry O. Meisel of Clintonville, Wis., is going to shoot down to Green Bay, Wis., and connect with the First Trip of CAM. Mr. Meisel writes that the Postmaster at Clintonville is trying for a special cachet for Dec. 15, but if not successful, the Chamber will do something. We don't envy Mr. Meisel that motorcycle trip one bit. However, if you want to get covers through, send them to Mr. Meisel, R. F. D. 4, Box 76 A, Clintonville, Wis.

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A clipping, received from Mr. R. S. Daykin, taken from a Phoenix, Ariz., paper of recent date, makes the assertion that an Air Mail service between Los Angeles and Ft. Worth, with stops at Phoenix and El Paso, will begin operations on January 1, 1929.

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Night Flying over CAM No. 25, Chicago-Atlanta, will go into effect about February 1, according to latest information.

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Here is the latest list of "possibles," published by the Dept. of Commerce Airports, all of them. St. Johns and Phoenix, Ariz.; Lynwood and Temecula Calif.; Ft. Myers and St. Petersburg Fla.; Lake City, Ill.; Clarinda, Eustol and Ruston, La.; Andover and Southbridge, Mass.; Bessemer, Ewen and Gladstone, Mich.; Hibbing, Minn.; W. Yellowstone and Kalispell, Mont.; Las Vegas, N. Mex.; Lake George, Westport and Olean, N. Y.; Cliffside and Sanford N. C.; Westimber, Ore.; Sky Top Lodge (Monroe County), Pa.; Dennison, Tex.; Blacksburg and Charlotte, Va.; Riverton Wyo.; Los Moohis and Sinaloa, Mexico. If you haven't anything to do, get the "dope" and let us have it for the benefit of all readers!

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However, leave out St. Petersburg, Fla., as I have just received word from the Chamber of Commerce, under date of Nov. 24, that their dedication date has not been definitely decided. Covers will get a cachet when the event takes place.

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Harold Rosenthal and Ralph Moffett both send information that Douglas, Ariz., has postponed Airport Dedication until Feb. 16. A special cachet will be applied to all covers despatched and it is hoped the cachet will be official.

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Hope Turkey won't interfere with the coöperators' list for week of November 27-Dec. 3! Everybody hot after news the past week! Wm. Esselen, Jr., Roger Morse, John W. Stanton, Wilfred T. Foster*, Henry O. Meisel, L. B. Gatch-

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I have just been rearranging the whole of my summer purchase of United States stamps in a series of new books mounted to suit the requirement of the middle class collector as well as of the advanced specialist. These books are priced at very reasonable prices, mostly based on original cost, and largely ignoring catalogue.

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1857-60, 1c, cheaper varieties only.
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" 6-7. The cheaper varieties of the issues from 1857 to 1867, inclusive.
" 8. 1857-62, Unused and scarce used. This book includes several fine blocks and a few plate numbers and imprints.
" 9. 1862-68, Unused and special used, the scarcer varieties. This book also includes a fine series in immaculate condition of the re-issues of 1875.
" 10. 1869, Unused and used, including some scarce imprints.
" 11. 1870-73, Unused only, including scarce strips with imprint and rare varieties.
" 12. 1873-82, Unused only, including a number of strips with imprint.
" 13. 1882-83, Unused only, many strips with imprint and some very rare items, one of the choicest being a strip of six of the 2c red-brown, special printing of 1882. This strip has the top margin and the middle pair of stamps is imperf. between vertically, probably unique in this condition.
" 14. 1873-88, Used stamps, including many scarce varieties.
" 15. 1870-73, All used, including many very scarce varieties.
The following three books contain rarities only:
" 16. 1857-62, Unused, including a number of very rare blocks and a few of the large 5c black Post Office, unused and used.
" 17. 1851, Strip of 3 on cover of the 5c, 1851, and many other very desirable pieces.
" 18. 1851-56, 1c scarce varieties, in singles, pairs and strips. Included here are no less than 5 copies of the 1c type 1a.

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A LETTER from editor Frank F. Wills of St. Johns, Nfd., gives us ...me idea of the scope of his new pub-...lation, *The Argosy*. Among other ...ings he writes:—"I plan to make this ...agazine a really good local publication ...r all those interested in our stamps, ...so a source of real information and ...lp to all those collectors abroad, who ...e keen "Newfoundlanders" in regard to ...amps. To those abroad I ask them to ...ar kindly with us, and give us a sport-...g chance to give them something worth ...ile. I figure out that in market "tips" ...one, or "What to buy and when" our ...agazine will save our subscribers money ...i the purchasing of Newfoundland ...amps. I also intend to run an Information ...reau page, in which will be given any ...formation desired on any subject re ...wfoundland that may be enquired for ...om subscribers. I appreciate very ...uch indeed the kind word that you have ...eady given us in your "Times" of the ...ilatelic World, and I have already had ...merous requests from your readers ...r sample copy."

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MOLLY PITCHER VS. BUREAU PRINTS

By C. A. CARROLL.

Probably the only collectors who have greeted the late Molly Pitcher issue with genuine satisfaction have been the precancellists, particularly the specialists in Bureau Prints. These have greeted the issue with unfeigned glee and high enthusiasm, not because they will ever reach the albums of a precancel collector (in fact, this is one "commemorative" that is not likely to be precancelled by favor), but because many leaders in the hobby contend that it proves a very important point in their favor.

"We have maintained for a long time," says one leading Bureau Print specialist, "that every stamp that is overprinted in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is a legitimate variety of United States stamps. It bears all the authority of the Post Office Department, and because it is overprinted during the same operation that the stamp is manufactured, it most assuredly is both a legitimate and authoritative emission. That its use is restricted to permit holders in one particular city does not alter the essential character of the stamp. For that matter, an air mail stamp is restricted to use on air mail, but it is none the less a variety of U. S. postage.

"Now that the Department has precancelled our regular two cents stamp, both for the Hawaiian sesquicentennial and to commemorate the brave deeds of Molly Pitcher, it seems to me that our case is proved. Of course, the use of these two issues is unrestricted; but every phase of their manufacture is identical with that of the Bureau Print, and even the type is the same as the new Universal Type in the Bureau Print series. I can't see, for the life of me, how Scott can fail to give the Bureau Prints a place at least in the specialized catalog if he accepts the Hawaiian and Molly Pitcher overprints as standard varieties."

Probably this spokesman of his hobby has been led by excessive enthusiasm to jump at a conclusion, but one part of his contention is certainly true; the two recent commemoratives have been manufactured in the same identical manner as Bureau Prints. Their appearance is identical with the new Bureau Prints, with the exception of the bars, and numerous postal clerks who have not read their Daily Bulletins carefully, have held up mail stamped with the new stamps on the theory that the stamps were Bureau Printed precancels.

I. C. A.

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As one who collects with the amateur spirit, my first word is that I have been all along an exchanger.

As one's collection grows it becomes more and more difficult to add to it by exchanging, but the principal difficulty with me is not finding what I want, but getting the stuff to exchange. Some day I shall release some of the specialized pages in my U. S. and I will have some exchanging stock, but not yet.

Mr. Hill's experiences seem to have majored in unfortunate or unhappy endings, if I do not misjudge. This has not been my experience. Some of the greatest pleasures I have had in the pursuit of the hobby are in the friendships formed in exchanging and often with correspondents whom I have never met. Oh, yes, occasionally I have been stung and have met folks who do not play fair. But so does the dealer. I have had as unhappy deals in buying as ever I have had in exchanging.

I have always been a liberal taker, because mine is a general collection, and I gather blocks, strips, used pairs, shades and all the minor variations I can find. Interchanging I have built also a splendid precancel collection, U. S. and foreign revenues and cut squares.

I have and am still taking all sorts of mixture and allowing a very liberal allowance in exchange. I often find cancellations and other items I can use and the rest go into packets which I frequently have exchanged wholesale.

Finding correspondents is not always easy. Occasionally I have advertised for exchangers with good results. The best have come thru the mention of friends. I have taken this liberty and I think often helped correspondents.

No, it does not help the dealers very much, but to me exchanging is the ideal way of pursuing the hobby as a hobby only. It has done much for my collection and I hope the end is not yet.—REV. A. Z. MYERS, D. D.

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EDITORIAL

CHICAGO is taking time by the well-known forelock and already has organized a committee on committees to plan for the stamp exhibition that is to be held in that city in connection with the World's Fair, in 1933. A meeting has been held and steps taken to incorporate the Chicago International Philatelic Exhibition, 1933. The intention is to combine all the philatelic interests in Chicago in order to present a solid front and sweep on to ultimate accomplishment. The supposition is that the work will progress under the sanction of the Society for Philatelic Exhibitions, the American Stamp Dealers' Association and the American Philatelic Society; and it is felt that the regulatory influence of these bodies will be a valuable adjunct in promoting the plans. These societies are preparing rules for the uniform conduct of philatelic exhibitions so that a maximum of benefit in a public sense may be obtained. Chicago wants the national conventions in 1933, and being aware of the great amount of preparatory work necessary to achieve distinction is making an early start to map out a general campaign of action.

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WE have seen letters from Germany asking that covers that were carried by the Zeppelin on its flight to this country be bought and returned to Germany at prices rather higher than those that were quoted here at first. A correspondent says that these out-going letters from Germany are increasing in popularity and that the demand for them there is greater than ever. The U. S. to Germany, Graf Zeppelins, are being shown in various shop-windows where they attract no little attention. Dr. S. Konwiser of Newark, New Jersey, has sent one of these covers for inspection, showing the *cachet*, "First Flight Air Mail, via Graf Zeppelin, United States-Germany, Oct. 28, 1928," flanked with representations of the two hemispheres. In this connection, he sends the advertisement of the great store of L. Bamberger & Co., of Newark: "Return flight covers carried on the Graf Zeppelin. These envelopes, especially designed by the Bamberger Stamp Department, were mailed to our foreign office, via the Graf Zeppelin, and have just been returned to this country on the Berengaria. On exhibition, and for sale at various prices, in the Book Shop." This is a bit of enterprise that collectors will commend. Different newspapers have shown cuts of these later covers, and all in all, it is seen that the Zepp flights captured the public fancy.

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"APROPOS of the paragraph on the Swedish error of No. 1, in the catalogue, it is evident that the Chicago *Abendpost's* article that you quoted was based on an Associated Press despatch sent from Gothenburg, Sweden, saying that a copy of the great rarity has been bought by a philatelist of that city, John Ramberg, for 37,500 crowns," writes Mr. O. Udberg of Boston. What's a matter of 500 crowns between philatelists? The German paper named the price as 37,000 crowns.

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THE information comes that the American Stamp Dealers' Association has sought and will soon secure a definition of "unsolicited approval sheets" in a legal as well as a working significance. When a rule is adopted generally by which cases involving this "bane of philately" are under scrutiny, they may be measured accurately. Supposedly, a satisfactory definition will be accepted by the American Philatelic Society, as well, and with a standard as a lever, the nuisance may be hoisted out of the way. With a guide showing a dividing line before us, there will be no excuse for overstepping it, and there will be little room for argument. There seems to be some elasticity to the term at present.

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ONE of the most extraordinary newspaper editorials that we have ever read appeared in the *Sun* of New York, on November 15, 1928, under the heading "Precancels." It begins by citing the note in the annual of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, containing the report of the National Museum, that acknowledges the receipt of "further" contributions to the precancel postage stamp collection by the Precancel Stamp Society, through its president. Then the flood-gates of scorn are opened and the luckless precancelled stamps and their exponents are swept away by the force of the verbal tide that sweeps down on them. The hopelessness of the task of the collector of these stamps is emphasized, and it is said that precancelled stamp collectors "know that dynasty of Methusalehs" could not complete the collection, in view of the multiplication of varieties. The astral shade of James Smithson is invoked, and its thoughts are sour in contemplating precancelled stamps as a means to "increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." There is no disputing that the writer of the editorial knows something of his subject, but nevertheless, we should say that he is shooting at it with a gun whose bore is too big. Collectors are so schooled in the premise that they may give attention to any stamps that they select, that any argument to the contrary is rejected. Completion is not the sole aim of the collector who finds a pleasure in the process of collecting rather than in the attainment of the end, itself. Precancelled stamps represent a postal phase, and it is well to have a record of them as they are not without historic interest. It would seem that the Bureau prints, for instance, occupy a position of some importance viewed in any light. Whether or not the merits of precancelled stamps are such as to justify their place in the stamp section of the National Museum depends upon the point of view, but they are a record of the times in a postal sense, and on that score could be included without violating the spirit of the Institution.

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AN old Chicago collector, Irving Dickinson, who served for years as secretary of the Chicago Philatelic Society, while mentally unbalanced threw himself from the tenth story of an office building, meeting the instant death that he courted. In his pocket a letter was found, which read to the effect that his friend, a local stamp dealer, could understand why he had been "driven to this dreadful deed." Mr. Dickinson was fifty-nine years of age, and over twenty years ago was a leader in Chicago's stamp circles. He was a keen collector and we remember particularly his prize-winning special collection of Scandinavians; and his interest in his secretarial duties in the C. P. S. was whole-hearted. Only recently, he had been collecting U. S., and got together a good lot, even though latterly, his enthusiasm for stamps was not so great as formerly. Mr. Dickinson was of alert and agreeable personality, and had established friendships with some of his city's collectors that endured through the years. Of a sensitive disposition, worries that descended upon him could not be dismissed, and he must have brooded over them until as he wrote that his mind was "nearly gone." Mr. Dickinson leaves two sons and a wife. Many of the older Chicago collectors will remember Irving Dickinson as the smiling secretary who gained a place in their affections, and his memory will never fade from the minds of some of them.

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IN the New York *Times* of Nov. 21, 1928, Mr. Crane has one of his strikingly readable articles over a column in length. In it he weaves an interesting story of new issues the world over, which is topped off by a bit of philatelic philosophy that so squarely hits the mark that it must be presented here:

"The microscopical specialization of many collectors which constantly insists that the discovery of an additional dot, the minute breakage of a hair line or other minor changes not observable to the naked eye and which in no way alter the engraving of the main design should be listed as a new variety on the same basis as a legitimate new issue also plays a great part in this increasing volume of stamps to be recorded by the catalogue compilers. Some collectors are already feeling that the artistic and other simple pleasures derivable from the hobby of stamp gathering are being seriously curtailed by the inroads of excess commercialism and trivial technicalities.

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Mr. Ferrari had several nationalities, including Swiss, and when he died the Swiss Government considered him as a Swiss subject, and, therefore, imposed a huge death duty upon the heirs, amounting to nearly three million Swiss francs, seizing as security, stamps, money and all private property owned by Marquis Ferrari in Switzerland. For several years, the heirs and the Swiss Government did not agree and the collection of stamps had gradually been forgotten. An agreement, was, however, reached two months ago, and the heirs came into possession.

The countries by far the most interesting are the genuine specialised collections which Mr. Ferrari had been able to bring with him to Switzerland (it is well-known that he tried to bring to Switzerland all his collections, but he was not successful in doing so). It is not known if there was any particular reason why he had with him the collections of Greece, Sicily, Siam, etc., rather than any others, but most of these were in the transition stage, mounted on cards, with all his own notes. It is possible that he wished to re-arrange and transfer into albums.

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Greece. This is also a superb collection, in 7 volumes. There are three different collections of the first type, the stamps being arranged according to Yvert, Stanley Gibbons and Gelli. There are not blocks of the Paris Prints—but the first issue is represented by a complete set in strips of 4 unused—all showing the bottom margin with the inscription of the printer and address (the 40 Lepta does not show inscription). Almost all the copies are unused. There are hundreds of each value, and all the rare shades are represented of the 20 Lepta. 1st Athens print, there are not less than 6 copies. Perhaps the most important section is that of the errors of figure, which are many hundreds, in strips, also blocks, many not listed, and previously unknown like 1st Athens print 5 Lepta with inverted "5" (1st type). There are three copies of the rare variety 10 (figures) on face, which is considered by Pemberton the rarest error (S. G. 48a). The following issues show all perforations and overprints varieties. The Postage Dues include 1dr and 2dr, inverted center and some splits used on cover. The list of the specialised collections end with a superb lot of all the stamps issued in the Balkans during the War, e.g., Turkey (Lemnos, Cavalle, etc., etc.), including Albania, with over one hundred 1st type and all big rarities.

Roumania. All the Moldavia are there, including a very fine copy of the 81 mint. The whole of the German States are represented, but these cannot be considered as a very important section of the collection. Other countries represented are:—Japan, Norway, Holland, Portugal, Russia, Denmark, Finland, Luxembourg and a very fine lot of Italian States.

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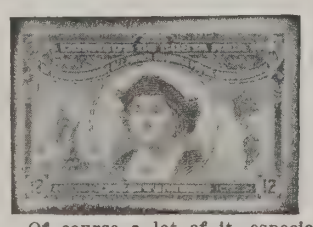

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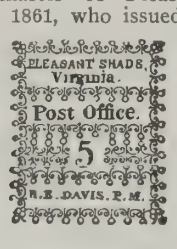

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SWISS 1928 "PRO JUVENTUTE"

Water on Postage Stamps

By B. W. H. Poole.

The liquid element, which comprises about three-quarters of the total surface of old Mother Earth, is shown in profusing array on postage stamps. From such a wealth of material it is possible to make but a small selection and the difficulty is to choose the most worthy and interesting.

However, we must give our own country pride of place and here undoubtedly first mention must be made of the Atlantic ocean in connection with the Columbian issue, where it is shown on several values. On the 12c 1869 we find a steamer on the ocean, while on the 1c of the Omaha issue we are shown the Mississippi—the father of waters. On the 1901 issue water is well represented for we are shown a steamer on one of the Great Lakes, the Niagara Falls and the Canal Locks at Saulte Ste. Marie. The Pacific ocean is shown on the 10c value of the Panama-Pacific issue and on this same series the Panama canal which connects the two great bodies of water, the Pacific and Atlantic oceans is depicted. On the Hudson-Fulton issue we are shown the Steamer Clermont on the River Hudson, while three of the stamps of the issue now current show New York harbor and the Niagara Falls as well as another view of San Francisco Bay. The sea is also shown on one of the parcel post stamps as well as on certain values of the Pilgrim, Huguenot-Walloon, and Norse-American issues.

Seascapes are particularly numerous like the pretty views on the ½p, 1p and 1sh values of Aitutaki, the harbor full of shipping on the 6p Jamaica, the docks of Port Rosario on the Argentine Republic 5c of 1902, the view of Valetta in the Mediterranean on the Malta 4p stamp of 1915, as well as those on such stamps as Papua, British Solomon Islands, Martinique, Uruguay, Barbados, Panama, China, Cuba, Dominica, Haiti, Ireland, Newfoundland, Porto Rico, New South Wales, Costa Rica, Brazil, etc.

Many rivers will be found, including the Euphrates on an Iraq stamp, the Nile on Egyptian issues, the St. Lawrence on a Canadian stamp, the Congo on stamps of the Congo Free State, and Brunei.

Waterfalls are very plentiful and will be found on certain stamps of British Guiana, Congo, the Colombian Republic, Newfoundland, Tonga, St. Helena, and Rhodesia, to mention only a few.

Then we may find a lake, as on New Zealand; a bay, as on Cape of Good Hope stamps; a strait, as in Greece; a gulf, as in Mexico; a spring, as on Nevis—in fact water, salt and fresh, is found in bewildering array in even the smallest general collection.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

Ruins of Orval Abbey

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Junior Dictionary

Portuguese India. — The general name by which the various Portuguese settlements in India are known. The chief of these are Goa, Diu, and Daman. All the Portuguese settlements in India are under one administration and the same stamps are used in all. These were first issued in 1871.

Posnania. — The native name for Posen, a province in Polish Prussia. In 1919, due to the Polish occupation of this territory, German stamps were surcharged "Poczta Polska" with new values for use there.

Postage. — Found on many of the stamps of the British Empire signifying that they are intended for postal use only.

Postage Due.—Found on the unpaid letter stamps of the United States, New Zealand, etc.

How To Collect Stamps

By Paul Floyd Cornish.

When I was a boy of 11 wonderfu years I saw one day on the family mai a blue oblong stamp with the picture o of Columbus in sight of land. I save it in connection with my history stud and became interested in securing a many different kinds of stamps as could find. I lived in the country wher there were no other collectors, so my col lection grew slowly indeed. I mounte my stamps at the start in a small blan book and wrote the name of the countr at the top of the pages as I started eac new country. After a year or two moved near a young lady, who was collector and we spent some happy hour trading our duplicate stamps.

About this time I met a stamp deale who gave me some stamps and told m many things about collecting that wanted to know. I purchased my firs album with the pictures of stamps in an remounted my collection in the new al bum. Then I left my home and went t work in a new strange town where knew no one and had no friends. Her for two years my stamps were my con stant companions. Many pleasant hour I spent in sorting packets and mixture for new varieties of stamps. I begar to buy stamps from approval selections sent to me by dealers. I took grea pleasure in looking over these approva lots and adding new kinds to my col lection. I secured my stamp hinges fron the stamp firms who sold me stamps.

Then I left the country and went to a large city where I met several collector and stamp dealers. I always collecte stamps in a general way. That is I add ed all kinds of stamps to my collection I always collected singles, pairs, block and strips both used and unused of al countries. I collected envelope stamps revenues, precancels, plate numbers an cancellations. Some of my friends pre ferred to collect from one or two certain countries or perhaps one class of stamps only, but I found that a general collection was the most valuable, when offered for sale.

I made one fine collection in a blank loose leaf book which I purchased at a book store. Where the rings went through the leaves I glued a small piece of cloth over the edge of the leaf and re-punched the holes in the cloth. This homemade album gave fine service for several years and could be enlarged at any time. I have also used several kinds of the larger printed albums.

I found that a study of a standard stamp catalogue was of a great benefit to me in learning many things about stamps. In the purchase of packets and mixtures I found that I obtained many duplicate stamps. These I made up into packets for exchanging with other collectors. Some of these exchange packets I sent to collectors in other countries

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I have subscribed to several good tamp papers and from them I have ained much information about stamps nd stamp dealers. I have learned that vatermarks shown on the back of stamps re made by the paper making machines n the paper to prevent the counterfeiting f stamps. That holes are punched in tamps by firms to prevent their being tolen. That perforations are holes unched between stamps so that they can e readily separated. Imperforate stamps re those without holes at the edges. 'hat fancy and odd cancellations on old J. S. stamps make them eagerly sought fter by cancellation collectors who will ay high prices for rare designs. That tamps with the names of cities printed n the front are precancelled to save 'ork in the post office and can be used nly in the city that they are printed for. 'late numbers are printed on the edge f sheets of stamps to keep a record of ne sheets that are printed. A collection f these numbers both used and unused re of valuable interest.

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MRS. EDITH FIELD, widow of the well-known dealer David Field, has just been elected a Councillor from Torquay, England. *Stamp Collecting* says that she received 1,096 votes to 104 for her opponent.

THE firm of Victor Weiskopf, Inc., 505 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City, has favored us with a copy of the catalog of their first auction sale, to be held Dec. 10 and 11. A good general line of U. S., and foreign is offered, and we regret we have been unable to give earlier notice of this catalog. We thank Mr. Weiskopf for a Zeppelin cover, first flight from United States to Germany. The markings on these covers have already been described in the WEEKLY.

"THE ARGOSY" is the name of a new stamp paper from Millertown Junction, Newfoundland. The first number is dated November, and we note that Frank F. Wills is editor, and Walter R. Fradsham is manager. Many of our readers are so well acquainted with Mr. Wills that they will want to become better acquainted with the paper he edits, and we suggest that they send for a sample copy.

Tulsa, Okla.

—Seventeen Charter Members in the Newly Organized Stamp Club.

(We have received from F. G. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the Tulsa Stamp Club, the following story of the institution of the local stamp club November 23. We congratulate Tulsa upon this new organization and collectors in and near the city should communicate with Sec. Wilson at 212 S. Cheyenne St.—Ed.)

A group of Tulsa stamp enthusiasts met at the office of W. Hayes Sims in 513 Commercial building and organized the Tulsa Stamp club.

There were 17 charter members of the organization, and a campaign to immediately increase membership was discussed. The next meeting was set for December 6, at Sims' office. For temporary officers Mr. Sims was elected president, Dr. G. Garabedian, vice president, and Wilson, secretary and treasurer. The purpose of the organization will be to encourage stamp collecting, both among adults and juniors, officers said.

Charter members are Wilson, Sims, Doctor Garabedian, J. G. B. Andrees, E. Brandborg, William C. Garrett, Dean Hetherington, O. A. Jones, Jr., Ida Lambert, M. Littlefield, Arthur A. Odell, W. D. Thomas, Grover Yeager, Mrs. Marian O'Dell, I. V. Jones and W. H. Peck.

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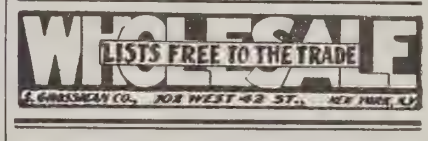

THE PRECANCEL REVIEW

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be considered in their collection. I suggest the inclusion of these issues in every Bureau Print collection. Perhaps the precancel collector will prefer to mount them as cut squares, or cut two by four inches. I suggest the latter as the more practical.

From the above brief survey of the developments in the field of government printed precancels, it can be readily seen by readers that a fascinating branch of philately lies open, which can be followed at slight expense, with much pleasure and profit. In order to further acquaint you with the charm of Bureau Prints, the editor of this department will be glad to furnish a complimentary packet of these stamps, containing over 100 obsolete varieties, for a start if you are sufficiently interested.

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During the summer months the editor of this department finds it difficult to keep apace with the movements of the precancel new issues. For that reason it has been over three months since the last installment of the "Review." Readers may, however, look for its appearance at least once every three weeks or possibly every fortnight, from now on.

Because Bureau Prints are popular with nearly every collector of precancels, and becoming esteemed by collectors of regular postage stamps, we shall consider in this article the numerous changes that have taken place in that field.

The official cataloguing of Bureau Prints is done by Dr. W. I. Mitchell of Berkeley, Calif., who is the recognized authority. The catalog, a small pamphlet, is published by the Gossip Printery of Holton, Kansas. The present edition, the third, appeared in April, 1928. The fourth will appear in January, 1929.

The Bureau Print specialist today has four changes in the field of the present issue to consider if he is to collect intelligently and with profit to himself. These are as follow:

1. Change of perforation on the rotary press stamps, which are the only ones precancelled at the Bureau.
2. Change of styles of overprint.
3. Change of rates on printed matter.
4. The precancelling of Government envelopes by the official contractor.

I. The Perforation Change

When the precancelling of the rotary stamps was instigated the perforation employed was ten perforations to each twenty millimeters of space. It was several years before experimentation by the government, to solve the próblem of the stamps tearing across the face when being torn apart, decided that the practical perforation was the compound one which we term "11 x 10½." As a result of this change, many perforated 10 Bureaus have become scarce. Chief among these are: Dallas 4c; Scranton 4, 9c; Columbus 4c; Newark 4, 6, 9c; New Orleans 6, 7, 8c; Indianapolis 9c; Atlanta 7, 9c and Boston 9c. It will not surprise me to see all of these stamps bringing over a dollar each in a few years.

II. The Style Change

It was not until early this year that the Bureau adopted a standardized overprinting in a uniform style. There were seven distinct varieties in the entire field of Bureaus prior to this time, not counting the 1916 Experimental type. This standard precancellation appears in two or three lines, depending upon the length of the city name.

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The following cities are to be found in the two line set up, illustrated by the Chicago overprint: Oakland, Muncie, Baltimore, Detroit, Framingham, Minneapolis, Omaha, Camden, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Scranton, Warren, Columbia, S. C., Dallas, Huntington, Boston, Richmond, Va., Milwaukee, and Brockton.

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The three line set up, as shown by San Francisco is now in use on many denominations at the following offices: New York City, Kansas City, Saint Paul, Port Washington, Wis., and Los Angeles.

To the great surprise of all, there appeared early this summer a genuine error in spelling on the 1½c and 8c Milwaukee. The "MIKWAUKEE" error, occurring twice on each sheet of 100, was first discovered by Dr. W. R. Hiller of Minneapolis. He immediately communicated his discovery to the Bureau and the old plate, which had been used for these two denominations only, was destroyed. A number of the 1½c, which is far more plentiful than the 8c, have changed hands at $2.00 each. On this basis the 8c should be worth about $10.00.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing sets up a form in type, of the overprint—repeating the subject (for the ordinary stamps), 50 times in five rows of ten each. This form is then used to make a matrix from which the rolls are cast. In making the form for the new Milwaukee overprint a "K" was substituted for an "L" on one of the 50 subjects. Thus the overprint occurs twice in each sheet.

III. The Rate Change

Section 435½ P. L. & R., permitting printed matter to be mailed under a one cent rate, has effected an important change which will necessitate a price readjustment of many Bureau precancels. The 1c coil variety from Manville, N. J. furnishes the most striking example. This stamp has heretofore been extremely scarce as it has carried mail matter to foreign countries and few copies ever found their way back. $3.00 has been willingly paid for a specimen during the past year, but 25c will be more in line under the new rate, for the 1½c Manville has been a common Bureau Print. The 1½c will, of course, be discontinued in favor of the 1c.

1½c Bureau precancels in the new perforation will, in some cases, rise rapidly in value. For instance, I expect the following to turn out to be mighty scarce in a few years: Birmingham, Bridgeport, New Haven, Batavia, Muncie, South Bend, Davenport, Sioux City, Girard, Waterloo, Wichita, Worcester, Battle Creek, Saginaw, Hastings, Kokomo, Jersey City, Omaha—both types, Rochester, Oklahoma City, Dallas, Houston, and Wheeling. The 1½c coils will bear watching as this fractional value will hardly be requested on any future orders from the Bureau.

IV. Precancelled Government Envelopes

The illustrations at the beginning of this article exemplify the style of overprinting which probably will have little deviation. In a recent number of this paper Mr. Ward explained the awarding of the envelope contract, and the provisions for precancelling them. I expect to see hundreds of offices stocking them. To date (October 15th), but four have come to my attention—Atlanta, Fresno, Philadelphia, and Perry, N. Y. The only denomination will presumably be the one cent. Watermarks and dies will have to

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AIR MAIL NEWS

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ll*, Charles Pierce, Chas. L. Hall, J. P. Penning, D. G. Bigelow, Ralph Moffett*, Miss Anna M. Schafer, Frank W. Wright*, Chas. Urnick, Jr., E. G. Young*, D. Abernathy*, Henry A. Meyer*, Fred'k L. Wood*, Albert N. Brown, Harry R. Wagner, Harry E. Klotzbach*, Erwin Strasser*, Raymond P. Freshwater*, Nelson F. Gerken, Harold Rosenthal, Glenn M. Kidder, Maj. C. M. Lopez*, R. S. Paykin and B. Jarzembowski. Pretty good work, I'll say! Twenty-nine in all. Let's break through the 30 mark for the week ending December 22.

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The First Flights over the new route, CAM No. 30, went through on schedule and covers received back from the various points carry one of the most attractive cachets used on a CAM route so far. Although a trifle large, the cachets indicate that someone put a lot of thought into the design and I believe that collectors are exceptionally well pleased with this particular effort. I note that the letter "I" in "Champaign" was missing in the cachet applied to all my covers mailed from this point. Also that all my covers from Terre Haute to Chicago were backstamped Denver, Colo., on the 20th and Chicago on the 21st. Must have been a slip somewhere, as other collectors report the same backstamp. Round Trip covers went through 100% perfect!

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December 17 will be celebrated on CAM No. 11 and a special cachet will be applied to Air Mail at McKeesport and Youngstown, by the contractor. There has been a long drawn out argument at the Pittsburgh P. O. relative to accepting covers bearing any cachet previously applied by the contractor, but if someone in authority can get this bunch together, it is possible that this point will be included. J. P. Penning advises he will handle collectors' covers for them and will also secure and affix the new 5c Wright stamp to covers sent him accompanied by postal order or draft for the necessary postage. No stamps, personal checks, or pants buttons! Postal order or draft. Mr. Penning's address is given above.

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Page Dr. Stork! "An Air Mail trip from Colombia to Ecuador is the experience of a 7-month-old baby delivered here today from Cali, Colombia. Outside of a little whimpering, the baby arrived in excellent condition and passed the customs without difficulty." American Press despatch dated at Guayaquil, Ecuador, Nov. 26.

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The Oakland (Calif.), Philatelic Society applied a circular cachet to Air Mail despatched on the dates of their Exhibition, Nov. 16-18. *Not official.*

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The cachet used at Chicago during the International Aeronautics Exposition, December 1 to 9, was *official.* The sanction for its use came through the Post Office Dept. and its application to covers was handled by the Chicago Post Office. Collectors are indebted to Hon. W. Irving Glover for his interest in their behalf in connection with the above cachet, as well as that to be used in Washington and at Kitty Hawk.

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Several collectors have written that both Cleburne, Tex., and Philadelphia, Pa., fell down on the use of any cachet for their respective events. It is surprising that the Aero Club of Phil. failed to apply any special impression to covers, for their interest in Aeronautics dates back to the days when there "wan't no sich critter."

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One of the "Round the World cover fans," Nelson F. Gerken, writes that he recently received back into his hands a cover mailed from Washington on Aug. 13 and franked with the (then) new Hawaiian issue, that made the circuit of the World in just 81 days and 20 hours. The cover went first to Sydney, N. S. W., and thence on its journey. If there are any more "Round the World fans" among my readers, they may get in touch with Mr. Gerken at 4859 Labadie Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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For those who are always slow in getting their covers off, here is advance notice that will enable them to "get in" on time! Detroit, Mich. Aircraft Show, April 6 to 14, 1929.

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Buffalo, N. Y., postal employees received quite a jolt recently when a telephone call came in asking how many Air Mail stamps they had on hand. A "wise-cracking" clerk made the reply that they had plenty, probably considerably more than the inquirer would ever need in his full life time. "That's fine," came the reply over the telephone, "I'll need just 188,000 in the next few days!" After the clerk had been revived, it was learned that the Roycrofters of East Aurora, N. Y., were making a special mailing of 188,000 letters, all to go by Air Mail. The load totaled three tons in weight and was despatched on November 23 and 24. I have a cover from that point and date which carries an impression in four lines, reading "Buffalo's Largest—Air Mail Shipment—of Three Ton—Nov. 23rd-24th." *Not official.*

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The first Monday service over CAM No. 8 became effective on December 3, the schedule heretofore omitting Mondays. A cachet was applied to covers mailed from Los Angeles and Seattle, report of which will be given next week. Owing to the fact that the decision to apply a cachet was held up until only a couple of weeks before the First Monday Trip, no advance notice could be given collectors through this column. Albert N. Brown hustled a letter through, but it arrived a few days too late.

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Harry R. Wagner writes that the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce will apply a special cachet to Air Mail covers on Dec. 17. (See above.) Mr. Wagner, 7718 Hough Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, offers to handle covers for collectors if they wish, but the covers must be ready for mailing.

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As usual, I am always a buyer of the type of stamps that I offer for sale, hence, am extremely anxious to purchase important properties or single individual pieces, in the way of Department issues. I also want covers, but these are preferred on the small cover rather than on the large official envelope.

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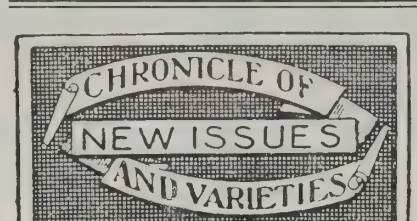

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United States

Kitty Hawk Stamps

The Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, in writing to postmasters under date of November 23rd, calls their attention to the fact that the International Civil Aeronautics Conference will be held in Washington, from December 12th to 14th, and that invitations have been sent out by President Coolidge to foreign countries to participate in this Conference. So far, thirty-six have accepted, including all of the large countries.

Mr. Glover in writing of the event makes the following statement:

"In commemoration of this event, coming as it does on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first successful flight of a heavier-than-air machine, the department has authorised the use at Washington, D. C., in the temporary post office station to be placed in the United States Chamber of Commerce Building, a regular machine canceling die, bearing an appropriate inscription, to be used on all air mail letters sent out from that station.

There has been authorized for use in the temporary post office station to be established at the International Aeronautical Exposition, Chicago, Ill., December 1 to 9, a special rubber hand stamp to be placed on all air-mail letters sent out from that station during the period December 1 to 9.

In connection with the above, exercises will be held at Kitty Hawk, N. C., incident to the laying of the corner stone in memory of the flight made by the Wright Brothers, on December 17, 1903. There will be a special cachet used by the postmaster at Kitty Hawk on all air-mail covers sent out from his office on December 17."

The new 2-cent and 5-cent stamps previously described in this column, will be on sale at the special branch post office, as well as the Philatelic Agency, where all orders should be addressed. The post office has not as yet announced that the new stamps will be on sale at Kitty Hawk, N. C., on December 17th, but it is assumed that the postmaster at that point will have them available on the day of the laying of the corner stone.

Postage Stamp Plate Numbers

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to November 20, 1928.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class Ordinary	Series.	Subjs.
19585-592	5c Air Mail Border	"	1928	100
19593-596	1c	"	1922	*400
19597-600	5c Air Mail Center	"	1928	100
19601-604	1c	"	1922	*400
19605-607	5c Air Mail Border	"	1928	100
19608-611	5c Air Mail Center	"	1928	100
19612-615	5c Air Mail Border	"	1928	100
19616-619	5c Air Mail Center	"	1928	100
19620-635	5c Air Mail Border	"	1928	100
19636-639	5c Air Mail Center	"	1928	100
19640-643	5c Air Mail Border	"	1928	100

* Curved.

It will be noted that practically all of the new plates are of the air mail type. As previously stated, the demand is far exceeding the supply, and as fast as the Bureau completes the plates, they are put to press. Watch for an inverted center, for it would not be surprising to see one appear in the stocks of one of the post offices.

New Gum On Stamps

The Department has been receiving so many complaints, due to the fact that postage stamps are not sticking to the mails, that recently the Bureau of Standards and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have been experimenting with gums in the hopes that a satisfactory one might be produced. It is the gum applied to the rotary stamps that seems to be giving the trouble, for there was no complaint in the case of the flat plate variety. Some of the gum that has been used here of late, has no doubt, affected the paper in some cases, for stamps of smaller design have been noted, due, no doubt, to the shrinkage of the paper, caused probably by the the type of gum used. The Bureau has made no new dies, hence, it would be impossible to have smaller stamps, so that this difference is caused by the shrinkage mentioned.

11 Cent Hayes Green

The attention of our readers has been called on several occasions to the fact that the current 11-cent stamp showing portrait of Hayes, has appeared in a green shade, different from the light and dark peacock blue, that has been used heretofore. Mr. Howard G. Stuart has just sent for inspection a copy of this stamp in a darker shade of green, so is likely that two printings were made the new color, or else some of the plat were much more heavily inked.

Special Cancellations

Last week attention was called to t fact that Washington had authorized t discontinuance of the special cancellatic used on registered mail by the post offi at Appleton, Wisconsin. Mr. A. W. Bo now writes that they have been forced discontinue the special "Hopi Indian used on registered mail at Phoeni Arizona.

The *Postal Bulletin* of November 20 carries a communication from the Thir Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Rol ert S. Regar, calling the attention postmasters to the fact that special ca celling stamps are not permitted, and th post offices are only to use such cance lors as have been authorized by t department.

It looks for the time being at leas that the many interesting and special ca cellations used on registered mail throug out the country, will be discontinue Possibly in several months when t ruling has been forgotten, an office he or there will pop up with a new cancello

We wish to thank Messrs. Georg Soulman and R. S. Carter, for notes interest.

Austria.—*New Charity Series.* M Gustav Grab (Vienna) informs us th a new Charity series of four values wi appear on November 5th, depicting t likeness of President Dr. Harnish. T Post Office will be provided with 100,0 sets, and has fixed the duration of t issue until November 30th, unless so out earlier.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Czechoslovakia.—New series, com memorative of tenth anniversary Czechoslovak independence.—Printed Unie Lithographic Co., Prague. Issue on or before October 28. 30h, View Hradec, Silesia; 40h, Levoca Town an Castle, Slovakia; 50h, Zizkov, Prague 60h, Jasina, Carpathian Ruthenia; 1K Hluboká Castle, Bohemia; 1.20Kr, Velet rad, Moravia; 2Kr, Petrov, Brno; 2.5 Kr. Hightatra Mts.; 3Kr, Presider Masaryk; 5Kr, The Old Town Squar Prague.—*Central European Observe per Stamp Collecting.*

Dutch Indies.—Francis J. Fiel Ltd., advise that the number of the 1½ provisional air stamps issued were 150 000 and 500,000 of each of the othe values. Our correspondent further i forms us that the permanent set for thi Dutch Colony is due to appear ver soon.

France.—*Joan of Arc commemora tives, to be issued next year.*—M. Des monts contributes to the *Bulletin Men suel* of the House of Champion an inter esting short note on the forthcoming fift centenary of the martyrdom of Joan o Arc and states that preparations are we in hand to celebrate the event in an ap propriate philatelic manner.—*Stamp Col lecting.*

Mauritius.—A correspondent of th *South African Philatelist* reports tha the 1c, 6c, 8c, 12c and 50c values of th current set will not be reprinted as ther is no demand for them.

New Zealand.—*Georgians Imperfo rate.* The only Georgian listed as known imperforate by Gibbons is the 4d viole (S.G. 490b). Mr. Curtis, of New Zea land, however, sent us for inspection early in the present year a block of fou of the 6d carmine, and we now find thi

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From these sheets the imperforate stamps were separated into ten blocks of four stamps each, and one block of eight stamps; it is the only block of eight in existence and should eventually prove extremely valuable.

About three weeks later it became known that a similar sheet had been on issue at the opposite counter, from which a block of six stamps had been secured, the remainder being sold to the general public and apparently lost. New Zealand collectors are strongly advised to keep a lookout for this stamp—especially used on a piece, as it is just possible a copy or two may come to light somewhere. In years to come it should prove a rarity of great price.

Another imperforate stamp of which no record appears to have been made is the halfpenny green Georgian, which appeared in a sheet issued at Masterton Post Office early this year, in which the top row of twelve stamps was imperforate along the top only."

It will be noted that the last paragraph cites the ½d, but this is only imperforate at top, and "part perfs." are not usually given catalogue rank—there are too many of them.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Persia.—*Aerials.*—Mr. G. Wilson, of Tunbridge Wells, kindly informs us, with regard to the new Persian air stamps, that he hears from Persia that the following values have been issued:—3kr yellow-brown, 5kr brown, 1 Tou. violet, 2 Tou. olive, 3 Tou. deep green. These have taken the place of the corresponding values of the 1927 set, and other values will be similarly replaced as they become exhausted. Mr. Wilson has the set of five all with "Poste *aérien*" (instead of "*aérienne*") overprinted on stamps similar to those of the 1925, Deposition of Shah, S.G. Type 94.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Sierra Leone.—We have to thank Mr. H. B. Renton for the information, received by him from Mr. A. R. Anderson in Sierra Leone, that the "obsolescent" values, viz. 7d, 9d, 10d, and £2, were still on sale at the counter of Freetown P. O. on October 5th.

Of the £5 no positive information is forthcoming at the moment.

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South West Africa.—We learn from the *South African Philatelist* that the one pound stamp with "S. W. A." overprint is now obsolete, and promises to become a rarity, as only a small number were overprinted. The "missing stop after 'a'" variety in this stamp is an item well worth having.

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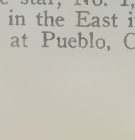

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By Whositt.

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At the left we see in the distance the wide expanse of the Toomucha Mocha Desert, walled in on the West (as indicated by the slowly sinking sun, as yet unsunk) by ponderous piles of pinkish porphyry. Note the smiling sun taking a last "itstolaf" peep at the passing show, . . . Old Sol, Sisal, Noseall, if I make myself clear. Aloft are three buzzards, lazily flitting—and hoping, while yet above, are two black crows, who spend much of their time on the air.

But to the picture.

The star, No. 1, is a reversible affair, when in the East it is Alton, N. H., and West at Pueblo, Colorado. Over in the old apple tree (same being told by the apple) is stock for this season's cider mill. and this cow (a true purple cow, so take a good look at her if you never saw one), is provided with a white blanket for the snake dancer to do his stuff on. She has turned her back on the apple, as a ton of apples (Appleton, Wisconsin, No. 2) is too much for this well fed critter. Too, the sly maverick, in spite of her apparent innocent demeanor, has her wily glance focused on the ton of corn, which blew over into this field from Fairfield, Iowa, No. 8.

Will the cowboy on the bucking broncho, No. 5, who has galloped all the way from Prescott, Arizona, allow this bovine from Genesee Depot, Wisconsin, No. 4, to eat that little ear of corn? He will not.

He has just unlimbered his trusty lariat, and as you see, he tosses a mean loop the loop. It appears like a perfect cast, not even interfering with the Smoki Indian, No. 3, who has to practice his snake dance somewhere, doesn't he? and he and the cowboy are both members of the same lodge—Prescott, Arizona. The cowboy's Prescott hat, No. 7, has fallen down in the excitement; but what cares he; to swing down from the saddle and retrieve it is one of his best stunts—if the hill isn't too steep.

Way down at the lower left we see Clarksdale, Arizona, with its copper smelter, No. 6. A good strong Mah Jong east wind has kindly wafted the smoke and fumes far from our rural denizens, otherwise this picture would be a fade-out—a sad contemplation, surely.

At lower right we have the lazy "O," No. 9; if upright, this would signify we were nearing Oberlin, Ohio. This cancellation may soon be discontinued, we are given to understand, the reason, while not given, is probably because goose eggs are unpopular in any college town during the football season.

Inside the lazy O are seen two of the offspring of the Yale Bull Dog, No. 10, as he holds forth at New Haven, Connecticut.

Stop Press. Just as we go to press, a thing that looks like a high tension layout, or a coarse tooth comb, has arrived. Not to leave the unwieldy thing out of this picture, it assumes the position of a fence, No. 11, behind the cow and Indian. It was produced far from this sunny desert, where fences do injury to the scenery, yet there it is, a monument to the fair city of Hoboken, New Jersey.

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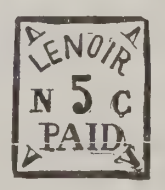


COLLECTORS CLUB, N. Y.

Special Exhibit of Confederate States, Locals and General Issues

Reported by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

On Wednesday, November 21st, there was a large gathering of the Club to inspect the fine old collection of Confederate States formed by Mr. Henry C. Needham during the last 25 years.

The sheets were large and very numerous, far too many to be shown in the frames, so they were exhibited in three large volumes which were explained by Mr. Eugene Costales, and afterwards examined by groups of members who were specially interested.

The wealth of the local stamps was an eye opener to the members present, and many very interesting and uncommon items were shown. Among the well-known adhesive local stamps were the following:

Athens.—5c dull purple, one exceptional piece was in the very dark color in magnificent condition such as is seldom seen. Amongst the ordinary color there were 3 singles, and 2 pairs mostly on letters. Also a very fine copy on cover of the very rare 5c red.

Baton Rouge.—First type, short stamp, 5c green and carmine, a single and one on cover. In the larger stamps there was one single and 5 on covers, including one error of spelling.

Beaumont.—The rare 10c black on pink was shown in a fine copy.

Charleston.—A strong group consisting of 4 singles, 6 others on covers, and 2 pairs on covers, these pairs being very scarce. The 5c envelopes were a fine lot on all papers.

Columbia.—Six covers on different papers and several copies with the Post Office design both on the front and on the back.

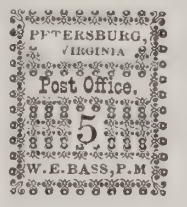
Danville.—On cover cut to shape of the design as is so often the case.

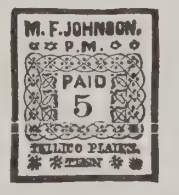
Fincastle.—This stamp is not catalogued, but was in the Ferrary sale and is a 10c black on buff cover, and Mr. Needham has to a considerable extent proved the genuineness of it by finding similar cancellations on stamps of the general issues of the Confederate States.

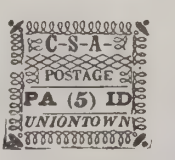
Fredericksburg.—5c blue, a sheet of 20 unused and on covers 2 singles and a pair, the latter being very unusual. In the scarce 10c red on bluish there are 2 copies, unused, as usual.

Jonesboro.—Here there are two covers on the white and the buff paper.

Knoxville.—Three stamps are shown on covers, one tied on. There are also two envelopes on different papers.







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I would like to draw attention here to the price in the Scott catalogue of $50.00 for Knoxville used. The various shades of the Nashville are priced $60.00 each, used, whereas, in my experience, the Knoxville is five to ten times as rare as the Nashville.

Lenoir.—Two copies on cover, one very nicely tied on with the postmark, which is very unusual, as they are usually penstroked.

Lynchburg.—A fine pair of the blue stamps on cover, very unusual.

Macon.—This is a very fine group. There are a number of copies of type A1 both on and off covers. Type A3, 5c yellow is represented by two singles and a pair, the latter beautifully tied on, and the rarer type A2 by a fine copy tied on cover.

Marion.—This rare local is represented by a beautiful 5c on cover.

Memphis.—Here there are a considerable number of blocks of unused 2c, including a magnificent block of the rare indigo or dark blue. Of the 5c red, unused, there is a fine block of 7, and a number of singles. In the used 5c red, there are no less than 13 on covers and 2 pairs.

Mobile.—2c black is represented by 2 singles and a magnificent pair on cover, an exceedingly rare item. The 5c blue, a very large number of these are shown, including a pair and a strip of 3, and many covers.

Nashville.—Two beautiful pages of shades. First of all there are 4 stamps with the Adams Express cancellation, and then about 22 single copies and 4 pairs, many of them being very scarce shades. The rare 10c green is represented by a single and by another copy on cover.

New Orleans.—2c blue, a very fine lot, especially strong in the used. One beautiful copy showing a large portion of the upper imprint. On covers, the 2c blue is represented by 3 singles and a pair. The 2c red used, includes 4 singles and one on cover. In the 5c brown on the different papers, there is a fine block of 4 on the blue paper of which, I believe, only one other block is known, and a very large number of pairs, strips, stamps on cover, pairs and strips with imprints, and many scarce combinations.

Petersburg.—First of all there is the setting of ten types all used on pieces of the original envelope. Also in this fine stamp there are 7 singles and a pair on cover.

Pittsylvania.—A good copy on cover, but cut octagonally.

Pleasant Shade.—5c blue, a very fine unused copy of this very rare stamp.

Rheatown.—Two copies, pen-stroked, as usual.

Spartanburg.—5c black on cover tied on.

Tellico Plains.—A strip composed of two 5c and a 10c stamp, unused.

Uniontown.—5c green and 5c green on blue, 2 fine copies on covers.

The General Issues were very strong, but space will hardly allow an adequate description. I can only mention a few of the outstanding pieces.

In the 1861 lithographed, there were some beautiful used strips of the 5c green and several unused blocks of four.

CHAS. J. PHILLIPS.
Reporting the Collectors Club's Regular Monthly Stamp Exhibitions.

In the 10c blue there was an entire sheet of the Hoyer & Ludwig with imprints in very fine condition and a fine bright color.

In the rare 10c rose the outstanding pieces were a block of 4 unused, 3 unused pairs, and a wonderful strip of 3 with the imprint from the bottom of the sheet.

In the used stamps I noted 3 of the rare carmine-rose and also a used specimen with imprint.

1863, 2c brown-red. Some beautiful strips of 5 used, both with blue and with red cancellations.

In the Lithographed 2c green there was a strip of 5 on cover and a strip of 3 on another cover, something apparently having been torn off this latter. Here also was one of the rarest pieces of the collection, a vertical pair of the 2c yellow-green postmarked Richmond, dated, July 25, 1862. This real yellow-green is exceedingly rare and very few are known.

The weak part of the collection appears to be the "Ten cents" blue and the "Ten cents" with frame line. Mr. Needham tells me that he parted with most of his frame lines some years ago to Mr. Ashbrook, which accounts for the few seen in the collection.

The exhibit ended by the display of one book consisting entirely of Prisoners' Letters, some of the most interesting being a couple of letters from the prisons on Governor's Island, New York.

AIR MAIL STAMPED ENVELOPE

About January first the Government will issue a new five cent stamped envelope. The envelope has the red and blue border like the commercial air mail envelope which has been in use for the past year. The die shows an airplane in flight and is printed in blue.

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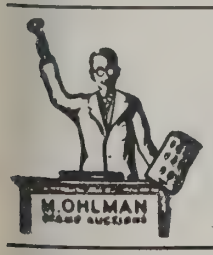

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There is no need to finish your snake at once; you can add more and more stamps as you find them, providing the elastic is long enough. When you think it is sufficiently big you must make the head. This is just a large button on which you have sewn two glittering glass beads to form the eyes. Thread the elastic through one of the holes in the button and fasten it with a knot, leaving a little end to make the snake's tongue.

When you want to see your snake wriggle, put him on the table, draw out both ends of the elastic, and then suddenly let them go. He will jump into the air, and creep and wriggle, just like a real serpent.

Penn-Ohio

—Newcastle Takes the Lead in Organizing a Sectional Society.

By D. H. HENNON.

On Nov. 23, members of the various stamp clubs in the vicinity of Newcastle, Pa., met at the local Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of promoting the interest in stamp collecting in that section. J. R. Dunfee of the Newcastle Club welcomed the out-of-town visitors.

It was voted that an organization be formed to be called the Penn-Ohio Stamp Club Association. The election of officers resulted J. R. Dunfee being chosen president, and Fred W. Mattle secretary-treasurer. The Association will meet at least twice a year in Newcastle.

One of the features of the meeting was the exhibition by L. J. Shaughnessy, Sharon, Pa., of a specialized collection of the 3c 1851. A large number of local philatelists were in attendance, and Sharon, Beaver Falls and Farrell were also represented. Paul C. Oliphant and H. R. Smith were present from Warren, O. The next meeting will be held the third Friday in May, 1929.

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38	*	2c carmine rose	.25	.13
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75		1c green	.05	.03
77		3c orange	.08	.05
20	*	**Brit. Solomon Is.,** 1p carmine	.50	.30
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Juniors

—The Rhode Island Philatelic Society Entertains With Exhibit.

(Prov. "Journal"—A. W. Claflin.)

A group of earnest, bright-eyed youths, ranging in age from 13 to 17, gathered to view the exhibition of stamps displayed by the Rhode Island Philatelic Society in the recreation rooms of the Old Stone Bank on South Main Street.

A unique feature was the exhibition of Zeppelin air mail stamps.

President Albert W. Claflin of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society spoke on "Different Kinds of Stamp Collecting." He pointed out the educational value of stamp collecting for youths.

The prize stamp collections of the winners in the Evening Bulletin Junior Fair were exhibited. These included the collections of Louis Rinebolt, Rae Gilman, Donald Knee, Louise Lyon and Philip Shires.

Wilmarth H. Colwell delivered an address on "Air Mail Stamps." Dr. Robert F. Chambers spoke on "Different Types of United States Stamps," and L. E. Richardson talked about "Junior Stamp Collecting."

All those who attended were presented souvenirs donated by Andrew R. Perry, Horace M. Grant and President Claflin. Mr. Claflin displayed an unusual collection of European stamps.

Ikaks

—A Suggestion from One Who Would be Considered a Real Benefactor.

By GUM.

May I suggest that the new U. S. stamps designed to celebrate the meeting of that esteemed organization with the tongue-twisting, tonsil-tearing tag, "The International Civil Aeronautic Conference," be designated by a simplified name. It will be a blessing to philatelists, dealers and publishers alike, and I suggest the easily spoken and remembered and cheaply advertised name "Ikaks." If something like this isn't done, a stutterer buying a set of these from a dealer would find the price doubled on him before he could ever ejaculate the name. In fact, I have a friend who never did get the pretty Sesqui-Centennial Exposition label until someone thought of calling it a "bell."

$2 BOOK FOR $1

Elsewhere in this issue W. E. Handshaw, 79 Nassau St., N. Y. City, offers for sale the book, "Looking Backward," written by his father, the well-known stamp dealer, J. E. Handshaw, now deceased. We have read the book and can vouch for the fact that it is a most interesting one and a bargain at the price offered.

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The following books are now ready. Let me know which issues you wish to see, **when writing.**

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10c, I have a pair and 15 singles, among these being the big double transfer in the word "Post Office".
" 2. 1851-56, 1c and 3c, in singles and pairs. The cheaper varieties.
" 3. 1851-56, 3c, 5c, 10c and 12c. Scarcer varieties and unusual items, such as in the 3c line through "three cents" on cover. 3c two positions of the cracked plate.
5c vertical strip of three, superb horizontal pair and several singles.
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" 4. 1851-56, 3c, 5c, 10c and 12c and
1857-60, 1c, cheaper varieties only.
" 5. 1857-60, 1c to 24c, scarce varieties in singles, pairs and strips.
" 6-7. The cheaper varieties of the issues from 1857 to 1867, inclusive.
" 8. 1857-62, Unused and scarce used. This book includes several fine blocks and a few plate numbers and imprints.
" 9. 1862-68, Unused and special used, the scarcer varieties. This book also includes a fine series in immaculate condition of the re-issues of 1875
" 10. 1869, Unused and used, including some scarce imprints.
" 11. 1870-73, Unused only, including scarce strips with imprint and rare varieties
" 12. 1873-82, Unused only, including a number of strips with imprint.
" 13. 1882-83, Unused only, many strips with imprint and some very rare items, one of the choicest being a strip of six of the 2c red-brown, specia printing of 1882. This strip has the top margin and the middl pair of stamps is imperf. between vertically, probably unique i this condition.
" 14. 1873-88, Used stamps, including many scarce varieties.
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OFF-SIDE—

A STAMP club is being organized Tulsa, Oklahoma, by a number of i terested collectors there.

MR. H. R. HARMER, the philatel auctioneer of London, proposes hold a de luxe sale of air mail cove during February next, and distribu over two thousand catalogues of t sale which will contain pieces of a mark value of not less than two pounds.

THE first international aeronautic exposition held in Chicago w opened on December 1st, and was adve tised by a sticker of striking appearanc in blue and black.

THE St. Paul *Pioneer Press* of No 25th, pictured the receipt for $5,0 that was paid for a membership in t New York Stock Exchange in 1871, th is stamped with a 30c and a 20c fir issue revenue stamp.

THE meeting of the Winnipeg Phila telic Society, of January 16, 192 will be devoted to "posts and courie from Babylon to Zeppelin by Mr. Sea man" and will be featured by a lec ture illustrated by lantern slides.

THE El Paso Stamp Club, Texas, wi hold its annual banquet on Januar 12, 1929, when a pleasant occasion is an ticipated; and, needless to say, all Tex ans in particular will be welcome at th feast.

HERE is the way in which a writer i the New York *Times* refers to Cana Zone issues, among others:

"In the early days of the Canal Zon operations the United States paid Pana ma for the use of the territory. Fo postal uses there Panama stamps were bought at 60 per cent of their face valu and overprinted by the United State Government for use in the zone. This was provided for in the Taft agreement and when that ceased, about four years ago, United States stamps were surcharged for the Canal Zone. The surcharged issues of the Panama stamps provide a great variety of interesting scenes illustrative of the history of Panama and the important events in the Canal Zone."

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

An International Philatelic Exhibition will be held in Berlin, Germany, in 1930. The committee in charge is made up of well-known stamp collectors and dealers of Berlin. Dr. Stenger is chairman; Dr. Kalckhoff and Dr. Pirl are vice-chairmen. Enthusiastic support is being given the Exhibition. Inquiries may be addressed to the secretary, Mr. v. Rudolphi, 10 Seegfelderstr., Berlin-Standau, Germany.

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4c 1862, #78	1.50	15c Columbian	.80
2c 1869, #113	.50	30c Columbian	1.15
3c 1869, #114	.04	$2.00 1895	5.00
1c 1870, #145	.10	4c Trans-Miss.	.25
2c 1870, #146	.05	5c Trans-Miss.	.35
6c 1870, #148	.30	10c Trans-Miss.	.15
9c 1870, #150	.50	1c Pan-Am. 1901	.04
2c 1870, #151	1.00	4c Pan-Am.	.12
4c 1870, #153	3.00	5c Pan-Am.	.30
1c 1873, #156	.05	3c 1902, #302	.07
6c 1873, #159	.20	6c 1902, #305	.04
0c 1873, #161	.20	50c 1902, #310	.15
2c 1875, #178	.08	8c 1908, #337	.08
5c 1875, #179	.20	50c 1908, #341	.20
5c 1879, #185	.20	15c Parcel Post	.10
3c 1879, #186	.30	20c Parcel Post	.12
9c 1879, #188	.25	50c Parcel Post	.50
5c 1882, #205	.12	75c Parcel Post	.45
6c 1882, #208	.90	$1.00 Parcel Post	.40
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Appleton, Wis.

—New Stamp Club Has Been Organized in this Live Philatelic Center.

By H. M. Brehm, *Sec.*

The Appleton Philatelic Society was organized on Friday evening, November 3, at a little dinner held in the Blue Room of the Hotel Conway, Appleton, Wis. M. F. Hatch was elected temporary President and H. M. Brehm temporary Secretary, pending final and permanent organization.

The purposes and aims of the Society will be those of general interest to the more serious stamp collector, and its membership will be open to anyone in Appleton, or elsewhere in the Fox River Valley, coming under this classification, upon proper application to the Society and acceptance.

The charter members are M. F. Hatch, W. O. Thiede, George A. Schmidt, Judson G. Rosebush, William H. Zuehlke, W. D. Schlafer, J. Ross Frampton, Harvey O. Younger and H. M. Brehm, all of Appleton, Wis.

COLLECTOR'S CONTEST

Some of our loyal friends have apologized for the few subscriptions sent in, saying "my total is so small that I feel ashamed and especially when I see what others are doing." Of course a dealer has unusual advantages over the collector. Here is a contest, however, for the collector only. During Jan., Feb. and March, we will award individual prizes each month to the five collectors leading in points secured, one point for each new subscription.

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Nicaragua

General Jose Maria Moncada, Liberal candidate, was elected President of Nicaragua, by a large majority, at the election held on Sunday, Nov. 4, 1928. This election was held under the supervision of the American Electoral Commission and has been called the fairest ever held there. According to a Press report, every voter had to dip the thumb and forefinger of his left hand in mercurochrome after depositing his ballot so there would be no repeating. How will this election affect the stamp collector? Look over the Catalog for the last few years, changes of color, surcharge after surcharge, topped off with an entire new issue in the old designs but in new colors. Will these soon give way to another new issue? It remains to be seen but we suggest that Collectors fill up their gaps in the short lived provisional issues now.

Cat. No.		New.	Used
	1914		
353a	4c scarlet	.10	..
354	5c gray black	.05	.02
356	10c orange yellow	.10	.04
357	15c deep violet	.75	.40
358	20c slate	1.00	.50
359	25c orange	.25	..
360	50c pale blue	.50	.50
	1915-1921		
361	1c on 6c olive brown	.15	.12
362	1c on 3c red brown	..	.20
367	½c on 10c yellow	..	.04
368	½c on 15c deep violet	..	.10
369	½c on 25c orange	.40	..
370	½c on 50c pale blue (B)	..	.03
372	1c on 3c red brown	..	.05
375	1c on 15c deep violet	..	.12
378	1c on 20c slate (R)	..	.04
379	1c on 25c orange	..	.12
380	1c on 50c pale blue	..	.75
381	2c on 4c vermilion	..	.03
383	2c on 10c yellow	..	.75
385	2c on 25c orange	..	.04
387	5c on 15c deep violet	.15	..
389	1c on 25c light blue	.10	.05
390	2c on 50c light blue	.10	.05
391	10c on 20c light blue	.15	.10
392	5c on 20c slate	..	7.50
394	1c on 2c red orange	.08	.05
395b	1c light blue (Inv. Sur.)	3.00	..
397	½c on 2c light blue	.08	.05
398	½c on 4c light blue	.08	.05
399	1c on 3c light blue	..	.05
400	½c on 5c black	.04	.02
	1922 New Colors		
408	½c dark green	.02	.02
409	1c violet	.02	.02
410	2c carmine rose	.02	.02
411	3c olive gray	.04	..
412	6c red brown	.08	..
413	15c brown	.15	..
414	20c bistre brown	.20	..
415	1 cor. black brown	1.00	..
	1923-1924		
416	1c on 10c yellow	.25	.20
417	2c on 10c yellow	.15	.10
418	1c on 5c black	.10	.08
419	2c on 10c yellow	..	.10
421	1c green and black	.25	..
422	1c deep green	.06	.05
423	2c carmine rose	.08	.04
424	5c deep blue	.10	.10
425	10c bistre brown	.20	.12

Cat. No.		New.	Used
	Resello 1927		
427	½c dark green	.20	..
428	1c deep violet	.03	.02
429	2c carmine rose	.03	.02
430	3c olive gray	.50	..
431	4c vermilion	6.00	..
432	5c gray black (R)	..	.10
432b	5c grav black (B)	.10	..
433	6c red brown	6.00	..
434	10c yellow	.30	..
435	15c brown	3.00	..
438	50c pale blue	5.00	..
439	1 cor. black brown	6.00	..
	Violet Surcharge		
440	½c deep green	.02	.02
441	1c violet	.02	.02
442	2c carmine rose	.02	.02
443	3c olive gray	.04	..
447	10c yellow	.10	..
448	15c brown	.30	..
449	20c brown	.25	..
450	25c orange	.25	..
451	50c pale blue	.25	..
452	1 cor. black brown	.30	..
	Resello 1928		
453	½c dark green	.04	.03
454	1c violet	.03	.02
455	2c carmine rose	.03	.02
456	3c olive gray	.05	..
457	4c vermilion	.08	..
458	5c gray black	.08	..
459	6c red brown	.12	..
460	10c yellow	.15	..
461	15c brown	.25	..
462	20c bistre brown	.30	..
463	25c orange	.40	..
464	50c pale blue	.75	..
	Correos 1928		
470	4c vermilion	.10	..
471	5c gray black	.10	..
472	6c brown	.15	..
473	10c yellow	.20	..
474	15c brown	.30	..
475	20c bistre brown	.40	..
480	1c on 5c blue	.03	..
481	2c on 5c blue	.05	..
482	3c on 5c blue	.08	..
	Semi Postal Stamps		
602	1c on 6c light blue	..	.15
603	1c on 10c light blue	.20	.10
604	1c on 15c light blue	..	.10
606	1c on 1c vermilion and blk.	.08	.03
607	1c on 2c green and black	.08	.03

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By Harry E. Huber.

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The vignette is lettered at the top "Alcazar de Colon" (i.e., Palace of Columbus), and across the top of the design, in a straight line, is "Republica Dominicana"; at the foot, "Dos Centavos," in colorless caps, and in the lower corners, the numeral of value on colorless squares. Acanthus leaf and other ornamentation appear in the upper corners, and at the sides.

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The edifice was built of stone block, with some brick; in outline it is rectangular, measuring 114 ft. by 56 ft., and each of its two stories is about 16 feet high. The main entrance was on the west front, and on the east, or river side, were two terraces, the outer one being marked by the ramparts of the old city wall, completed in 1537. In this wall are six gun emplacements, in front of the mansion, and at either end, is a watch tower.

Oviedo and other chroniclers of the day dwell at length on the magnificence of the interior; the woodwork and furnishings were of mahogany, but much of this was removed soon after 1822, when the country fell into the hands of the Haitians. At present the house is reduced to a mere shell, roofless and windowless.

Diego Columbus died in Spain in 1526, but his wife, Maria de Toledo, continued to occupy the mansion with her sons until her death in 1549, from which time her son, Luis, was in residence until he went to Spain in 1551. It was then occupied by Cristobal, another son, until his death in 1571, when it passed into the hands of Diego, Cristobal's son, and great grandson of the discoverer. This owner died in 1578, and being the last male descendant of the first admiral, long periods of litigation followed. It is reported, however, abandoned and in ruins in 1790, and its desecration was completed by the Haitians in their earlier years of their occupancy.

At the foot of Casa de Colon is part of the old city wall, completed in 1537, and of which numerous portions remain intact. The old city was in the form of a trapezium, completely walled, with an area of approximately 200 acres. The wall on the north was the longest, and that on the west the shortest. The ancient gates still remain, although they are no longer the only means of ingress and egress, as the walls have been breached at most street terminations. The most famous of the gates is the Puerta del Conde (i.e., Gate of the Count), so called because it was constructed by Count de Panalva, Governor of Santo Domingo, about 1655, although the bastion through which it leads is as old as the city wall. It was here, on February 27, 1844, that the cry of independence (against the Haitians) was raised, and it is therefore regarded as the cradle of Dominican independence. Its official name is "Baluarte 27 de Febrero" (i.e., Bulwark of the 27th of February), and the gate is shown on the official stamp issues of 1902 and 1910, the former produced by the Hamilton Bank Note Co., of New York, and the latter by the Imperial Printing Office in Berlin, Germany. One of the three original gates in the wall is the Gate of San Diego (also called the Gate of the Admiral), near the ruins of Casa de Colon, and affording communication with the custom house and the wharves on the Ozama river.

October, 1928. Alcazar de Colon. Santo Domingo City. Lithographed locally, unwatermarked, perforated single lm, 11½.
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West Indian Aerial Express, 1928

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OUR attention has been called by Capt. A. C. Townsend to a recent number of *Postage & The Mailbag*, in which there is a story telling of the effective use made of the new five cent air mail stamp in an advertising sense. The report is that Henry J. Gielow, Inc., Yacht Designers and Brokers, of New York, had 30,000 letters despatched that were postmarked on the earliest possible date, or August 1st, 12.30 A. M., and "in order to have the pieces ready in time to mail before midnight, July 31st, the air mail stamps were delivered in New York from Washington by airplane." On the back of each of the covers was printed: "Notice to Stamp Collectors. The stamp used on this letter is one of the first of the new 5-cent air mail stamps, and the postmark is probably the earliest date possible under the new postal rate. It will make a valuable addition to your stamp collection." This stroke of enterprise was richly rewarded in a business way and was instrumental in attracting nearly a half-million dollars in orders for yachts, it seeems; and further, scores of letters came asking for additional copies of the covers. The advertising company that had charge of the campaign distributed the letters that by reason of removals and changes of address, were returned, to the number of several hundred to the applicants who wrote the advertising agency as a consequence of the insertion of a note in *Postage & The Mailbag*, offering the covers free, as long as they lasted; and it was not long, we violate no confidence in saying.

THE following bit of lore comes from Mr. A. M. Blodgett of Washington, D. C.: "I recently was so fortunate as to have in hand a copy of the first number of the *American Journal of Philately*, April 1, 1868, edited by J. W. Scott of New York. As for the contents of the issue, no doubt you have reviewed them on different occasions, but I was struck by the statement in the 'Transactions of the New York Philatelic Society' of March 21, 1868, that 'Baron Munchausen, F. S. A., was elected Honorary Member.' Simply that and nothing more. Is there a story in this bald sentence? Perhaps, you in your omniscience can tell me what is to be read between the lines." We cannot even advance a theory to account for the accession of the Baron to the roster of the society. Some *homme d'esprit* may have been responsible for this leaven, since the society lost "most of its original members during the past year (1867)" or for that matter, the Baron may have been a scientist who rightly used the abbreviation, F. S. A., Fellow of the Royal Society (scientific, London). Incidentally, it was on March 21, 1867, that eight "collectors of foreign postage stamps" organized the New York Philatelic Society. It is a far cry from 1868 to 1928, but there is much of interest in the early numbers of the stamp papers of the abler order of about that period in the light of to-day.

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A DEALER has submitted particulars of an incident that he thinks should be reported to show that the stamp seller's lot is not a bed of roses, although we cannot say that there is any general belief that the dealer is immune from the pin pricks that are experienced by all business men. This dealer received an application for stamps on approval; and they were sent. In due time, some of the stamps came back with the following letter: "It is against the law to sell unused U. S. at more than face value. Enclosed remittance for stamps taken." Further, the sender said that he wanted no more stamps! His remittance for the stamps retained was in the form of stamps that were sent in lieu of cash. Thereupon the dealer wrote: "I am in receipt of your returns on the approval selection I submitted to you recently and note that you have retained stamps to a total value of $3.65. I do not exchange stamps and have no use for the lot you sent, which you marked for exchange, and I am returning the entire lot herewith. I shall expect to receive a post office money order or bank draft for $3.65 in settlement of this account not later than the 17th of this month and should I fail to hear from you by that date, the account wil be turned over to my attorney for action." Then, the correspondence was closed by this letter which was received by the dealer: "I have found that I do not need these stamps so I am returning them. They come to you registered and you cannot make anyone pay for articles that have been sent back to owner thru registered mail." We do not know how much wiser the dealer is, but he may be a bit sadder.

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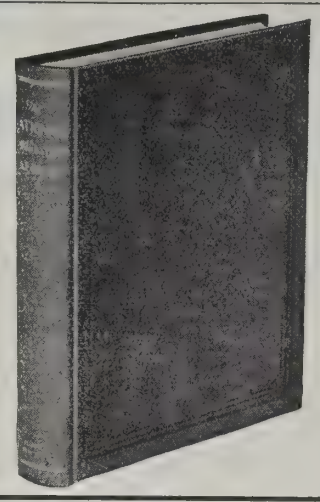
SOME months ago, a dealer was expelled from membership in the American Stamp Dealers' Association and later, from the American Philatelic Society; and while it was known in some circles who the dealer was, no public mention was made of the circumstances on which the action was based, or of the identity of the person. It happened that the dealer in question was one who enjoyed a good reputation, and was recognized as a friendly force in the philatelic field; and when his guilt was considered as established he was expelled from the American Philatelic Society. No particulars of the case were published in the *American Philatelist*, following the custom that seemed to have been adopted for years in the conduct of the official journal. In ordinary cases, the supposition is that the course of the directors would not have attended by any train of consequences, but by reason of the prominence of the person involved in this instance, there was a demand that the circumstances of the case be given publicity. In fact, there were calls for information and several editors referred to the case without mentioning the name, we believe. Now, however, the *American Philatelist* for December, 1928, names N. B. Paulson of Chicago, as the member in question and recites that the action was taken as a consequence of finding him concerned in a plan to have fancy cancellations or imitations of old cancellations placed on early United States stamps. The actual transformation was done abroad, and it was through the expert in another country that the operation became known to the American Stamp Dealers' Association. Mr. Paulson said that he regarded the work experimentally, and was curious to see what could be done; and that any specimens of the kind were not sold. It is evident, to quote from the *American Philatelist* that "he failed to satisfy the Board in refusing to answer questions as to what had become of the stamps and inquiries of a similar nature." The Board of Vice-Presidents of the American Philatelic Society is at the disposal of members who may write to it for information as to cases that lead to the expulsion of any other member, and it is the inference that particulars of important cases involving expulsion will be given in the official journal. The Board of Vice-Presidents have many bothersome questions to handle in their official capacity and they have adopted sterner measures in dealing with delinquencies, we gather, in order that the protective influence of the society properly may be strengthened.



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Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
40 Wilshire Park, Needham, Mass.

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

The final complete flights over CAM No. 30 were run off on schedule, and the same cachet was applied to covers that had been used from points between Chicago and Evansville, when the route started on November 19, the only difference being the substitution of the names of the towns served on the December 1st flight.

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A double header came through from Jacksonville on the initial flight over CAM No. 25, December 1. "Jax" dedicated the new Airport on the same day, and covers that had been sent to the Exchange Club bear a cachet similiar to the one used in Albany for the Airmeet in October, together with the regular First Flight cachet. This latter is very similiar to the one used for CAM No. 30, but smaller in size, and the two cachets on one cover make a nice appearance. Those I have received so far have been carefully handled and the cachets show up in fine shape.

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Flint and Pontiac both used the same cachet that had been used previously on this contract route, when they were added to the list of cities served on November 7. In addition to the official cachet there appears an arrowhead in outline within the borders of which reads this slogan—"The Motor City"—above, "The Junior Chamber of Commerce, Flint, Mich.," and below—"First Air Mail Service—November 27, 1928,"—on covers despatched from Flint. Pontiac added an extra cachet, applied by the Board of Commerce, in the form of an Indian with drawn bow shooting East into a four line wording—"First Air Mail—From Pontiac—Nov. 27, 1928—Board of Commerce." There must be an Air Mail lover collector in the Pontiac Post Office, for my covers bear *four* backstamps in addition to the two cachets and face cancel! And each backstamp is of a different town! Whoever did the job earns my thanks.

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The cachet used at the Chicago Exposition, by authority of the Post Office Department, is certainly a dandy, and will be eagerly sought by those who failed to get covers to Chicago for this event. Up to this writing, colors have been used, and evidently an attempt is being made to give a different color for each day, provided their supply doesn't give out! The Exposition runs for eight days, and we wonder if they will have to repeat before the week is over.

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A newspaper clipping received from Mr. H. A. Meyer, and taken from an Evansville paper indicates that mail matter was expected to be carried from Louisville to Evansville on the First Trip of CAM No. 30 to Atlanta. The Postal Bulletin, in giving this route, did not include Louisville in the landing points, and we wonder if mail was actually carried, or only passengers.

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Miami, Fla., is to dedicate a Municipal Airport on Jan. 7 and 8. An Air Derby (not a brown one) will be held and invitations to attend have been sent to Col. Lindbergh, Ruth Elder, Ruth Nichols, and many others of note. Wallace Beery, Buster Keaton and Clara Bow were not mentioned as having been invited!

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Shortly after the first of the year, Pasco, Wash., will dedicate a municipal field and Airport. Work is progressing on hangar construction and the whole community is watching the growth of the field in anticipation of holding whoopee when the dedication occurs. Auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, so a cachet may be forthcoming. Courtesy of Mr. R. A. Chenoweth.

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Advices received from the Mobile, Ala., Chamber of Commerce and sent to me by several readers indicate that the Dedication of the Mobile Airport has been held up for a short period, due to construction work. No definite date has been set, but any covers in the Chamber's hands will get service on the proper date.

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The chief topic of conversation right now seems to be Washington, with Kitty Hawk running a close second in popularity. Very few seem to know just what is going to happen at Kitty Hawk, so the following may be of interest. On the exact spot where the first flight took place and where the Wright brothers' plane left the ground, the National Aeronautic Association has erected a monument and this monument, in the presence of several hundred members of the N. A. A., delegates to the Civil Aeronautics Conference, prominent officials of the Government and newspaper men, will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. On the side of the monument is placed a bronze tablet that reads—"The First Successful Flight of an Airplane was made from this spot by Orville Wright, December 17th, 1903, in a machine designed and built by Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright. This tablet was erected by the National Aeronautic Association of the U. S. A., December 17th, 1928, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of this event." Prior to the unveiling of the N. A. A. monument, the delegates and others will stop at Kill Devil Hill and lay the cornerstone of the memorial authorized by Congress. This is the National Memorial.

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Out in the Philippines, several interesting events in connection with the flight of the British Far Eastern Flight have been taking place. A special cachet was used on Air Mail and a few covers were carried by the British planes, the mail being picked up at Puerto Princesa where the fliers arrived on November 7th. They were due at Manila on November 9th, and it was rumored that a special overprint would be applied to stamps in honor of the Squadron. It is planned that the four planes will leave Manila on the 26th of November for Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore, en route to England, and that a small consignment of mail will accompany them.

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Over in Bangkok, Siam, they have been all "haired up" because the Dutch planes operating between Amsterdam and the Dutch East Indies have passed up their Airport, due to unusual flood conditions. I have recently received a cover from a correspondent, and the cover has everything on it, even to the autograph of the Director of Posts and Telegraphs — *But no first trip cachet.* As a matter of fact, all mail prepared in advance for the first trip, failed to make connections, and it was not until the second flight that mail from Bangkok was finally sent on its way. Canceling the postage stamps is a three line killer, between the lines and at their ends are two miniature planes in flight. In a two-inch long box, "AIR MAIL" in both English and Siamese, applied twice. Regular Bangkok face cancel and Batavia backstamp. My correspondent states that he took up the matter of a First Trip cachet with Mr. Otto Praeger, and has been informed that when—and if—regular Air Mail service commences, a special First Flight cachet, similiar to that in use in this country, will be applied to all mail so carried.

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Coöperators still going strong, and lots of news in the making—from all accounts. F. O. Nelson*, D. E. Dickason*, W. T. Foster*, Alan De Witt, Wm. H. White, L. B. Gatchell*, Rev. Blase, M. C., Walter Bruggmann*, W. S. Dochterman, R. A. Chenoweth*, Miss Anna M. Schafer, Irving Levine, Clarence Montgomery, Frank B. Eldredge, C. S. George*, T. J. Eppes*, Chas. Urnick, Jr., H. A. Meyer, J. H. Hanson, D. Abernathy*, Michael Cassel, Victor M. Suarez, Albert E. Gorham*, Sumner G. Miller, G. H. Curtis.

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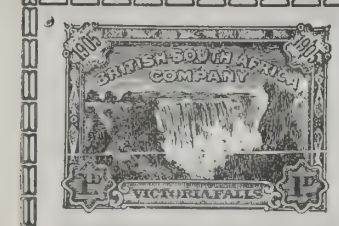

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Travancore's Chuckrams

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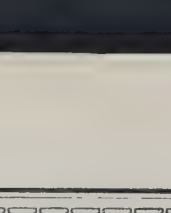


equal to 28 chuckrams, each of which is divided into 16 cash. Furthermore, the Travancore rupee is only equal to 15 annas of British Indian money so that a chuckram is roughly equal to ½ anna or 1 cent in American money. — *Philatelic Opinion.*

Brain Teasers

By George Buckman.

Our Juniors are urged to solve these Brain Teasers. See how many you can answer, and compare your solutions with the list that will be printed next week:—

1. What was the use of the "grill" on the 1869-70 issues of United States Stamps?
2. What country surcharged its stamps with a "shooting star" in 1919?
3. What is the difference between Germany No. 62 and No. 65?
4. What country issued a stamp showing a soldier riding a bicycle?
5. What set of stamps is often called "The Rogues Gallery"?
6. Name one difference between Gt. Britain type A-17 and A-27.
7. What country has just issued a set of stamps in honor of a great explorer?
8. On what stamp is a wireless antenna pictured?
9. The current one peso stamp of what South American county greatly resembles our current one cent stamp?
10. On what stamp is an "Oil Gusher" pictured?

A Description of U. S. Stamps

By Fred Bamber.

If you want a description of U. S. Stamps and Postal Cards from July 1, 1847 to December 31, 1927, send ten cents to the United States Government Printing Office, Division of Public Documents, Washington, D. C.

Junior News Release

By Beach Conger, Jr.

Bolivia.—Three new airmail stamps are being printed for Bolivia, the 15c green, 20c blue, and 35 centavos red, at the Imprentas Unidas at LaPaz. The design shows the trademark of the Lloyd Aereo Boliviano in the center with a native scene on one side and a view of the Andes on the other, and is inscribed "Republica de Bolivia—Correo Aereo—Sobretasa."

Dutch Indies.—After several sets of surcharges, at last a permanent set of airmails is to be issued for this group of colonies. The design of the stamp shows an airplane flying over a temple, designed by M. F. Mees. The values are 10c violet, 20c brown, 40c carmine, 75c green, 1.50g red.

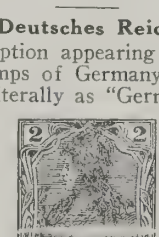
Finland.—Issuing stamps to commemorate philatelic expositions seems to be quite the thing to do nowadays. A temporary Post Office was maintained at a recent National Philatelic Exposition held at Helsingfors, November 10-15th. 100,000 copies each of the 1 and 1½ Marka were surcharged Postim. Haytt. Frim. utst. 1928.

Luxemburg.—Another ancient church finds its way to a postage stamp on the nicely engraved 2 francs of Luxemburg. This stamp shows the abbey of Clervaux, and is colored grey-black. It has a very queer watermark design in the form of airplanes.

Upper Volta.—On November 17th, this colony received an entirely new set of adhesives, replacing the old surcharges. The values of the postage set are 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 65c, 90c, 1f, 1.50f, 2f, 3f, 5f, 10f and 20f. The postage dues consist of 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 30c, 50c, 60c, 1f, 2f, 3f.

Deutsches Reich

An inscription appearing upon all the current stamps of Germany. It may be translated literally as "German Empire."



Faridkot

The inscriptions on most of the stamps of the Indian Native States are unsolved mysteries to the majority of collectors, so that the following translation of the characters on the first 1 paisa stamp of Faridkot may interest many of our readers. The hieroglyphics in the centre are Persi-Arabic, and mean "Principality or Province of Faridkot." Those on the circular band are in the Sikh or Punjabi language, and mean the same thing, while the characters in the label across the bottom of the design mean "Ticket or stamp for letters of 1 paisa." All these inscriptions read from right to left—just the reverse of reading English. The paisa corresponds with 3 pies of ordinary Indian currency, and is thus equal to ¼ anna or ½ cent in American money. This stamp was withdrawn from use when the overprinted Indian stamps were placed on sale on January 1, 1887.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

Junior Dictionary

Postage Free.—Found on the first official stamps for New Zealand issued in 1887.

Postal Commission.—An overprint in conjunction with a new value—3 cents—found upon the 4c Ceylon stamps of 1883-84.

Corner Letters

These were letters running in alphabetical sequence introduced into the lower angles of the first postage stamps issued in Great Britain as an extra safeguard against forgery. In 1858 letters were placed in all four corners, those in the

upper angles being the same as those in the bottom corners, but in reverse order. This system of lettering the stamps was not entirely discontinued until the King Edward stamps made their appearance in 1902.

CANCELLATIONS

"Cancelled to Order."—A reader asks us to explain the meaning of "cancelled to order," and to give a list of stamps so cancelled. As to the first half of his question, the term is generally used to denote those stamps which have been sold in an obliterated condition without having passed through the post. As to the second half, this is not so easy, for almost any stamp may exist in that form, there being nothing to prevent an obliging Post Office clerk, in England or any other country, applying a postmark to any stamps for which a customer pays full face value. Stamps of the smaller colonies found "used," yet with full gum, have often been obtained by tourists in this way as souvenirs.

Borneo, Labuan, and St. Helena.—In some cases specially cancelled stamps have been sold to dealers at considerably less than face value, and in these circumstances a special form of obliteration, or postmark, has usually been applied, which enables them to be distinguished from genuinely used copies. The most notorious examples of this are Borneo and Labuan stamps cancelled with an oval of black bars. Another instance occurred when St. Helena sold the remainder of the last Victorian issue. They were offered for sale by tender, but found no bidders at a satisfactory price, so the whole lot were sold to Mr. G. Healey (now dead) after they had been cancelled with a triangular mark in violet.

Not Postally Used.—The above stamps are not postally used, and should not be bought as such, as their value is not so great as copies which have really done postal duty. We certainly do not say, "Do not put them in your collection," so long as you are not deceived by them, as they are just as good, in everything but commercial value, as most postally used copies, if you only want them as designs or as examples of the stamps.

Rhodesian Cancellations.—A few years ago the remainders of the Rhodesian stamps came on the market when the British South Africa Company turned over their responsibilities to the British Government. They could have used up the stamps, but did not care to do so, and in the end they sold the whole lot to Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., most of them being cancelled with the ordinary postmarks, in which were inserted various dates to correspond with the period of issue of the stamps. Thus, in the case of Rhodesian stamps so sold, it is practically impossible to tell the cancelled-to-order copies from the genuinely used.

Value of Remainders.—The Rhodesia deal was severely criticised by some collectors, and the defence was made that

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HERE AND THERE—

T. L. BEHR, one of the most popula philatelists in San Francisco, ar for many years office manager for Edw P. Seebohm, has been quite ill for abo six weeks. He is now in the hospit and has undergone two operations. H health is much improved.

WE have been shown a block of nir 2c Canal Zone current issue which the center stamp is shifted to th left. R. W. Barr, Balboa, Canal Zon who submits the variety, states that occurs on stamp No. 19, in sheet wit plate number 115,186.

EVERY now and then one of our sul scribers calls attention to the var eties appearing in the 5c airmail stam due to the stamp being printed in tw colors and faulty registering in the prin ing. These varieties are interesting, bu what is really wanted in the way of variety is an inverted center. The pro pect for such a variety seems quit bright, considering the large numbers this stamp that are being printed.

WE have received from W. A. Beach Flint, Mich., a specimen first fligh airmail CAM 27, Bay City-Chicag The Flint postmark is Nov. 27. Ther is a non-official cachet as well as th regular, the former having been applie by the Junior Chamber of Commerce o Flint.

IN connection with the third annual ex hibition of the Lansdowne (Pa. Stamp Club held November 30-Decem ber 1, a cachet was applied to mail as a advertising feature. It is of striking de sign. We are indebted to George M Emery and Clarence W. Brazer fo specimens.

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CANCELLATIONS

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: was better to have the stamps cancelled han to put them on the market under ace value, and thus spoil the investment f those who had bought unused copies. There are numerous other instances of emainders, references to which will soon e found by any stamp student when he akes up the study of stamp literature. But remainders have been very valuable o collectors, and enabled them to fill lanks and derive information that might never have been placed on record but for he discovery—perhaps years after they were obsolete—of remainders of the tamps.

South African War Stamps.—The ame reader who set us writing about ancelled-to-order stamps and remainders lso asks why a £5 unused Transvaal tamp can be sold for, say, 30/-. The eason, in this case, is threefold. Firstly, o war has ever resulted in so many tamps being brought home by soldiers nd others as the South African War. Consequently the market was glutted, nd when the stamps became obsolete and were not worth face value for use in the Colony, there were—and still are—too many on the market to keep the price up. This applies to many other war stamps, as well as to unused "remainders" of various countries, like Prince Edward Island and the Spanish Colonies. As the market absorbs them, so their value rises, and they become once again worth face value or more.

Barred Remainders.—A collection of cancelled-to-order stamps—and although we have never heard of one being made, it would certainly not be without interest—would not be complete without the "barred" stamps of Spain. These came about in 1854, when it was the Spanish policy to have a new series of stamps every year, and the remainders of each issue, as they became obsolete, were overprinted in complete sheets with three black bars. These "barred" stamps, unfortunately, are not referred to in the English catalogues, and it is to be feared that many collectors, in consequence, have them in their collection under the impression that they are properly used stamps, which in some cases would be of considerable catalogue value. Readers of the *Junior Stamp Magazine*, however, should note that the barred stamps are only worth a fraction of the value of copies genuinely used.—*Junior Stamp Magazine.*

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On November 27, 1928, the Central Florida Philatelic Club was organized at Auburndale, Fla., thru the efforts of Mr. Chester A. Hewitt, of Auburndale, and Winter Haven, Fla.

The Philatelists of this section met at Mr. Hewitt's Villa home on Lake Arietta, and a club formed with twelve charter members. Chester A. Hewitt, Auburndale; Miles F. Storm, Winter Haven; L. J. Bottimer, Lake Alfred; Elmer E. Cline, Auburndale; Edward Poitras, Winter Haven; Mrs. A. E. Biggers, Auburndale; C. H. Meadows, Auburndale; B, Haynes, Winter Haven; Charles W. Weber, Auburndale; Ralph H. Schaar, Lake Alfred; Lauren Brandon, Arcadia, and Daniel W. Thorp, Jr., Auburndale.

Of the above one is a City Manager, two Assistant Postmasters, one Postal Clerk, two Insurance men, one Cashier of National Bank, and the rest are business men. The charter will remain open until Jan. 1, 1929.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—Judge Elmer E. Cline, Pres.; Chester A. Hewitt, Vice-Pres.; L. J. Bottimer, Sec'y-Treas. By-Laws Committee, B. Haynes, Chester A. Hewitt and L. J. Bottimer. Program Committee, C. H. Meadows, Ralph H. Schaar and Edward Poitras.

Meetings to be held on second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, the Program Committee to designate places of meeting and entertainment features for each subsequent meeting. Members are admitted from every section of the state, with proper qualifications.

BOOK REVIEW

We have received from Wm. Lycett, secretary of the S. P. A., the 1929 Year Book of the Society. The book is modelled after its predecessors and contains a full report of the convention proceedings, including reports of officers and committees, list of contents of the library, roll of members, etc. It is a book of 76 pages, well printed, and indicates a very prosperous condition of the organization. Price, $1.00.

ROSENBERG OF BERLIN

J. Rosenberg, the Berlin dealer who recently visited the United States, has taken out a contract with the Weekly, and will be with us regularly in the future. He makes a specialty of wholesale offerings, and dealers should be interested in his initial announcement elsewhere in this issue.

NEWFOUNDLAND-DE PINEDO

In May, 1927, 300 copies of the 60c Cabot were overprinted in red "Air Mail—DE PINEDO—1927". Commr. de Pinedo was given 20 copies; four were damaged and destroyed; 46 sold to Government officials, and the remainder (230) used on letters in the Trans-Atlantic air mail.

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Third Annual Exhibit Lansdowne Stamp Club A Marked Success

By GEORGE M. EMERY, A. P. S. 5582.

Thirty or more postage stamp collections, representatives of a majority of the stamp-issuing countries of the world, and in some instances showing a high degree of specialization, were displayed at the Third Annual Exhibition of the Lansdowne, Pa., Stamp Club, November 30 and December 1. The show was the most successful ever held by the club.

Considering the quality of the collections shown and the interest created among collectors and others in the vicinity, the Lansdowne Club members are convinced that their organization, although only three years old, is qualified to rank high among the older and larger stamp clubs of the United States. Lansdowne is situated in Delaware County, Pa., adjacent to Philadelphia, and almost all the club members are residents of the club's home county.

Newspaper publicity served in great measure to make the Lansdowne exhibition a success, the five daily Philadelphia papers and the numerous suburban papers publishing generous advance articles as well as complete announcements of the prize awards. Many collectors and others interested in philately, previously unaware of the activities of the club, were attracted to the exhibition. Several of the visitors signed membership applications.

The judges were Charles J. Phillips, the well-known international expert and specialist in U. S. Departments, of New York; Major Guy V. Camp, president of the Society of Philatelic Americans, of New York, and Philip H. Ward, Jr., the U. S. specialist, who has collaborated in the formation of several of the more notable U. S. collections, of Philadelphia.

Twenty-four prizes, including a Grand Prize for the best all-round exhibit in the show, were awarded in the various classes into which the collections were divided. The awards, together with brief descriptions of the winning entries, follow:

Grand Prize—Clarence W. Brazer, of Lansdowne, Pa., for his collection of United States proofs and essays. This collection, gathered together largely within the last year, represents almost everything obtainable, and embraces card and India die and plate proofs of all the regular issues from 1847 to those of recent date, newspapers, departments, special delivery and postage dues, and a large variety of essays both listed and unlisted in standard works on the subject. In addition, the collection contains the Roosevelt gift book of proofs, as well as a large number of prints signed by the artists and engravers who executed them, showing the various stages from the origin to the completion of the stamp designs.

Mr. Brazer is contemplating the preparation of an article on U. S. proofs and essays, based upon his collection, which will shed much new light, he believes, on the subject, and which will result in many new listings. The Brazer collection is considered by qualified experts to be one of the most comprehensive in existence.

Class 1. United States and Possessions—Herbert C. Hays won first prize with his collection of unused, finely-centered, full-gum copies complete except for some of the very rare re-cuts and inverts; Albert J. Squiers won second with a similar collection slightly less complete, and S. W. Haney won third with his twentieth century unused blocks and booklet panes.

Class 2. Great Britain and Colonies other than British North America—E. E. Meacham captured first with his unused British Colonials, complete through the high values, superbly mounted and embellished with descriptive and illustrative material; Spencer L. Coxe won second with a miscellaneous assortment of copies, which have appreciated largely in value, and Dr. Justis E. Sinexon won third with a beautiful collection of unused and used copies. Mr. Meacham was specially commended by the judges for the appearance of his collection.

Class 3. British North America—Clarence W. Brazer won first with a fine collection of Canada, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, showing virtually all the rarities in the best condition, as well as a variety of valuable bisects used on cover; third prize went to Dr. F. C. Locy for his collection of Jamaica unused.

Class 4. Europe—Albert B. Maris won first with an interesting collection of continental issues beautifully arranged and running well into the high values and rarer copies.

Class 5. Asia—First prize went to W. P. Bricker for his small but interesting collection of modern China.

Class 6. Africa—Albert B. Maris won first with an assortment largely similar in quality to his Europe entry, and Mrs. Mary G. Cook won second with her collection of Egypt, virtually complete.

Class 7. South America—John R. Huston won first with his specialized collection of Chile, virtually complete. The collection includes many of the rare shades of the first issue, as well as numerous watermark and cancellation varieties, together with interesting blocks, used and unused, and rare covers. The Huston Chile collection was considered by the judges as the runner-up for the Grand Prize.

Class 9. Proofs—First prize went to the Clarence W. Brazer collection, previously described. The collection filled three 8-foot tables, and was made up of about 125 album pages.

Class 10. Cancellations—George M. Emery won first with his specialized collection of U. S. stamps, particularly the bank note issues, showing complete pages of the more common cancellations and numerous single specimens with the rarer and more interesting cancellations of the period. Quartered corks, rosettes, grids, stars, towns, numerals, Maltese Crosses, pumpkin heads, skulls and bones, as well as foreign mail, supplementary mail, steamship, railroad, Japanese and used abroad cancellations were included in the Emery display, which occupied three full tables adjacent to the Brazer proof collection.

Class 11. Specialties—A. J. Squiers won first with his collection of charity stamps and semi-postal issues of the world, embracing almost 2,000 of these stamps known to exist; George M. Emery won third with a small specialized collection of U. S. 3-cent '51's, classified according to shades and retouchings.

Class 12. Covers—Clarence W. Brazer won first with his collection of U. S. covers, including the New York and St. Louis postmaster stamps, numerous locals and 1847 and 1851 issues, and a fine showing of Patriotics; Albert B. Maris won second with a general showing.

Class 13. Juniors—Wilson N. Brazer won first and Robert Schelhorn won third with creditable general collections, neatly arranged and mounted.

Class 14. Guests—H. L. Dean won first with a collection of extra-perforated U. S. revenues; Walter E. Egbert won third.

In addition to the competitive displays, which were arranged on tables in the first-floor banking offices of the Lansdowne Bank and Trust Company, Lansdowne, Pa., and on tables in several rooms and hallways on the second floor, and in specially-made glass frames hung on the walls, several exhibits were added to the show by Mr. Phillips and Eugene Klein, a patron of the club. Mr. Phillips exhibited specimen pages from his U. S. Department collection, and Mr. Klein showed similar pages from his specialized Gold Medal Collection of Heligoland.

The Lansdowne Stamp Club's exhibition was financed entirely by the membership, no entrance fees or admission charges for exhibitors or visitors being exacted. The excellent quarters for the exhibit were lent by the Lansdowne Bank and Trust Company, and some of the show equipment was lent by Lansdowne church organizations. Each exhibitor was responsible for the arrangement and display of his collection, and adequate insurance was provided at each exhibitor's own expense for the entire display. Not one stamp was damaged or lost.

The Lansdowne Club now possesses five exhibition frames, constructed with hinged glass doors. These frames were designed by Mr. Brazer after the style of those now used by the Collectors Club in New York, and the club expects to obtain a sufficient number eventually to accommodate all the exhibits at future shows.

The Lansdowne Stamp Club members feel that the success of their third exhibition marks a big stride forward in their ambition to make their club one of character and influence in the community. The club aspires to include in its membership the advanced collector as well as the junior and the beginner, preserving an interest for all. The present membership approximates forty.

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United States

Washington Notes

The Philatelic Agency at Washington is swarmed with orders for the new International Civil Aeronautics Conference stamps, and at the time this Chronicle is being written, there are upward of five thousand orders behind, with more coming in daily. Every effort is being made to expedite the filling of these orders, but there are bound to be some disappointments, and if one is in immediate hurry, it is suggested that the stamps be ordered through some agent or friend located in Washington, who may obtain them personally at the stamp window. While the Agency has put on extra help, it is impossible to have new clerks fill orders for numerous varieties, as these larger stocks are in the hands of the regular clerks only. It is, therefore, suggested that in ordering new stamps that the request be written on a separate sheet, and that a separate remittance accompany this request. Such an order may be readily given to a new clerk with a stock of the two new stamps, and in this way the order may be filled much more quickly than if other varieties be requested.

The Agency also wishes to impress upon collectors that they will not be in a position to send first-day covers of the new air mail envelope, which it is now found will appear shortly after the first of the year. They have not the facilities for addressing envelopes, and those wanting first-day covers should make arrangements with someone in Washington to address these and send them out on the first day. When they formerly arranged to address twenty-five envelopes in behalf of an individual collector or dealers, many of the dealers took advantage of the Department by applying in the name of ten or twelve others, and in this way getting several hundred covers. In other words—"they killed the goose that laid the golden egg," so that the Department has made a ruling that they will not address the new envelopes. Several of those carrying advertisements in our columns will be pleased, we are quite confident, to act as agents on such an occasion for a small commission, and it is to be hoped that the collector will take advantage of this new manner in getting these new envelopes. If it were simply a question of sticking stamps upon the envelope, the Agency would not object, but in this case, it requires the addressing of the envelope.

Another suggestion which would facilitate matters, is to order new stamps only when a new issue is announced. If the collector or dealer wants current issues, or older issues, which might be on hand, these can be ordered just as well in the intervals rather than at the time when it is known that the Agency will be exceedingly busy.

As the Post Office at Kitty Hawk, N. C., is an exceedingly small office, it is suggested that covers sent to that point to be cancelled on the day of the Memorial Dedication, be properly stamped. Otherwise, it is doubtful whether the postmaster will have sufficient help on hand to take care of requests. At this writing, no arrangements have been made to send the postmaster at that point a supply of the new stamps, although it is quite possible he will make a requisition for a supply.

The Department at Washington has received the sketch for the new George Rogers Clark stamp, which will appear in February, and it is expected that by next week, we will have more details upon the subject. It will be of a 2-cent denomination, and it is expected that it will be the size of the current stamps turned side-wise.

3c Victory Stamp

Now that the 3c Victory stamp in the red-violet shade is commanding a substantial premium, quite a number of collectors are looking over their collections and endeavoring to learn if they have the rare variety. Three-fourths of those which have been submitted for inspection, are not in the real red-violet shade, which is a deep shade showing much red. There is a light shade tending toward a pink, which is rather common and which is often taken for the real variety. If there is any doubt in your mind about it, you may be sure that you do not have the variety, as the color is so different from the normal, that it is readily noted even by the inexperienced eye.

Pre-Cancelled Booklet Stamps

Mr. J. E. Thompson kindly submits for inspection some of the current booklet stamps precancelled in Des Moines, Iowa, and used by *Successful Farming* in sending out their circulars. These are of the rubber stamp type, and a readily accounted for. Here in Phil delphia, and no doubt, the same rulin applies in Des Moines, large mail ord houses, such as—Sears Roebuck Con pany, receive numerous small remittanc in the form of postage stamps, and a their uses are generally of the precar celled type, they send these unprecar celled stamps to the local post office i order to have them precancelled and use with the supply purchased locally. A these stamps are in sheets, part sheet blocks and singles, it would be impos sible to precancel them in the norm way, so that they are precancelled b means of a rubber stamp. As a resul any variety that they receive in payme is likely to be precancelled, and this i cludes not only booklets, but older issue commemoratives and the like.

Those going in for the hand-stamp pr cancels, certainly have a real task, a there is no limit to the possibility of wh might exist. As the Des Moines far journal possibly receives many remi tances in stamps, they are no doubt, ex tended the same privilege of having the remittances precancelled, hence — th booklet varieties submitted by M Thompson.

Alaouites.—Whitfield King & C advise us of the receipt of a new sur charge. The 10c has been overprinte "05" in red

Estonia.—Whitfield King & C send us a copy of the 2s green in a ne design. This stamp shows three of th native lions, one above the other, whil at the bottom to the left is the name o the country, and to the right is the fig ure of value.

India.—Mr. R. Roberts advises tha he has received the 25R blue and orang Nasik printing.

Kenya and Uganda.—The *Sout African Philatelist* is informed that th new issue of postage due stamps are nc to be sold to the public. If this regula tion is adhered to the stamps will onl be obtainable on surcharged letters.

Lebanon Republic.—Whitfield Kin & Co. reports the 10c with the surcharg "05" in red.

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Mocambique.—The triangular adhesives forecast by us many months ago have now materialised and we are indebted to Mr. W. Redford for copies. The stamps are issued in aid of the Humanitarian Society of the Eastern Cross and, on stipulated dates, must be affixed on all inland mail matter in addition to the usual postage. There are two sets of triangulars, on one of which no denominations are expressed. The other set was manufactured by overprinting this set with the word CORREIOS and denomination. Stamps without indication of denomination are, we understand, sold at 50 centavos each.

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By "COLORIMETER."

A good proportion of the stamps recommended within the last twelve months in this newspaper have turned out "winners."

Ascension.—The 4d and 6d were first reported in *S.C.* as withdrawn, and as recorded 9.6.28 have now risen substantially. It is worth noting that the 4d occurs on two papers, pale yellow and lemon, quite distinct. I believe one, the first-named, to be much scarcer than the other, but perhaps some other readers can give their opinions?

St. Helena.—One naturally thinks of this country with Ascension, as the two make such an interesting group. The 4d here, as recommended in the Christmas *S.C.*, has been advancing recently. I have seen it on one paper only, but possibly it exists on two?

The 1s 6d is on a very unusual paper and appears different from any other green MCA papers. Can any reader explain this? Was it a trial make of paper? It makes a very effective stamp in the colourings adopted, and much handsomer than the variety that succeeded it, on emerald script.

The outstanding rarity here has turned out to be the 15s, which I believe was also first mentioned in *S.C.* It is worth picking up to-day at any appreciable discount off its current catalogue price, as its withdrawal took most people by surprise. It is rumoured that the 7s 6d duty has also been withdrawn. Can any reader confirm or deny this from official sources?

The "Seal's mouth" and other varieties that occur on the current "Bruce" type make it a very interesting group to study.

Gibraltar.—The £1 on red bounded up on its withdrawal, and sagged again on small supplies coming over from the continent, but rumours of local dealers having bought up large supplies are only canards, as on the contrary very few appear to be held locally. Perhaps they were circulated by those anxious to buy! I believe it is a stamp that has a good future, and in view of the steady rise of the £1 Edwards and high values in general, is certain to turn out a fine investment at to-day's price. It must be remembered that S.G. Nos. 85, 100, and 101 were all withdrawn unexpectedly. The later Edwards were expected to have a short life, some actually being issued after the death of the late Sovereign, yet they have, almost without exception, turned out very good. No official figures of these stamps have ever been published, and quantities stated in some quarters of the 4s and 8s Script should be regarded as guesses. These have varied between 1,000 and 20,000! The former must be *nearer* the mark.

Barbados.—The Victory set, and indeed almost all modern stamps of this country, keep in demand, and the 3s violet (1916) caused a sensation on figuring at 75s in Gibbons' last autumn, at a time when it was selling at 15s to 20s. This cat. figure was evidently a misprint, as it soon afterwards was corrected to 35s, at which it now stands. Not soon enough, however, to prevent it being copied by one or two other catalogues, who apparently copied the error!

It is not often that a middle issue Victorian stamp rises suddenly in price, but the fact that a mint copy of the large 5s (1873) of Barbados recently fetched £13 at auction will not have passed unnoticed, and we may expect the catalogue price to be altered some in the next edition.

2½d oranges have caused a good deal of interest, and two or three are undoubtedly scarce, but the 1d red Scripts have one or two items nearly as scarce whose merits have hardly been recognised.

St. Lucia is the best, but the 1d red Script of Solomons seems very cheap on current pricings, and I doubt if there are any large wholesale stocks of either. One may usually search in vain through bulk lots of the 1d red Leewards for any Scripts. Very few can have been used in the Colony, but rather more were sold in London.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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By A. F. GAMBER.

The Postal Rates Bill of 1928 has rendered obsolete the 25c Special Handling stamp by providing for similar stamps of 10, 15, 20c values. This stamp has been in use for approximately three years, and has never been in sufficiently wide use to become anywhere near common among precancel collectors. It is doubtful if more than one printing of it has ever been made. So far as I know, no one has attempted to specialize it, except Dr. Mitchell, and he has confined his efforts to electros only. Probably no dealer or accumulator has at most more than 50 copies on hand, and it's safe to hazard the opinion that a goodly share of that number would be Cincinnatis, that office being probably the heaviest user of them. For these reasons I believe that anyone who had consistently specialized this stamp would now have a better piece of property than if he had spent the same amount of effort and money on one of the late Commemoratives. The 25c Special Handling, to my way of thinking, will prove to be a very good stamp in the future. General collectors will have occasion to lament the lack of quite a number of them, state specialists will seek long and diligently (and possibly unsuccessfully) for them. Especially so because small town offices, the homes of most of the chickeries and nurseries, used them more than the larger cities and towns. In fact this has been very largely a small town stamp, which means a hard to get stamp. Many large cities did not use it at all in precancelled form.

I do not regard my general collection as a world beater, or even as one of the outstanding ones, but I propose to take up the rest of this article in running over the 25c Special Handlings in it, to give you some idea how little it has been used and saved, for what I have of it is as nothing to what I would like to have. This article, then, is not intended to show what I have, but to show how deficient in it one of the larger general collections is. I regret very much that someone did not thoroly specialize it, that he might set before us a good article on this stamp with a future. Before starting this ramble through my albums, may I express the hope that someone will at once start a specialized collection of the three forthcoming Special Handlings, so the hobby won't be caught short again. And here's another angle to the matter: will these three stamps come out temporarily in the 11 perf. and soon switch over to the compound, or will they remain permanently perf. 11? The 10c Special is now compound perf., you know, so there is a strong possibility that at least the 10c Special Handling may switch.—*Precancel Bee.*

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AT this Christmas-tide good-will is in the air and reflected in our acts. There is a feeling of kinship that must give expression to itself and so we greet each other with a "Merry Christmas" that has in it the ring of buoyancy and friendliness. It is an exchange of good cheer, a bit of radiant personality, and a token of the day when a better understanding shall prevail between man and man. At this season of the year the world takes on a more brilliant coloring because a soul has come in closer contact with another soul. It is the Christmas spirit giving full play to itself—that expression of good-will that more than nineteen centuries ago rang out as the shepherds tended their flocks in old Judea.

This spirit of good-will should not be confined to a few days in December. In the development of that finer understanding which the world needs it should permeate all the days of the year and all the years of one's life. What a change could be wrought in every community were we to cultivate this spirit. It is possible. The lowly Nazarene whom we honor today has shown the way.

Whatever may be our political faith or our religious belief, there is a general acceptance of the truth that man is by nature religious. There is something within us that compels us to respect or worship a great ideal. So we have groups of people, fraternal organizations, and luncheon clubs too numerous to name, all with codes of ethics and morals based upon the teachings found in that great deliverance, "The Sermon on the Mount." Indeed, there are two specific teachings there which if put into practise would perpetuate the Christmas spirit. They are well worth considering.

In the first place we are to treat the other person as we ourselves would desire to be treated. A hard thing to do? Most assuredly. All ideals are difficult to attain but an honest effort that meets with failure is preferable to lack of ambition to reach a great goal.

There is another great teaching emphasized in "The Sermon on the Mount." If a man compels us to go with him a mile from a sense of duty, the injunction is laid upon us to go a second mile. Here is a great fundamental teaching and one of tremendous importance. These two miles are of equal length, but the first is a mile of duty while the second is a mile of privilege, and the mile to the development of understanding

What is true of the individual is true of the nation and of the world. Suspicion must be displaced by confidence, submarines give way to commercial carriers and swords beaten into plowshares. We are nationalistic, but we are more than that, we are brothers. We who are philatelists can be truly proud of the fact that our hobby knows no boundary. It has only one language. It has the single aim of fostering a common understanding. Would that the splendid spirit of good cheer that this season brings might overflow into the months of 1929 and help in that real development of an understanding between man and man that will make this old world what it should be.

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The Lord Mayor of London (Sir Kynaston Studd), accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, opened the London Stamp Exhibition at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon St., E. C., at 2.30 p. m., on Friday, November 16th. Introducing the Lord Mayor, the Chairman, Mr. F. H. Vallancey, said that one of the chief interests of the exhibition had been to secure the interest of the chief citizen.

The Lord Mayor, expressing his pleasure and interest in the exhibition, said that when younger he and his brothers were ardent stamp collectors, and he still possessed the collection of his youth. His son was now a much keener collector than he was, and would no doubt be among the visitors to the Exhibition, which he had much pleasure in declaring open.

Mr. Fred. J. Melville (Hon. President of the Exhibition), proposing a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, said:

"The Lord Mayor has declared our Exhibition open, and philatelists, not only those gathered in this hall, but philatelists scattered throughout the broad Empire and in foreign countries would wish to be associated with our expression of thanks to him for honouring not only our Exhibition but our Hobby.

Our Exhibition consists of British stamps and that is but one phase, though an important phase of stamp collecting. Many people still think stamp collecting implies the gathering of foreign stamps, but those of us who have been long at the game know that there's nothing to beat the British goods.

The postmaster of Maidstone the other day explained the difference between English and Foreign stamps. He said we put more gum on ours and our gum tasted better.

Well, we ought to get some advantage when we pay 1½d for our penny stamps. But the postmaster was right. No one has ever been poisoned by English stamps.

One factor that commends English stamps to collectors is the fact that they are only changed rarely and for serious reasons. There are other countries, sir, that change their stamps more often than we change our Lord Mayor.

First City Exhibition.—It is the first time a public stamp exhibition has been held within the city borders and I suggest the organisers have done well to bring the knowledge of our delightful hobby to the busy workers of the City. Your visit has crowned their efforts to reach the people most in need of a tranquil hobby that combines culture and recreation.

But there is a deeper significance in having you with us to-day. These English stamps of which you see an unprecedented array are the visible, if small, tokens of the victory of the merchants of the City of London in securing for the public the easy and cheap intercourse of postal correspondence. That victory was won not so long ago over Patentees, Farmers of the Post and the State itself. Just 300 years ago, when there were no facilities for ordinary people to use the King's Post, the Court of Common Council set up a post of its own for mer-

Fred. J. Melville.
President of the J. P. S.

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The fountain head of our pastime is the General Post Office, and that, Sir, has been in your domain from earliest times. The Postmaster-General is the honoured Patron of our Exhibition, and I hope although he could not be with us to-day he will find time to visit the Exhibition before it closes. It should be a refreshing experience for him to meet men who, although they grouse at paying 1½d for his penny stamps, will cheerfully pay £100 or even £200 for a 1d stamp of the right rare variety.

My Lord Mayor, many of these exhibits are of great value. I do hope and trust no one will have to appear before you in your capacity as Chief Magistrate at the Mansion House in connection with this show. And yet I have my fears—there is one exhibitor (No. 131 in the Catalogue) who makes a special point that no part of his exhibit has been obtained by purchase.

We should all like to make valuable collections without having to pay for them, but we collectors live in respect of the law, and our dealer friends respect both the law and the profits.

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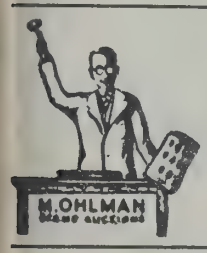

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Sir William Waterlow, amid laughter, id this was very sudden and totally nexpected. It was true he had been reonsible for producing many millions of amps, and the standard of production this country was high. The authoris kept a strict watch not only on the uality of the gum by laboratory tests, lt also on the quantity applied to each amp. British stamps were printed on per already gummed, and this was renred possible by the typographical ocess used. He was very pleased to be sociated with the Exhibition.

After Mr. J. B. Seymour had proposed vote of thanks to the Chair and Mr. allancey had responded, the Lord ayor made a tour of the stalls and sted the first letter at the Exhibition ost Office.

The Exhibits.—Space forbids a detled description of the exhibits, which mprise all classes of British stamps, ationery and postal franks. Devoted, the Exhibition is, to two countries ly—Great Britain and Ireland—the Exbition catalogue is of special reference lue. Here will be found categorical scriptions of some of the famous colctions of British stamps, such as those Bertram M'Gowan, J. B. Seymour, C. Dendy Marshall, H. C. V. Adams, illiam Dodd, Sydney R. Turner, F. H. ere, W. P. Costerns, and many others ually worthy of record.—*Philatelic agazine.*

THE GAY NINETIES

This period in American philately was for a long time decidedly neglected by collectors. It started off quietly enough with the small set of portraits of 1890. The issue was well enough received by collectors and fair stocks of the stamps were established, but when the Columbian Issue made its appearance a bull market was immediately established. It was the first of the U. S. commemorative issues; nice, big plasters, and everyone seems to have decided millions were to be made quickly by purchasing the stamps in quantities and filing them in damp safes. Used ones were in equally good demand and office boys employed in banks or mail-order houses made great hauls from waste-paper baskets. The ensuing glut seemed for the time being to knock the feet from under the stamp market. Non-philatelic investors wanted to get out with a profit and found they could not even have the Columbians redeemed at the post office for face value. The result was that investments in unused stamps then current were limited for a number of years. Today not many collections make even a fair showing of the issues of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, those of 1894-98, nor of its first commemorative issue for the Trans-Mississippi exposition.

And as collectors have tried to make good the oversight, prices soared. They are fairly high today; they should be higher as more and more collectors discover their spaces for the 1894 issue, on unwatermarked paper, are more often than not filled with commoner watermarked stamps of 1895.

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"	244	$4 rose	....	11.00	
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"	261a	$1 black, type II	16.00	5.25	
"	263	$5 green bright, o. g.	45.00	....	
1895	274	15c dark blue; v. fine	1.20	.25	
"	275	50c orange; shades	2.50	.50	
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1898	283	10c orange brown	1.50	....	15.00 o. g.
"	284	15c olive green	1.50	....	8.00 o. g.
"	287	4c orange, Omaha set	.50	.40	
"	288	5c blue	.65	.50	
"	289	8c violet brown	1.20	.55	
"	290	10c gray violet	1.20	.25	
"	291	50c sage green	4.75	3.20	
"	292	$1 black	6.50	6.00	
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By Tom V. Binmore.

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While Williams was detained at Scott's, Patrolman Benjamin Rosenberg, of the 9th precinct station, arrested the burglar. Williams broke way and dodged through the midst of the busy noon traffic of Fifth Ave. The patrolman with drawn revolver chased him into the firm grip of Detective Eugene Mahoney of the Fifth Ave. Squad.

The officers took the prisoner (who was wearing Mr. Weissman's overcoat, and carrying his watch and sample book) into custody, raided his rooms and found records of sales, a big collection of keys and a jimmy. Also the residue of the stuff he had stolen from Messrs. Weissman, Galbraith, Lesgor and Binmore. Williams is being held in the Tombs without bail for trial for burglary.

Thus, through coöperation of the dealers and good work by Officers Rosenberg and Mahoney, to whom the whole trade is indebted, ends the series of burglaries that bit deeply into the resources of six dealers and threatened all the others.

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POSTAGE STAMP REVIEW

By Montgomery Mulford.

The year 1928 will always be recalled for the number of commemorations and the progress of man in the air. Postage stamps have appeared for almost every single one of these events, and the first half of the year is rather nicely outlined by stamps.

Soviet Russia began the new year with an issue of seven commemorative postage stamps, for her celebration of the tenth anniversary of the "Red Revolution" of 1917-18. On the three kopecs we view the three classes who are alleged to be the rulers: workman, peasant, soldier. The fourteen kopecs shows us a map of the "U. S. S. R.," while the eighteen kopecs presents us with a group of peasants representative of the 193 nationalities in Russia! The inscriptions are in one of three languages: Russian, Turkish, Sanskrit.

Paying deference to her sons who fell in the World War, as well as those who fell fighting for Italian independence, the very-old republic of San Marino issued a series of three postage stamps. In the stamp news for April, San Marino again appears; this time with postage commemorating the visit to that mountain republic—it is built upon Mount Titano—of Saint Francis of Assisi, who was an inspiration to San Marino to keep its freedom. Four stamps appeared. St. Francis had heard of this little country, because it had been founded by Marinus after he had fled the Christian persecutions of the Roman Empire; and Marinus set up a Christian hermitage on Titano. St. Francis came eight hundred years later to San Marino, so that this little country is very old, older than many of the greater nations of that European continent. It has had its own postage since 1877.

Notes of the first of the year tell of new stamps from North Mongolia, which is known as "Touva"; Mongolia North is nominally a Soviet federated republic, which accounts for the Russian denominations on her postage. Fourteen stamps appeared,—one kopec to one ruble—illustrating local scenes, natives of the territory, and one stamp showing a map of that "republic." The issues are rectangular in shape and lithographed at Moscow.

To digress a moment; the year 1928 has been one in which many nations have shown by postage stamps that they have created practically autonomous units within their jurisdictions. Thus Russia with Mongolia (and Karelia, Armenia, etc.), and thus with France in Syria, where the "republic" of Lebanon has been carved. England has created "Commonwealths" in place of republics, whereas Colombia has "Departments," the Swiss "Cantons," and the United States "states."

February stamp news told of the appearance of the young Princess Elizabeth on Luxemburg postage; July notes told of the appearance of the young boy-king Michael on postage of Rumania. Thus is youth served!

Portugal, during the first months of the year, issued fourteen postage commemorative stamps of the Battle of Montijo, which occurred on May 26, 1644 and this set was rather widely ridiculed Portugal, along with Egypt, and to some extent Newfoundland and other states have found the issuing of stamps a good speculation.

At the same time that the Portuguese commemoratives appeared (with scenes from that conflict against Spain, and of leading Portuguese participants), Newfoundland came forward with fourteen new commemoratives.

Every year Switzerland, in order to help certain charities, has (since 1913) issued around Christmas time a Pro-Juventute series of stamps. During the first of this year this new series was broadcasted in our press; the stamps being sold a little over face value, and four in number. The surplus charge went to charity.

Newfoundland presently (March notes) brings forth a set of postage showing the Prince of Wales (Albert Edward), his father, King George V, and his mother, Queen Mary. There are thirteen values issued. The one cent shows us a map of this old British colony

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" 10. 1869, Unused and used, including some scarce imprints.
" 11. 1870-73, Unused only, including scarce strips with imprint and rare varieties.
" 12. 1873-82, Unused only, including a number of strips with imprint.
" 13. 1882-83, Unused only, many strips with imprint and some very rare items, one of the choicest being a strip of six of the 2c red-brown, special printing of 1882. This strip has the top margin and the middle pair of stamps is imperf. between vertically, probably unique in this condition.
" 14. 1873-88, Used stamps, including many scarce varieties.
" 15. 1870-73, All used, including many very scarce varieties.
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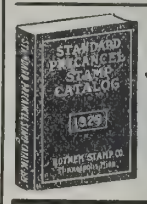

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52	25c deep blue	.40	..
53	40c black on bluish	.30	..
	1907		
57	2c on 5c green	.12	.10
58	4c on 10c rose red	..	.06
59	6c on 15c pale red	.08	.06
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66	4c on 10c rose red	.06	.05
67	6c on 15c orange	.15	..
68	8c on 20c brown violet	.15	.15
69	10c on 25c blue	.60	..
71	40c on 1fr claret and green	.65	..
75	1c on 5c orange	1.00	..
76	2c on 10c green	1.25	..
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234	4c on 10c chocolate	.12	..
235	8c on 20c olive green	.15	..
236	20c on 50c lilac	.30	..
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32	2c violet brown	.12	..
33	4c claret	.20	..
34	5c deep green	.15	..
35	10c carmine	.15	..
37	20c red on green	.40	..
38	25c deep blue	.25	..
39	30c pale brown	.50	..
40	35c black on yellow	.30	..
41	40c black on bluish	.50	..
42	50c bistre brown	.50	..
44	1fr pale green	1.00	..
45	2fr brown on orange	2.00	..
47	10fr orange brown	4.75	..
54	20c violet and black	.20	.15
55	25c blue and black	.10	.08
56	30c brown and black	.12	.10
57	35c olive green and black	.18	.15
58	40c brown and black	.20	.15
59	50c carmine and black	..	.15
60	75c vermilion and black	..	.30
61	1fr carmine and black	..	.50
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7	15c gray	.25	..
18	4c claret	.10	..
20	10c red	.12	..
23	25c blue	.30	..
23	2c violet brown	.50	..
34	4c claret	.50	..
36	10c carmine	.40	..
38	20c red on green	.65	..
42	40c black	.65	..
75	12c on 30c brn. and blk.	.20	..
76	14c on 35c olive grn. and blk.	.20	..
77	16c on 40c yell. brn. and blk.	.20	..
79	20c on 50c carm. and black	.25	..
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24	30c pale brown	.60	..
25	35c black on yellow	.65	..
26	40c black on bluish	.60	..
58	10c on 25c blue and black	.12	..
60	14c on 35c olive grn. and blk.	.25	..
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42	30c brown and black	.20	..
43	35c olive green and blk.	.20	..
44	40c brown and black	.25	..
46	50c carmine	.25	..
55	2c on 5c green and black	.10	..
57	6c on 15c violet and black	.15	..
59	10c on 25c blue and black	.25	..
60	12c on 30c brown and black	.20	..
61	14c on 35c olive grn. and blk.	.20	..
62	16c on 40c yell. brn. and blk.	.20	..
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Without a doubt the International Aeronautical Exposition held at Chicago, Illinois, from December 1 to 9, was the greatest demonstration the Americans have ever had of the true place occupied by aviation in this day and age.

In booths arranged around the walls and on the balcony were shown most all the parts used in airplane manufacture. These exhibits were in themselves worth any effort to attend the show for their informative and demonstrative character; and the most startling fact to be gleaned from them was that all the different makes of motors on display were of the air-cooled type and chiefly of the radial variety, while most all the propellers to be seen anywhere were of steel. It was only a short time ago that water-cooled engines and wooden propellers were almost universal.

Many famous flyers were present at the Exposition on the various days, and one had excellent opportunity to get good close-ups of them. For example, in the evening of December 9, Lady Heath, the world renowned British aviatrix gave short informal lectures on the superior qualities of the famous English small type plane which she has put to such extensive tests on her flights.

Of interest to the philatelist was the frame of air mail covers autographed by the pilots who carried them over various special and first flights, which was displayed by W. A. Steiger of Springfield, Illinois, and which was hung next to the large booth occupied by the branch post office air mail station where it attracted much attention. Particularly noticeable among these covers were two signed by Chas. A. Lindbergh, and a Graf Zeppelin cover signed by Dr. Hugo Eckner.

However, of chief interest was the postal booth itself, which in addition to a good sized counter at which one could write messages on special Airograms and buy stamps, contained several pieces of office furniture, an automatic canceling machine and facilities for sorting the mail after it received the special cachet which had been authorized and furnished from Washington. Quite a thrill to see your cover get all "fixed up" right before your eyes, and know that in a few days it will come right back with a lot of back-stamps all ready for a place in the album!

Collectors of air mail covers should be very grateful to the men in charge of the air mail business at the Chicago post office. They were instrumental in having the authorities authorize an appropriate special cachet for this event, the first one for which there has been an official authorization to apply it in a different colored ink each day. The colors and the dates used were as follows:

Dec. 1, Violet; Dec. 2, Orange-Yellow; Dec. 3, Deep Magenta; Dec. 4, Black; Dec. 5, Blue; Dec. 6, Brown; Dec. 7, Green; Dec. 8, Deep Purple; and Dec. 9, Orange.

All the facilities of the Chicago Post Office air mail division were thrown into operation to see that the covers sent in to receive the special cancellation were properly taken care of according to the wishes of the sender. The special rubber stamps were carefully tested to eliminate any smudgy impressions from the edges of the base of the stamps, which would show when pressed down too hard or unevenly and wherever necessary these were trimmed off so that covers would have the neatest possible appearance. It will be found that any special mail from the Chicago office is characteristically neatly postmarked and *cacheted* because the greatest possible care is always exercised in handling such covers. During the period from the 1st to the 9th the air mail division was put back nearly a week in regular routine work due to taking care of collectors' mail, and this means they must work doubly hard to catch up because no extra help is provided for such occasions. Because of this great consideration shown to us collectors it is suggested that everyone who received any number of covers write a short note of appreciation; they are human and will certainly appreciate it.

We may rightfully say that the first International Aeronautical Exposition in the United States was a great success for all concerned.

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*1904	No. 90	1f gray & carm.	.12	.06
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1904	No. 94	2½p ultramarine	.85	.45
1905	No. 100	1f gray & black	.15	.08
1906	No. 101	½p grn. & blk.	.35	.20
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1907	No. 108	1f gray & black	.35	.20
1909	No. 111	1f brown	.06	.03
1909	No. 112	1p carmine	.15	.08
1909	No. 113	2p gray	.75	.40
*1912	No. 116	¼p brown	.15	.07
*1912	No. 117	½p green	.20	.10
*1912	No. 118	1p carmine	.35	.18
1912	No. 119	2p gray	1.25	.65
1912	No. 120	2½p ultramar.	1.25	.65
1912	No. 121	3p violet, yell.	1.25	.65
1912	No. 122	4p blk. & scar.	1.75	.90
*1916	No. 127	¼p brown	.05	.03
*1916	No. 128	½p green	.10	.05
*1916	No. 129	1p carmine	.10	.05
*1916	No. 130	2p gray	.60	.30
*1916	No. 131	2½p ultramar.	.30	.15
*1916	No. 132	3p violet, yell.	.75	.40
*1916	No. 133	4p red, yellow	.60	.30
*1916	No. 134	6p claret	1.00	.60
*1916	No. 135	1sh grn., scarce	1.75	1.00
*1916	No. 136	2sh vio., scarce	2.50	1.50
*1916	No. 137	3sh dk.vio., rare	12.00	7.75
*1917	No. 138	4p red & black	.60	.40
*1917	No. 139	3sh violet & grn., RARE	8.50	4.75
*1921	No. 152	¼p brown	.05	.03
*1921	No. 153	½p green	.08	.04
*1921	No. 154	1p carmine	.10	.05
*1921	No. 155	2p gray	.25	.13
*1921	No. 156	2½p ultramar.	.50	.30
*1921	No. 158	6p claret	.75	.40
*1921	No. 159	1sh green	9.00	4.50
*1921	No. 160	2sh dark violet	2.75	1.50
*1921	No. 161	3sh dark violet	4.00	2.25
*1921	No. 162	3p violet, yellow	.30	.18
*1921	No. 163	4p red, yellow	.35	.20
*1921	No. 164	1sh green	1.25	.65
*1927	No. 176	1p carm., scarce	.12	.08
*1917	No. 251	1p War Tax	.08	.04

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1897	Nos. 79-87 cpl., scarce	16.12	8.50
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			Unused.	Used
		1853-55		
E1	2301	3c Red, Die 1	8.50	.42
E2	2310	3c on Buff, Die 1	4.50	.22
E3	2302	3c Red, Die 2	8.00	.85
E4	2311	3c on Buff, Die 2	—	.70
E5	2303	3c Red, Die 3	—	32.00
E6	2312	3c on Buff, Die 3	6.00	1.70
E7	2304	3c Red, Die 4	—	4.50
E8	2313	3c on Buff, Die 4	—	7.25
E9	2305	3c Red, Die 5	.60	.11
E10	2314	3c on Buff, Die 5	.25	.04
E11	2306	6c Red	4.25	3.00
E12	2315	6c on Buff	2.75	2.25
E13	2307	6c Green	4.75	—
E14	2316	6c on Buff	3.75	3.75
E15	2308	10c Green, Die 2	11.00	—
E16	2317	10c on Buff, Die 2	4.50	1.25
E17	2309	10c Green, Die 4	5.25	—
E18	2318	10c on Buff, Die 4	3.75	1.60
		1857-61		
E19	2327	1c Blue on Orange	11.50	9.00
E20	2328	1c on Buff (period)	.65	.60
E26	2319	3c Red	1.10	.38
E27	2323	3c on Buff	.50	.28
E28	2320	(3c+1c) Blue & Red	8.00	—
E29	2324	(3c+1c) on Buff	7.75	—
E32	2322	10c Green	35.00	—
E33	2326	10c on Buff	—	11.75
		Reprints: 6c either paper $3.50; 10c either paper $2.50.		
		1861. Outline Letters		
E34	2330	3c Pink	.80	.18
E35	2332	3c on Buff	.90	.12
E36	2334	3c on Blue	1.35	—
E38	2331	6c Pink	5.00	—
E39	2333	6c Pink on Buff	1.50	—
E40	2336	10c Green	1.10	1.10
E41	2337	10c on Buff	.85	1.00
E42	2338	12c Brown & Red	4.00	—
E43	2339	20c Blue & Red	5.00	—
E44	2340	24c Green & Red	6.00	—
E45	2341	40c Red & Black	6.00	—
		1863-64		
E46	2342	2c Blk. on Buff,DieA	1.10	1.10
E50	2346	2c Blk. on Buff,DieC	.60	.60
E51	2347	2c on Orange, Die C	.75	.55
E54	2348	2c on Buff, Die D	.40	.40
E55	2349	2c on Orange, Die D	.40	.38
		1864. Large Numerals		
E58	2350	3c Pink	.15	.05
E59	2352	3c on Buff	.15	.03
E60	2351	6c Pink	1.30	1.30
E61	2353	6c on Buff	.70	—
E62	2354	9c Lemon on Buff	8.25	—
E63	2355	9c Orange on Buff	2.15	—
E65	2357	12c Red Brn. on Buff	1.35	1.50
E66	2358	18c Red on Buff	1.35	—
E67	2359	24c Blue on Buff	1.35	1.50
E68	2360	30c Green on Buff	1.25	—
E69	2361	40c Rose on Buff	1.35	—
		1865		
E70	2362	3c Brown	2.00	2.00
E71	2364	3c on Buff	1.25	1.50
E72	2363	6c Purple	.90	—
E73	2365	6c on Buff	1.20	1.30
		1870. Reay Issue		
E74	2366	1c Blue	.60	.40
E75	2377	1c on Amber	.65	—
E76	2396	1c on Orange	.18	—
E78	2367	2c Brown	.55	.45
E79	2378	2c on Amber	.45	.32
E80	2397	2c on Orange	.13	—
E82	2368	3c Green	.08	.02
E83	2379	3c on Amber	.09	.02
E84	2389	3c on Cream	.25	.06
E85	2369	6c Dark Red	.22	.22
E86	2380	6c on Amber	.28	—
E87	2390	6c on Cream	.50	.50
E88	2381	7c Vermilion	.70	.70
E91	2371	10c Brown	1.50	1.50
E92	2383	10c on Amber	1.25	—
E93	2372	12c Plum	1.60	—
E94	2384	12c on Amber	2.25	—
E95	2391	12c on Cream	3.00	—
E96	2373	15c Red Orange	1.70	—
E97	2385	15c on Amber	5.00	—
E98	2392	15c on Cream	2.75	—
E99	2374	24c Purple	1.40	1.40
E100	2386	24c on Amber	2.50	2.50
E101	2393	24c on Cream	2.50	—
E102	2375	30c Black	2.10	2.10
E103	2387	30c on Amber	4.50	—
E104	2394	30c on Cream	4.50	—
E105	2376	90c Carmine	2.75	—
E106	2388	90c on Amber	5.00	—
E107	2395	90c on Cream	3.00	—
		1874-86. Plimpton Issue		
E108	2398	1c Dark Blue, Die A	—	1.75
E109	2427	1c on Amber, Die A.	4.25	4.00
E111	2465	1c on Orange, Die A	.32	.32
E111a	2465a	1c Lt. Bl. on Or., DieA	.75	—
E113	2400	1c Light Blue, Die B	.03	.04
E113a	2400a	1c Dark Blue, Die B	1.00	.60
E114	2429	1c on Amber, Die B.	.07	.05
E115	2462	1c on Cream, Die B.	.15	.12
E116	2466	1c on Orange, Die B	.04	.03
E116a	2466a	1c Dk. Blue on Or.	.45	.25
E117	2473	1c on Blue, Die B	.26	—
E118	2478	1c on Fawn, Die B.	.25	.25
E119	2533	1c on Manila, Die B	.06	—
E120	2540	1c on Am.Man., D.B.	.70	—
E122	2401	2c Brown, Die A	3.00	—
E123	2430	2c on Amber, Die A.	—	2.25
E127	2402	2c Brown, Die B	.90	.90
E128	2431	2c on Amber, Die B	1.15	.70
E131	2403	2c Brown, Die B2	3.35	—
E132	2432	2c on Amber, Die B2	—	6.75
E134	2433	2c on Amb., Die B3	35.00	25.00
E135	2468	2c on Orange, DieB3	1.50	—
E137	2405	2c Brown, Die C	2.25	2.25
E138	2434	2c on Amber, Die C.	2.40	—
E142	2417	2c Vermilion, Die C.	.08	.06
E143	2446	2c on Amber, Die C.	.12	—
E144	2463	2c on Cream, Die C.	.45	.40
E147	2479	2c on Fawn, Die C.	.20	.20
E149	2418	2c Vermilion, Die C2	1.00	—
E151	2475	2c on Blue, Die C2.	.90	.85
E152	2479a	2c on Fawn, Die C2.	.24	.16
E153	2418b	2c Vermilion, Die C3	6.50	—
E154	2446b	2c on Amb., Die C3.	12.50	—
E159	2406	3c Green, Die A	.70	.15
E160	2435	3c on Amber, Die A.	1.00	.28
E161	2454	3c on Cream, Die A.	1.10	.40
E163	2407	3c Green, Die B	.04	.01
E164	2436	3c on Amber, Die B	.08	.02
E165	2455	3c on Cream, Die B	.25	.06
E166	2470	3c on Blue, Die B	.12	.05
E167	2480	3c on Fawn, Die B.	.10	.05
E172	2419	5c Blue, Die A	.18	.20
E173	2447	5c on Amber, Die A	.27	.27
E174	2464	5c on Cream, Die A.	2.00	—
E175	2471	5c on Blue, Die A	.32	.32
E177	2420	5c Blue, Die B	.15	—
E178	2448	5c on Amber, Die B	.17	.17
E179	2472	5c on Blue, Die B	1.50	—
E180	2482	5c on Fawn, Die B.	3.00	—
E181	2408	6c Red	.22	.22
E182	2437	6c on Amber	.25	.25
E183	2456	6c on Cream	.50	.45
E184	2483	6c on Fawn	1.00	1.00
E186	2438	7c Vermil. on Amb.	2.25	—
E187	2410	10c Brown, Die A	1.50	1.50
E189	2411	10c Chocolate, Die B.	.20	.20
E189a	2411a	10c Bistre Brown	.60	.60
E190	2440	10c on Amber, Die B.	.20	.25
E190a	2440a	10c Bistre Brown	.60	.35
E191	2526	10c on Or. Buff, Die B	.30	—
E192	2530	10c on Blue, Die B	.25	.25
E193	2537	10c on Manila, Die B	.30	—
E193a	2537a	10c Red Brown	.65	—
E194	2544	10c on Am.Man., D.B.	.30	.30
E194a	2544a	10c Red Brown	.70	—
E195	2412	12c Plum	3.50	—
E196	2441	12c on Amber	6.00	—
E197	2457	12c on Cream	6.75	—
E198	2413	15c Orange	1.00	—
E199	2442	15c on Amber	7.00	—
E201	2414	24c Purple	6.50	—
E202	2443	24c on Amber	7.75	—
E203	2459	24c on Cream	—	5.75
E204	2415	30c Black	.70	—
E205	2444	30c on Amber	2.00	—
E206	2460	30c on Cream	16.50	—
E207	2527	30c on Oriental Buff.	1.45	—
E208	2531	30c on Blue	1.45	—
E209	2538	30c on Manila	.90	—
E210	2545	30c on Amb. Manila	1.00	—
E211	2416	90c Carmine	1.50	—
E212	2445	90c on Amber	4.25	—
E213	2461	90c on Cream	21.00	—
E214	2528	90c on Oriental Buff.	3.60	—
E215	2532	90c on Blue	3.60	—
E216	2539	90c on Manila	5.00	—
E217	2546	90c on Amb. Manila	5.00	—
		1876. Centennial Issue		
E218	2421	3c Red	—	.25
E219	2422	3c Green, Die A	.35	.30
E220	2423	3c Green, Die B	.60	—
		1882 to 1886 (Garfield)		
E222	2426	5c Brown	.12	.15
E223	2451	5c on Amber	.12	—
E224	2477	5c on Blue	1.90	—
E225	2485	5c on Fawn	11.50	—
E226	2525	5c on Oriental Buff.	4.25	—
		October, 1883		
E227	2486	2c Red	.12	—
E228	2487	2c on Amber	.15	.10
E229	2488	2c on Fawn	.15	—
E230	2489	2c on Blue	.18	.15
		November, 1883		
E231	2490	2c Red	.08	.04
E232	2491	2c on Amber	.10	.03
E233	2492	2c on Fawn	.13	.08
E234	2493	2c on Blue	.15	.15
		June, 1884. Retouched Die		
E236	2502	2c Red	.10	.10
E237	2503	2c on Amber	.18	.15
E238	2504	2c on Fawn	.25	.22
E239	2505	2c on Blue	.40	—
E239a	2505a	2c Red (3½ Links)	.60	.50
E239d	2505d	2c Red (2 Links)	.80	.80
E239e	2505e	2c on Amber(2Links)	2.50	2.50
E239f	2505f	2c on Fawn (2 Links)	2.00	—
E239g	2505g	2c on Blue (2 Links)	2.25	—
E240	2494	4c Green, Die A	.10	.10
E241	2496	4c on Amber, Die A.	.13	.13
E242	2524	4c on Or. Buff, Die A	.28	—
E243	2529	4c on Blue, Die A	.28	—
E244	2535	4c on Manila, Die A.	.65	—
E245	2542	4c on Amb.Man.,DieA	1.65	—
E246	2495	4c Green, Die B	.10	.10
E247	2497	4c on Amber, Die B.	.30	—
E248	2536	4c on Manila, Die B.	.22	—
E249	2543	4c on Amb.Man.,DieB	.24	—
		May, 1884 (New Color as Nov., 1883)		
E250	2498	2c Brown	.07	.07
E251	2499	2c on Amber	.15	—
E252	2500	2c on Fawn	.25	.25
E253	2501	2c on Blue	.25	—
		June, 1884. Retouched Die		
E255	2506	2c Brown	.12	.08
E256	2507	2c on Amber	.60	.30
E257	2508	2c on Fawn	.30	—
E258	2509	2c on Blue	.50	—
E258a	2509a	2c Brown (2 Links)	2.25	1.00
E258d	2509d	2c Brown (Round O)	—	1.00
		1884 to 1886 (Altered border)		
E260	2510	2c Brown, Die A	.04	.01
E260a	2510a	2c Brown Lake	10.00	8.50
E261	2512	2c on Amber, Die A.	.05	.02
E262	2514	2c on Fawn, Die A.	.06	.05
E263	2516	2c on Blue, Die A	.05	—
E264	2522	2c on Or. Buff, Die A	.10	—
E265	2534	2c on Manila, Die A.	.10	—
E266	2541	2c onAmb. Man.,Die A	.10	—
E268	2518	2c Red, Die A	27.50	—
E272	2513	2c on Amber, Die B.	.34	—
E273	2515	2c on Fawn, Die B.	.36	—
		1887 to 1895 (Head in toothed circle)		
E276	2547	1c Blue	.03	.01
E277	2554	1c on Amber	.05	.05
E280	2573	1c on Manila	.03	.01
E283	2590	1c Dark Blue	.12	—
E285	2592	1c on Manila	.35	—
E287	2548	2c Green, Die A	.55	—
E288	2555	2c on Amber, Die A.	1.65	—
E289	2561	2c on Or. Buff, Die A	5.00	—
E293	2549	2c Green, Die B	.04	.01
E294	2556	2c on Amber, Die B.	.04	.01
E295	2562	2c on Or. Buff, Die B	.05	.01
E296	2568	2c on Blue, Die B	.05	.01
E297	2575	2c on Manila, Die B.	.06	—
E298	2581	2c on Amb. Man., D.B.	.07	.07
E306	2550	4c Carmine	.14	.10
E306a	2550a	4c Lake	.14	.14
E306b	2550b	4c Scarlet	.14	.14
E306c	2550c	4c Orange	1.00	—
E307	2557	4c on Amber	.15	—
E307a	2557a	4c Scarlet	.20	—
E308	2563	4c on Oriental Buff.	—	.14
E309	2569	4c on Blue	.15	—
E310	2576	4c on Manila	.17	—
E311	2582	4c on Amber Manila	.18	—
E312	2551	5c Blue, Die A	.15	.14
E313	2558	5c on Amber, Die A.	.18	.16
E314	2564	5c Or. Buff, Die A.	.18	.18
E315	2570	5c on Blue, Die A	.16	.16
E316	2593	5c Blue, Die B	.45	—
E317	2594	5c on Amber, Die B.	.30	.30
E318	2552	30c Red Brown	1.10	—
E320	2565	30c on Oriental Buff.	1.10	1.10
E321	2571	30c on Blue	1.10	1.10
E322	2577	30c on Manila	1.10	—
E323	2583	30c on Amb. Manila.	1.10	—
E324	2553	90c Purple	1.60	—
E325	2560	90c on Amber	1.60	—
E326	2566	90c on Oriental Buff.	2.25	—
E327	2572	90c on Blue	2.25	—
E328	2578	90c on Manila	1.50	—
E329	2584	90c on Amb. Manila.	1.50	—
		1893. Columbian Issue		
E330	2585	1c Deep Blue	.05	.03
E331	2586	2c Violet	.06	.01
E332	2587	5c Chocolate	.20	.20
E333	2589	10c Slate Brown	.28	.28
		1899 Issue, as 1887 but smaller		
E334	2595	1c Green	.04	.01
E335	2603	1c on Amber	.03	—
E336	2609	1c on Oriental Buff.	—	.15
E337	2612	1c on Blue	—	.10
E338	2615	1c on Manila	.10	—
E340	2596	2c Carmine, Die A	.06	—
E340a	2596a	2c Or. Red, Die A.	.15	—
E341	2604	2c on Amber, Die A.	.22	—
E342	2610	2c on Or. Buff, Die A	.28	—
E343	2613	2c on Blue, Die A	.90	—
E344	2597	2c Carmine, Die B.	.03	.01
E345	2605	2c on Amber, Die B.	.05	.01
E346	2611	2c on Or. Buff, Die B	.05	.01
E347	2614	2c on Blue, Die B	.05	.01
E349	2598	2c Carmine, Die C.	.16	.12
E350	2605a	2c on Amber, Die C.	.25	.20
E351	2611a	2c on Or. Buff, Die C	.35	.28
E352	2614b	2c on Blue, Die C	.50	.35
E354	2606	4c on Amber, Die A.	.22	.17
E356	2601	4c Brown, Die C	.15	.12
E357	2607	4c on Amber, Die C.	2.75	1.50
E359	2602	5c Blue	.20	—
E360	2608	5c on Amber	.22	.18
		1903. Large Dies		
E361	2616	1c Green	.03	.01
E362	2620	1c on Amber	.06	—
E363	2624	1c on Oriental Buff.	—	.40
E364	2626	1c on Blue	—	.50
E365	2628	1c on Manila	.06	.06
E367	2617	2c Carmine	.03	.01
E368	2621	2c on Amber	—	.01
E369	2625	2c on Oriental Buff.	.06	.02
E369a	2625a	2c Or. Red on Buff.	.15	—
E370	2627	2c on Blue	.08	.02
E372	2618	4c Chocolate	.12	.09
E373	2622	4c on Amber	.14	—
E375	2619	5c Blue	.18	.18
E376	2623	5c on Amber	.17	—
		1904. Same Type, Recut		
E377	2629	2c Carmine	.05	.03
E378	2630	2c on Amber	.10	.02
E379	2631	2c on Oriental Buff.	.08	.02
E380	2632	2c on Blue	.07	.03
		1907-10. Oval Die		
E382	2633	1c Green	.02	.01
E383	2638	1c on Amber	.03	—
E384	2643	1c on Oriental Buff.	.05	—
E385	2648	1c on Blue	—	.04
E386	2653	1c on Manila	.06	.03
E388	2634	2c Brown Red	.05	.02
E389	2639	2c on Amber	.09	.05
E390	2644	2c on Oriental Buff.	.12	—
E391	2649	2c on Blue	.10	.05
E393	2635	2c Carmine	.03	.01
E394	2640	2c on Amber	.03	.01
E395	2645	2c on Oriental Buff.	.04	.01
E396	2650	2c on Blue	.04	.01
E398	2636	4c Black	—	.05
E401	2642	5c on Amber	.15	—
		1916-21. Round Die		
E402	2660	1c Green	.02	.01
E403	2665	1c on Amber	.10	—
E404	2670	1c on Oriental Buff.	.10	—
E405	2675	1c on Blue	.03	—
E406	2681	1c on Manila	.05	—
E407	2682	1c on Brown Glazed	.10	—
E408	2683	1c on Brn., Unglazed	.90	—
E411	2661	2c Carmine	.02	.01
E412	2666	2c on Amber	.04	.01
E413	2671	2c on Oriental Buff.	.08	.02
E414	2676	2c on Blue	.03	.01
E418	2662	3c Dark Violet	.12	.03
E422	2662a	3c Carmine (error)	.95	—
E424	2678	3cCar.onBlue(error)	17.50	25.00
E426	2663	4c Black	.08	.03
E428	2679	4c on Blue	.07	—
E429	2664	5c Blue	.08	—
E430	2669	5c on Amber	.58	—
E431	2680	5c on Blue	.09	—
		1920-21. Revalued Envelopes		
E432	2684	2c on 3c Vio., Type 1	.30	—
E433	2685	Red Surch., Type 2.	.40	—
E434	2687	2c on 3c, Type 2	.08	.05
E443	2695	2c on 3c Vio., Type 3	.05	.03
E444	2696	2c on 3c on Amber	.09	—
E445	2697	2c on 3c on Buff	.09	—
E446	2698	2c on 3c on Blue	.10	—
E451	2699	2c on 3c Vio., Type 4	.06	.04
E452	2700	2c on 3c on Amber	.22	.18
E453	2701	2c on 3c Buff	.20	.20
E454	2702	2c on 3c on Blue	.22	.20
E455	2703	2c on 1c on 3c/white	6.00	—
E456	2704	2c on 1c on 3c/Amb.	4.25	—
E457	2705	2c on 4c Chocolate	.30	—
E458	2706	2c on 4c on Amber	.15	—
E459	2706a	2c on 3c Grn. 1874	5.00	—
E460	2707	2c on 3c on Amber V	4.75	—
E461	2708	2c on 3c on White VI	.65	—
E462	2709	2c on 3c on Amb. VI	2.00	—
		1925. New Values		
E465	2713	1½c Brown	.03	.01
E466	2715	1½c on Blue	.03	—
E467	2716	1½c on Manila	.03	—
		1925. Revalued Envelopes (Solid Figures)		
E472	2719	1½c on 1c/Amb.(1899)	2.50	—
E473	2720	1½c on 1c Grn. (1907).	.30	—
E474	2721	1½c on 1c onAmb.(1907)	.08	—
E476	2723	1½c on 1c on Bl. (1907)	1.50	—
E478	2725	1½c on 1c Grn. (1916).	.04	.02
E479	2726	1½c on 1c on Amber.	.60	—
E480	2727	1½c on 1c on Buff	.22	—
E481	2728	1½c on 1c on Blue	.05	—
E482	2729	1½c on 1c on Manila	.12	—
E483	2729a	1½c on 1c on Brown.	1.00	—
E484	2730	1½c on 1c on glazed	.50	—
E485	2731	1½c on 2c on White	10.00	—
E486	2731a	1½c on 2c on Blue	14.00	—
E487	2732	1½c on 2c on Buff	12.00	—
E488	2732a	1½c on 1½ on White	10.00	—
E489	—	1½c on 1½c on Blue	12.00	—
		(Double Line Figures)		
E491	2733	1½c on1c onAmb.(1899)	1.50	—
E492	2733a	1½c on1c onAmb.(1903)	1.50	—
E493	2734	1½c on 1c Grn. (1907)	.15	—
E495	2736	1½c on 1c/Buff (1907)	.25	—
E496	2737	1½c on 1c on Bl. (1907)	.18	—
E497	2738	1½c on 1c/Manila(1907)	.38	—
E498	2739	1½c on 1c Grn. (1916)	.05	—
E499	2739c	1½c on 1c on Amber.	1.00	—
E500	2740	1½c on 1c on Buff	.48	—
E501	2741	1½c on 1c on Blue	.05	—
E502	2742	1½c on 1c on Manila	.15	—
E504	2744	1½c on 1c Grn. (Mag.)	.09	—
		21 Var. revalued 1½c envelopes	7.25	—
		1926. Sesquicentennial Exposition		
E505	2750	2c Carmine	.04	.02

WRAPPERS

(All Wrappers on Manila paper unless otherwise stated.)

		1861		
W21	3000	1c Blue on Buff	1.75	—
W23	3002	1c Blue	1.25	—
		1863-64		
W47	3004	2c Black, Die A	2.00	1.85
W52	3005	2c Blk. on Buff,DieC	2.00	—
W56	3007	2c Blk. on Buff,DieD	2.75	—
W57	3008	2c Blk./Lt.Man.,DieD	.38	.36
		1870		
W77	3009	1c Blue	.35	.35
W81	3010	2c Brown	.20	.20
		1874-80		
W112	3011	1c Dark Blue, Die A	1.50	.70
W121	3012	1c Lgt. Blue, Die B	.06	—
	3012a	Dark Blue, Die B	.60	.25
W126	3013	2c Brown, Die A	2.50	2.50
W130	3014	2c Brown, Die B	1.00	1.00
W136	3015	2c Brown, Die B3	1.60	1.00
W139	3016	2c Brown, Die C	.80	—
W148	3019	2c Vermilion, Die C	.07	—
W155	3020	2c Vermilion, Die C3	.85	.85
		November, 1883		
W235	3022	2c Red	.07	.08
		1884		
W254	3023	2c Brown (May)	.20	.25
W259	3025	2c Brown (June)	.30	—
W267	3026	2c Brn., Die A (July)	.10	—
	3027	2c Red, Die A	5.75	—
		1887		
W282	3029	1c Blue	.03	—
W299	3030	2c Green	.10	—
		1894		
W286	3031	1c Dark Blue	—	.45
		1899		
W339	3032	1c Green	.05	.03
W348	3033	2c Carmine	.30	.30
W358	3034	4c Brown	.30	.30
		1903		
W366	3035	1c Green	.05	.02
W371	3036	2c Carmine	.50	.40
W374	3037	4c Chocolate	.20	—
W381	3038	2cCar.(RecutDie1904)	.50	.18
		1907-10		
W387	3039	1c Green	.03	.01

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			Unused.	Used
		1916-18		
W409	3042	1c Green	.03	—
W415	3043	2c Carmine	.04	—
		1925		
W468	3046	1½c Brown	.03	—

OFFICIAL ENVELOPES

		1873. Post Office (Small Numerals)		
2900	3200	2c Black on Lemon.	.40	.25
2901	3201	3c Black on Lemon.	.15	.04
2903	3202	6c Black on Lemon.	.20	—
		1874-76 (Large Numerals)		
2904	3203	2c Black on Lemon.	.05	.05
2905	3206	2c Black on White..	1.00	—
2906	3204	3c Black on Lemon.	.05	.03
2907	3209	3c Black on Amber.	—	1.75
2909	3205	6c Black on Lemon.	.07	.07
		1877. Postal Service		
2911	3210	Black on White	.10	—
2912	3211	Black on Amber	.75	.45
2913	3212	Blue on Amber	.75	.60
2914	3213	Blue on Blue	.12	—
		1873. War Dept.		
2917	3216	3c Dark Red	.25	.20
2920	3219	12c Dark Red	1.00	.90
2921	3220	15c Dark Red	.90	—
2927	3223	1c Vermilion	4.25	—
2929	3224	2c Vermilion	4.75	—
2940	3236	3c Verm. on Cream.	.10	.10
2942	3246	1c Red on Amber ..	32.50	—
2945	3247	2c Red on Amber ..	.22	—
2948	3240	3c Red (1875)	.15	—
2949	3248	3c Red on Amber ..	.20	.12
2950	3254	3c Red on Cream ...	.08	.08
2951	3260	3c Red on Blue	.04	.04
2952	3261	3c Red on Fawn ...	.07	—
2953	3241	6c Red	.32	.17
2957	3250	10c Red on Amber ..	60.00	—
2958	3243	12c Red	.37	—
2959	3251	12c Red on Amber ..	20.00	—
2962	3252	15c Red on Amber ..	20.00	—
		Postal Savings		
2967	3262	1c Green	1.75	.15
2968	3264	1c on Or. Buff	—	2.50
2969	3263	2c Red	.65	.02
		Wrapper (War Dept.)		
W943	3274	1c Red	.05	.05

Prices can be quoted on most of the envelopes not listed above.

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RELAND AND SCOTT'S CATALOGUE

By HUBERT LYMAN CLARK.

Several weeks ago you published a brief article praising the new Scott's catalogue for its handling of Ireland. Will you permit me to express a contrary opinion as strongly as type-metal permits? My interest in Ireland as a country to collect is simply wrecked by the changes that have been made. We no longer have a general collector's catalogue of the "old country," but a specialized list of all the minor varieties—for most of them at least. The attempt to distinguish the so-called "blue-black" ink is perfectly futile in *used* copies and the fractions of millimeter require both a very accurate millimeter scale and a magnifying glass.

If specialists in Ireland want to bother with such trivialities, I should certainly say "go to it"—and there are several specialized catalogues and lists which would and encourage them in doing so. But I cannot see any justification for compelling a collector like myself, who wants to have all the *really* different stamps of Ireland represented in his collection, to use such refined methods for determining what he possesses. In view, if any, other countries does the Scott catalogue err in this way, and why Ireland should be selected for the spoiling, I can't see. All I can hope for now is that the disease won't spread.

It makes one shudder to think what will happen when Japan, Palestine, or the various Australian states are the victims of a similar attack. If the Scott catalogue is to become like Gibbons, a catalogue for specialists, then it is to be hoped some equally able and enterprising firm will begin the production of a "General Collector's Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps." But how I should hate to give up "Scott's"!

ON Friday, Dec. 28, 8 P. M., the Yorkville Stamp Society will hold its Xth New Year party at Lindenfeld's Banquet Hall, 1568 Second Ave., N. Y. City. A program of great merit will be presented and members are urged to bring their friends. Louis Bentz is president and A. Weston, secretary.

BRIDGER & KAY, 170 Strand, London, England, has sent us a special list covering a wide range of offerings. Occupying a prominent position is a fine line of mint George issues. A copy of the list may be had for the asking.

Sevard's Twinkles

Red Cross Slogans.—The barrage of Red Cross slogans from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving with the timely sequence of the issuance of Anti-Phthisis Galleons is now an historical episode. No critic has yet attempted to deny that the seal has a boat portrayed, yet one firmly expects to find the halyards twisted, the rudder reversible, the jib, a giblet and the very sails, without bellying propensities even to sail. Expectantly we awaited the usual cover with seals used with the stamp, neatly cancelled. And we were not disappointed. As Edgar Allan Poe wrote, "Every rule is provable by its exception."

"Mail Early."—And now it is time to "Mail Early for Christmas." This shibboleth of procrastination strikes terror within the hearts of millions. Quaking, tremulous, aguish, the recipient falters, gasps and deliquesces. How can one mail early when as one has not yet shopped?

1916 Envelopes.—We have taken to bosom the 2c issue, and its white paper banalities, both cut square and entire, and even expressed a decided familiarity with its die A mask. Nothing else was quite common, but we now have gotten enough of the die H2 to bring within our fold. Some years ago, die A ran rampant over everything else, when die H began to show itself above the lesser dies. A while later, die H2 began to edge its way into our statistics, and now ranks second to die A in frequency. Someone objects. Why all this banter of envelope dies? Does anyone collect them outside of a Bartelian clan? If one collects at all, one surely has a 2c 1916 circular envelope copy, and no doubt it is on white paper. And more probably it is a copy in heavy letters with the bases of the numerals on an even line. This is surely your die A. If the letters are thin, and the bases of the numerals are *not* on an even line, then no doubt you have a die H series copy.

Values.—To assign values to these items is not difficult. As before said, the 2c 1916 envelope in used condition is probably worth $ .00040 each. This figure also represents the value of the white paper variety, and also the die A white paper variety cut square. For an entire, the value is near $ .00126. The Die H2 on white paper is worth about $ .00134 for a cut square and $ .00804 for an entire. And if one be so inclined, these figures have this enormous value, that one can hereafter safely eliminate saving these two items in the envelope issues, and devote one's self to the other dies, and other paper varieties.

Taking Stock.—Towards the close of the year, when business is busy computing an accounting of the dying year, and balancing items of debit and credit, and writing depreciations and obsolescences into their burdens, we often become pensive and dreamily calculate the faults and successes of our ways. There are many things we have learned, there are many experiences we would not care to encounter again, there are hosts of invoices we are glad to stack away as harbingers of the unrelenting past. We only are old when we have memories. And so this parade of experience passes at the close of the year. Executives are busy today writing reports of the annual success, accountants are scurrying to write into their balance sheets, the epitome of colossal endeavor, clerks are nimbly drumming a rat-a-tat-tat on the typing keys to clear the desk for the coming year, as if all were not simply vanity, a mocking show of pageantry, a jazz exuberance of culled joys? Aside, one sits and sees but the procession burying its dead. The busy grave digger opens the grave, the scurrying undertaker flaunts the winding sheet, and the nimble choiristers are singing a requiem. The greatest music of the world only comes from forsaken hearts. Those poignant melodies which creep into the depths of one's nature are only the casual wellings of suppressed tears. And as a stamp collector, we too are trying to go over our year as if it were a profit and loss statement. We have written into these lines the calculations of a million stamps, not a rarity which all by itself poses the epic, but the hordes of stamps that flow with the jetsam of the flood. Into these lines have come not a thousand copies, not ten thousand copies, but literally millions of copies of the true postage stamp, which by their only intent of creation, have performed their task, and silently passed their way. Not one tomorrow will raise its head to plead its case. Forever sunken are they in the Slough of Despond. Yet in the fetid mire is rooted our Yggdrasil, our Tree of Life, our hopes of collecting, and as it builds itself up, year by year, its crest reaches the sunlight and brings forth new leaves.

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DEATH OF THE REV. R. B. EAREE

We deeply regret to record the death of the Rev. Robert Brisco Earée, 82 years old, who passed away suddenly on Monday afternoon, November 12, at his residence, Ewlyn House, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham. We take the following excerpts from a special memoir in a Leicester newspaper:—

By his death England loses one of the most learned men of our time, who might have filled brilliantly any public position had he adopted any profession other than that of the ministry. All who knew him and his sweet disposition are devoutly thankful that he did choose for his life's calling and work that of a clergyman, and the testimonial presented to him on his retirement from the living of Miserden in 1921 (signed by over eighty parishioners and friends), showed how deeply his thirty-one years' work there was valued.

He commenced stamp collecting as a boy, and became in manhood such an extraordinary expert in all philatelical matters that he was offered the post of editor to the philatelic department of the *Bazaar*, which he held for twenty-five years, only relinquishing it to give himself more time for his great work—the writing of a book to enable collectors to know how to detect forged stamps. That sure and infallible guide, which he called by the apt title "Album Weeds," made him known throughout the world. In recognition of the stupendous labour involved in the writing of this book, the great Philatelic Congress held at Harrogate in 1921 placed his name upon the "Roll of Honour of Distinguished Philatelists"—the highest possible honour they were empowered to confer.

There was another honour, however, which he treasured most, and which he loved to tell of to the last, namely that of being invited by the King—who had accepted the dedication of his book—to visit him at his Palace and inspect his collection of stamps.

"What stamp would you like to see first, Mr. Earée?" asked his Majesty. "The blue twopenny Mauritius, Sir," he replied. "I guessed you would say that," came the laughing reply; "I've got it here, ready for you." Then, reaching to a shelf, he took down a copy of "Album Weeds" to show he had it by him.

Though Mr. Earée had described in "Album Weeds" exactly how to detect the known forgeries of this most valuable stamp in the world, he had never seen an original. His mental grip of things was such that he never seemed to forget anything he had ever read, and he maintained that he never discoursed with anyone without learning something. He was blessed with a beautiful baritone voice as a young man, and was an able pianist and 'cellist. He compiled a chant book for which the late Sir Arthur Sullivan wrote him a "Venite" (the only published chant, we believe, by that eminent composer). His outstanding work as a clergyman was done as chaplain in Berlin.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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EDITORIAL

THE remarks of editors of newspapers on stamp subjects occasionally show a streak of perversity that makes the philatelic gorge rise. The observations sometimes are such as to show a dangerous half-knowledge of conditions that is little better than outright ignorance. For instance there is an editorial in the Marion, Ohio, *Star,* of November 26th, headed, "Stamp People Dissatisfied," that has been sent in by Mr. Edward L. Berchtold, Troy, Ohio. The Marion editor quotes a Cleveland newspaper to say that the supply of Molly Pitcher stamps in that city was soon exhausted by the local collectors with their demands for full sheets. We quote: "'Considerable dissatisfaction,' says the paper, 'arose among stamp collectors over the fact that a surcharged issue was printed instead of a special issue with an appropriate picture. The surcharged stamps were snapped up, nevertheless.' So stamp collectors expressed dissatisfaction? Well, that certainly is too bad. It's a burning shame that the government should treat stamp collectors so shabbily, when all it had to do to give joy to them was to get out new drawings and new plates. What are a few thousands of the public's money compared with the happiness of the stamp collectors! Frankly, we have never thought of it before, but why should the government print special issues, even though they be but surcharged issues, if they are to be cornered by stamp collectors and dealers for commercialization?" We sit back and listen raptly to the plain words of Mr. Berchtold, and to our way of thinking he neatly impales the Marion editor on his pen: "The article explains itself. As to spending a 'few thousands of the public money,' if the editor write the Department at Washington, he will find that collectors have a few plates coming to them in the way of dividends on profits made by the government in the sale of unused stamps to collectors. Now, I look at a commemorative stamp as a sort of monument to the person or event to be commemorated. Did the country raise a hue and cry over the Harding Memorial (erected in Marion and to be dedicated next spring) saying that the monument would do nobody good, except perhaps the citizens of Marion? No! So, why must the editor knock collectors because the government failed to put out a stamp that would fittingly commemorate that brave woman, Molly Pitcher? This country boasting of its riches, prosperity, etc., can hardly afford to resort to these unsightly overprints to commemorate events that every American holds dear to his heart. As for commercialization, it seems to me that it is none of the editor's business what becomes of the stamps. Is it not far better to keep the stamps in collections rather than in the waste baskets? If a collector desires a sheet of 100 stamps to keep for a time, then resell to collectors, he is entitled to interest on money tied up in the stamps."

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WE have received the following telegram from Cincinnati, dated Dec. 11th, from the Embry Riddle Co.: "Special *cachet* ready for air mail, Cincinnati, December seventeenth," and while we are pleased enough to give this news to an awaiting world, yet so far as being of practical use by our readers, it comes too late.

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THE following letter has come from Mrs. G. L. Foster, E. Arlington Ht., Mass.: "Thank you for your kind editorial of Dec. 3, 1928. The Associated Press should correct in justice to King George, any representation, in its varied head-lines, as to the motive of our great Philatelist, the King of England. He deserves all right-thinking and fairness for his broad-minded attitude to us. My own experience may help to clear up any least doubt of the honesty of his refusal and shows his courtesy and moral regard in returning the gift of the Molly Pitcher stamps, sent by Mr. Rogers, Assistant Postmaster of Red Bank, New Jersey. In my collection some two years ago, I found two stamps, one with a cancellation of the Mother Queen Victoria, and the other of the Royal Family, well defined, on Canadian stamps. Canada being a part of the British Empire and knowing that the King collected the stamps of Great Britain, at any rate, I thought these cancellations would be of interest and after consideration I sent them with a note of explanation. In due season, an answer came from the secretary that was identical, almost, and word for word to that received by Mr. Rogers from the King's secretary; and surely there could be but the one reason, that, he said 'he collected stamps of Great Britain only'." Our understanding is that the King collects stamps of the British Empire only, and it is preposterous to read into the records any insinuation that the Molly Pitcher stamps were returned for any reason other than a sense of courtesy. Incidentally, the Associated Press cannot govern the fancy of the managing editors in supplying heads for a story; and in this regard, the wind bloweth where it listeth.

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MR. B. SCHOEMANN, Chicago, writes: "The great demand for air stamps, 'really flown' in Latvia, especially with the first air mail stamps of the 10 and 20 ruble values, has been taken advantage of by a dealer in Libau who has chosen to supply the American with his products. We find in a large illustrated catalogue under Specialties in Air Mail, the following offer of Foreign Flown Covers: Latvia, 9 envelopes, Liepajal (Libau), etc., etc., as well as flown covers from Memel to Liepajal, from Tallin to Liepajal and so on. The real joke on the buyers of these flown covers is that Liepajal (Libau) has never been connected with an air post. We fully believe that the American firm has been the dupe of a Libau dealer and offers of 'real flown' covers from unknown dealers should be ignored."

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A CLIPPING from *Life* has been handed in that presents the subject of stamp collecting in a startling manner. That capable artist, Walter Schmidt, who cuts comical capers with his pencil, shows two robbers holding up as many clerks in a mail car. A two-gun bandit covers the clerks while he commands that his partner in crime search for letters from Honduras, because "me kid brother's got a stamp collection."

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AN old collector says that he remembers when a collection of one thousand varieties of stamps was not to be sneezed at, and we might add that he does not need to strain his memory to do so. In and around 1880, the packet of six hundred varieties that was offered by Scott in the back pages of the International Album for ten dollars represented philatelic affluence in the imagination of the young collector. In 1884, a New York dealer offered a thousand varieties for $12.63, and for some years, a standard price for the thousand was ten dollars, although about 1890, one advertiser of the packet at this price gave a 5c New York as a prize with every third or fifth packet. Now a thousand stamps may be had almost for the asking, proving that it has never been so easy to collect stamps as at the present, a fact that the young people should appreciate.

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IN the New York *Times* of October 3, 1928, Dr. James Brown Scott, Secretary for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Director of the Division of International Law, was interviewed upon his return from Europe. In due time, we received this clipping that "Weighs Progress of New Germany" from Mr. Geo. L. Baldwin, Alameda, Cal., with the following striking comment on the recent portrait issues of Germany that coming from Dr. Scott shows that there is a spirit back of the stamps:

"There is certainly a very interesting Germany today, which in the rush and bustle of the present takes time to think of the past. Little things show how the current flows, and nothing impressed me as more significant than the postage stamps which the Republic has issued. In these stamps Germany has bared its soul to the world and confessed its faith in the things of the spirit. In other words, it has put the portraits of its great on the stamps.

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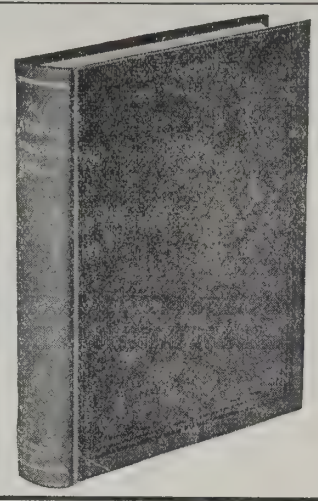

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"The post office department has been working out the details of a route along the Pacific coast of South America from Colon, Panama, to Santiago, Chile, and will advertise within a few days for bids to carry mail over that route," the assistant postmaster general said.

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Postmaster Friend of Oakland, Calif., writes that the Motor Boat service between San Francisco and Oakland Airport is still "hung up," with no definite date for commencing the service arrived at, as yet. Covers in his hands for despatch via Motor Boat were sent out from the new Oakland Airport and carry the cancellation of December 1st, 9.00 A. M., the first outbound mail sent through the Airport. No cachet.

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A wire received from the Postmaster at Miami under date of December 11th, states that Nassau-Miami service will begin operations on January 2nd. His telegram failed to give the rate, but it will probably be not over 7c per oz., for first ounce.

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Several readers have sent in clippings, etc., relative to the "dog sled" trip to be made from Minot, Me., to Montreal, Que., on December 20th. As this is not Air Mail, I have not given the trip any notice in this column, but judge that all those interested in the event will attempt to get "coverage."

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As forecast in last week's issue, the Post Office Department of the Philippine Islands issued an overprinted stamp for the arrival of the London-Orient British Fliers. The cover at hand bears the 2c and 4c values, overprinted in a brilliant red, "L.O.F." (London-Orient Flight) in the first line, a miniature *hydroplane* flying East, in the second line, and "1928" in the third line. The use of a miniature hydroplane for an overprint is certainly unique. The cover received from Mr. Walter Bruggmann bears a First Day cachet, double circle, "London-Orient Flight" at top of circle, "First Day Cover" across the circle and "Manila, November 9th, 1928" at bottom of cirlce. Four small planes, flying West are included in each half of the inner circle. If the British fliers carry a sack of mail from Manila on their flight to Hong Kong, the covers will be at hand in the near future, as the fliers were to leave Manila on November 26th.

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The Dayton Chamber of Commerce informs me that they tried to have the new issue of stamps placed on sale at that point for December 10th, the date of Dayton's celebration in connection with the visit of the delegates to the International Civil Aeronautics Conference, to Dayton, but were not successful in getting the stamps! It is possible that other communities made the same requests; without results!

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Several new names on the coöperator list this week, an encouraging feature. The more, the merrier! J. Kendall Hanson, E. J. Newcomer, Albert N. Brown*, Wm. Esselen, Jr., Dr. Walter Hess, A. Derounian, W. T. Foster*, Wm. J. Kotab, Geo. F. Wild, Walter Bruggmann*, Harold Miller*, Raymond R. Robbins, J. P. Penning, H. C. Carpenter, Robt. P. Shawaker, John G. Kuespert, Henry A. Meyer, Arthur Gilbart, Jr., Chas. Urnick, Jr., Ralph Moffett*, The Illinois Stamp Co.*, Donald E. Dickason*, Pitcairn Aviation, Inc., The Postmasters at Miami and Oakland, Roberto Ortiz*, Chamber of Commerce at Dayton, Ohio, L. B. Gatchell*, C. A. Forster, Chas. G. Riess and Chas. L. Hall. Over the thirty mark!

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The Postmaster at Louisville, Ky., has advised Mr. H. A. Meyer that no mail was carried between Louisville and Evansville on the first trip of CAM No. 30. Passengers only.

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Yakima, Seattle and Spokane will soon be linked up with CAM No. 5, according to newspaper items from Spokane. The Varney Company, contractors of CAM No. 5, have been investigating these points recently and have made the statement to the newspapers that all that remains for the service to be inaugurated, is the official requests of the communities interested. Yakima is rated as the second largest despatcher of Air Mail in Washington, Seattle being first. Courtesy of Mr. E. J. Newcomer.

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The first Monday Flight over CAM No. 8 was productive of a nice six line cachet reading "First Monday Flight—of Seven Day Service — Pacific Air Transport—CAM No. 8—Seattle* Los Angeles—December 3, 1928." Covers despatched from Seattle show the CAM figure as No. 18, while those mailed from Los Angeles have the figure as No. 8. At this time I am unable to say whether or not the Boeing Air Transport Co. have acquired the route from San Francisco to Seattle and used their route number. *Not Official.*

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Collectors interested in modern aviation should read the January issue of *Popular Science*. This monthly magazine has a splendid article on the airplane since the days of its birth at Kitty Hawk, wonderfully illustrated and intensely interesting. *Popular Aviation* for January is also well worth buying, for the special articles on the Wright brothers.

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Quite a lengthy list of cities, through their Chambers of Commerce or other local organizations, applied anniversary cachets to Air Mail on December 17th. Will try and give a full list next week.

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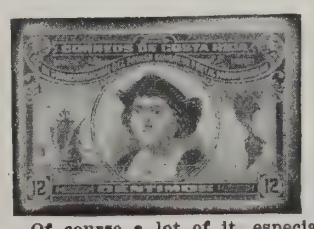

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San Jose, Costa Rica, has been cut off from the Atlantic seaboard, due to heavy rains and wash-outs. My correspondent advises that mail is being carried by airplane temporarily, but no cachet appears on the cover, although it is supposedly a First Trip.

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One of my coöperators attempted a "Round the World" cover for me, sending the letter to Germany via the Graf Zeppelin. The cover carries $1.60 in postage, is addressed to me at Needham, and is endorsed for despatch via Berlin, Moscow, Japan, Seattle and Boston. It is postmarked Lakehurst, N. J., and Friedrichshaven, New York and Needham! Showing very clearly that it is a tough job to get a letter through via the "Round the World" route! Too bad, Mr. Dickason. I appreciate your efforts, just the same!

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Northwest Airways, Inc., operators of CAM No. 9, have sent out a neat little card giving particulars of their passenger and Air Mail services, schedules, fares, etc. Their slogan reads "Fly With Air Mail Pilots."

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Montgomery, Ala., is working on an Airport, and dedication will take place sometime within the next sixty days, according to information at hand.

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On the final day of the Aeronautical Exposition at Chicago, the cachet worked around to the starting color, orange, after running through the colors of the rainbow.

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Stamp News for the Juniors

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Posta Ukr. N. Rep. Schagiw.—A surcharge applied locally at the city of Stanislau, in western Ukrainia, on various Austrian stamps. The abbreviation is for "Ukrainska Narodnia Respublika," or Ukrainian Peoples Republic. The word "schagiw" is the monetary denomination.

Postage Currency.—A name given to paper money, especially that issued by the United States, upon which may be found facsimiles of postage stamp designs. Thus a 5c piece of currency shows the design of the then current 5c stamp and a 50c would show five of the 10c.

Postage & Revenue.—Found on many of the stamps of Great Britain and its Colonial possessions showing that in addition to prepaying postage the stamps may also be used for certain fiscal purposes.

Coamo

A small town in the island of Porto Rico at which provisional 5c stamps, set up from ordinary printer's type, were issued in 1898 shortly after the island came under the dominion of the United States.

Deutsch Oestr. Postverein

This inscription in small Gothic lettering appears on the left hand side of all the stamps of Thurn and Taxis as well as on the first issue of Baden and Wurtemberg, and is merely the Germanic equivalent of "German-Austrian Postal Union." This Union was a postal Convention concluded between Austria and various German states in 1850 for the interchange of correspondence at certain fixed rates. One of the Articles of this Convention provided that postal matter circulating between the various States comprised in the Union should, as a general rule, be prepaid, and that this prepayment should be effected by means of postage stamps as soon as practicable. As a result of this article most of the states in the Union took prompt steps to provide themselves with postage stamps, but, with the exception of the cases noted above, no reference to the postal agreement was made on these labels.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

Buckman Brain Teasers

Here is a list of answers to the "Teasers" that were printed last week:—

1—To prevent the cancellation from being erased.

2—Albania.

3—No. 62 is inscribed "Reichpost"—No. 75 is inscribed "Deutches Reich."

4—Cape of Good Hope, No. 178.

5—Hungary, Nos. 198 to 202.

6—In type A-27, letters in corners are in an eight sided polygon, type A-17 letters in squares.

7—Belgium Congo—Stanley Commems.

8—Guatemala, type A-54.

9—Paraguay, types A-48 and A-51.

10—Azerbaijan, type A-6.

Marginal Plate Numbers

Reference to Marginal plate numbers or inscriptions is frequently made in stamp articles nowadays. The meaning of these expressions is obvious for, of course, they simply relate to anything engraved on the margin of a plate and thus printed at the same time and in the same color as the stamps. Any sheet of United States stamps will serve as an example, for the number of the plate is engraved, the imprint of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is shown and there are generally initials of the plate-men who have had something or other to do with that particular plate. Marginal varieties are chiefly of interest to the specialist and their study alone is an interesting occupation.

CPSNJA

The local rendering of Serbia as shown upon all the stamps of that country issued since 1881.

Millimetre

Millimetre is a familiar term in connection with all sorts of stamp measurements and one that is now universally adopted by philatelists. It is, of course, a measure in the metric system signifying the thousandth part of a metre. Perforations are gauged by the number of teeth or holes that may be counted in the space of 2 centimetres—*i. e.*, 20 millimetres. Measurements of stamps and of surcharges are always expressed in millimetres, so that a collector will find a millimetre gauge a very useful item in his collecting equipment.

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Catharine Wheel

An overprint found upon many of the stamps of Salvador issued in 1899 and 1900. The object of the overprint is

stated to have been "to distinguish the stamps actually used from the un-issued remainders in the hands of the contractors."

Stamps in Sheets

A sheet of stamps is the term applied to a piece of paper on which an impression has been printed from a stamp plate and which has been gummed and perforated ready for sale to the public. There are really two sorts of sheets—"printer's" sheets and "post-office" sheets—which often differ very materially in size. Take the current 2c United States stamp as an example. The plates from which these are printed contain 400 impressions so that there are 400 stamps on the sheet as originally printed. These large printer's sheets are cut into four sheets before being distributed to postmasters, so that the post-office sheets—the ones familiar to the public—contain only 100 stamps. The only exception is in the case of the imperforate stamps which are sold in the full size printer's sheets of 400. Speaking generally, however, when a sheet is referred to in philatelic literature it means a post-office sheet and these vary considerably in size. The number of stamps on a sheet depends as a rule on the currency of the country issuing them. In countries where decimal currency obtains, the sheets are generally composed of a hundred stamps or some multiple of a hundred. The current ½d and 1d stamps of Great Britain are in sheets of 240, thus having a value of 10s and 20s respectively—equal to the two gold coins of the British Islands. United States stamps, on the other hand, are in sheets of 100 so that a sheet of any value totals an even number of dollars or dollars and a half.

Hong Kong Jubilee

Hong Kong was first occupied by the British on January 22, 1841, and the jubilee of this event was commemorated in a modest manner in 1891 by overprinting a number of the then current 2c stamps with "1841—Hong Kong—JUBILEE—1891" in four lines in black. The Scott catalogue lists three varieties of this overprint (a) with short U of JUBILEE, (b) with short J of JUBILEE, and (c) with tall K in Kong. The latter is the only real variety, the letter K being tall and thin and from an entirely different font of type from that used for the other stamps. There are several other varieties of at least equal interest and importance as the short J and U listed. The most striking of these is one with the letters "Ho" and "ng" of Hong very widely separated; and others are a short I in JUBILEE, a broken 1 in 1891, broken 8's in both 1841 and 1891, and a stroke between 18 and 41.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

A PHILATELIC DIALOG

By ROGER C. HACKETT.

(Words in italics are stamp issuing countries or colonies, etc.)

Phila: Hello, *Chala* old boy, *Hawaii?* Are you *Hungary?*

C. Telic: Yes, *Siam.* I'd like a *Sandwich.*

Phila: I'll *Fiji* better'n that. I'll *Cook* you a *Turkey* in *Greece* and then I'll *Russia* the "fixin's" and I'll also *Servia* an *Orange* with *Java* in *China* with *Brazil* nuts afterwards.

Telic: Let's go *Indore* by the *Oil* heater where it isn't *Chile* before we eat or I'll want *Samoa.* (They go in the *Chamba.*)

Phila (Post-prandial): My girl, *Caroline,* makes me *Fiume* sometime.

Telic: Why?

Phila: *Cos* she's a *Bhore* and looks like a combination *Poland-Holstein,* yet she insists on eating a *Bermuda* every day along with a *Hamburg* and a *Brunswick* stew. She makes a spectacle of herself by going in the gym and climbing up ropes *Hanover* hand. She uses *Tobago.* She hasn't the sense of a *Guinea* yet she acts like a *Solomon.* She thinks she is a *Togo* or a *Bolivar* for unselfishness while she is actually a *Gold (Coast)* digger. There is an *Ivory Coast* above her eyes. She's a *Baden* and she makes me *Angra.* She won't even go riding with me in my new *Mada-gas-car.*

Telic: Why don't *Jamaica?*

Phila: I never can *Nabha.* I wish the *Virgin* was in *Heligoland* so that I could again go see *Marienwerder* and *Marianna.*

Telic: *Andorra* too? Or is she still as dumb as she used to be?

Phila: You mean that girl who lives in the *Newfoundland* in the house surrounded by the *Lombardy* poplars? I'm thru with her because she called me a bad name. She said to me yesterday, "*Uruguay* charo" (guacharo), and I'm not going to take that from anybody. Besides, *Ben-Adir* dates her now. He no longer speaks to *Nan-Gaon, Stella-Land, Nan-King, Sal-Onika,* or *Alsace Lorraine.*

Telic: What makes the *Boyaca* fool? He can't talk. I heard him asking a girl in his *Sonora's* voice, "*Canada* 'm hold in a flood?" Yesterday when I went home to get my *Bagdad* warned me that he was *Cucuta,* and believe me, he sure is.

Phila: O, I *Bolivia* all right. But he's been a little *Timor*-ous since they tried to *Shanghai* him. He never was a *Goliad* in size, anyway. Then the fact that he's *Niue* to the girl game makes him appear no smoother than *Emory* paper.

Telic: But *Wadhwan?* He ought to at least pull his conversational *Poonch* when he meets a girl. He acts like *Niger* and I *Haiti* 'm.

Phila: *Hoi Hao! Madeira* 'ld fellow, don't you know Ben is a *Papua,* and as such he can create all the *Chios* he wants to? As the *Niger* said, "*Dhar* ain't no limit to a man what was *Borneo* 'ld *New Orleans* when he gets married."

Telic: I've *Benin* that place. I didn't get any *Medellin* the city tho and they didn't give me any *Malta*'d milk either. Instead they made me cut a *Cordova* 'ld hard wood and *Denmark* some *Morocco* leather for the *Penrhyn,* which they were keeping me.

Phila: They certainly give you a *Bundi* 'nt opportunity to work, don't they? *Szechedin!* Whew! I'm catching a cold, let's be leaving here. If we don't *Chad, Arad, Cal-Edonia,* and *Al-Bania* will want to *Punjab* us in the face, and that might make me mad, and as I never have *Scinde* I don't want to begin now. (They then left the *Chamba.*)

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THE MONTH'S NEW ISSUES

From South America we have a number of interesting novelties. The Argentine Republic has issued two modest commemoratives to mark the centenary of the signing of the preliminary terms of peace between the Empire of Brazil and the United Provinces of the River Plate. The Cisplatine province was transferred into an independent state, by this treaty, under the name of "Banda Oriental del Uruguay," which, translated into English, means "left bank of the River Uruguay"—now generally known as the republic of Uruguay. It is interesting to note that George Canning, the famous English statesman, represented on the spot by Lord Ponsonby, took an important part in the framing of the terms of peace. The stamps are large oblong in size, of the facial values of 5c and 12c, and show as the main portion of their design the Arms of Brazil and the Argentine Republic in two separate shields. Another interesting South American novelty is a 10 pesos stamp just issued by Paraguay to commemorate the founding of the city of Ascuncion. The stamp is of extra large size and shows in its design a reproduction of the Arms of Juan de Salazar de Espinosa, an ancient Spanish adventurer who, in 1536, founded a settlement on the River Pilcomajo, which later developed into the city of Ascuncion and from which the republic of Paraguay developed in the course of time. As only 20,000 of these stamps were printed and all were sold on the day of issue it is apt to be a fairly scarce variety.

Still another interesting issue hails from South America in the shape of three stamps issued by Uruguay to commemorate the centenary of General Garibon, who took a prominent part in the wars of the period. These stamps were printed in small sheets of four and issued imperforate. They are of very attractive appearance, and the fact that the issue consisted of only 20,000 stamps led to considerable local speculation. On the day of issue the crowd practically took possession of the General Post Office and it became so unruly that for a time all stamp sales had to be suspended. Our correspondent, Mr. A. H. Davis, tells us that instructions were given that only one set of blocks of four were to be sold to each applicant and that though these orders seem to have been faithfully carried out the entire supply was sold before the day was over.

The most interesting stamps issued in Europe during the month are the two stamps issued by Germany for the mail carried to the United States on the Graf Zeppelin. These handsome labels show a Zeppelin above the upper portion of the globe and are inscribed "AMERIKA—DEUTSCHE LUFTPOST—EUROPA." While these are the first Zeppelin stamps issued for postal purposes it is interesting to note that just twenty years ago—in 1908 a German society rejoicing in the somewhat terrifying name of "Motorluftschiffstudiengesellschaft," issued a Zeppelin label and asked all patriotic manufacturing and commercial firms to use this sticker on their mail.

From Hungary we have received a set of three stamps bearing a portrait of St. Stephen (sometimes known as St. Etienne), issued in commemoration of the 900th anniversary of his death. Stephen, originally named Vaik, was born at Grau and was converted to Christianity in 995. Five years later he was crowned first King of Hungary, and during his reign he did much to establish the Christian religion firmly in his dominion. The iron crown worn by King Stephen later became a holy relic and is shown as part of the design on many of the earlier stamps of Hungary.

Italy sends us a somewhat lengthy set to mark the 4th centenary of Emanuel Philibert and the 10th anniversary of Victory, while from Poland we have a new stamp showing a portrait of General Josef Bem and bearing the four dates 1794, 1831, 1848 and 1850. The first and last dates are those of his birth and death, respectively, while the others mark his most celebrated military activities. This Polish revolutionist and Hungarian patriot was born at Tarnov in Galicia. He had a somewhat checkered career and after a period of success was so decisively defeated by the Allied Russian and Austrian armies that he had to flee to Turkey. Here he adopted Islamism and entered the Turkish army under the title of Amurat Pasha. He was sent to Aleppo in 1850 to suppress an Arab attack upon the Christian population and there died of fever.

Other new European stamps are two surcharged values for parcel post in Belgium, and a set of four attractive stamps from Estonia. These latter are of simple but effective design and show three heraldic lions one above the other with the name EESTI below on a background of solid color. Apparently a new currency has been introduced with these new stamps for the abbreviation is "s" instead of "m," as in earlier issues. Germany has also issued a new set in honor of Presidents Ebert and Hindenburg, there being seven denominations with Ebert's portrait and five with that of Hindenburg.

Again there has been a deluge of new French colonials. We have to record new 1fr 10c values from no less than eighteen different colonies, as well as several color changes.

Considerable philatelic activity is reported from Abyssinia, which has issued a new set of ten values in two designs showing portraits of Ras Taffari and the Empress Zauditu, respectively, and for good measure all ten values were surcharged in Amharic characters and issued thus for a limited time to mark the opening of a Post Office at Addis Ababa. Siam has issued seven different high values ranging from 1 to 40 bahts, showing the portrait of King Prajadhipok, while from the Dutch Indies we have a set of five different airmail provisionals.

The British Empire has also been busy with new issues during the month. Malta has surcharged its entire series of seventeen values with the words "Postage and Revenue," and from North Borneo we have a 2c stamp in new colors and all other values of the current series up to $10 with the new 12½ perforation recorded for some of the lower denominations only some months ago. Newfoundland sends us a new 14c stamp in the design of the discarded 9c, and from Kenya and Uganda we have received a set of four postage due stamps in the same design as those issued some time ago for the Federated Malay States. The £1 value of St. Vincent has at last appeared on script paper and from Ceylon we have a 5 rupees stamp in the design of the other rupee values issued recently.

Altogether it has been quite an eventful month for the assiduous collector of new issues.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

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THE Tasman Ocean, about 1,400 miles, has now been crossed both ways by Kingsford Smith and his crew of airmen, but no mail was carried officially—only a few private letters from and to New Zealand and Australian politicians. These have no value from a philatelic point of view, but people must beware of counterfeits.—WILCOX SMITH & Co.

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News for the Bureau Print Specialist

This article is supplementary to my last one and upon which this discussion is somewhat based. There have been produced or ordered many varieties that should be mentioned in following the history of these issues. My purpose in this article will be to give an up-to-date listing of the Bureau Print issues.

Birmingham—I have mentioned the similarity that the present city style bears to the Bureau. Don't confuse the 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9c with the Bureaus for these denominations have not been ordered.

Los Angeles—The three line standard type is out on several values of the regular stamps.

Oakland—The 1c coil has followed the 1½c. The latter will be good.

Denver—In July the 9c ordinary was ordered, but I have not a copy.

San Francisco—The new three line style first appeared on the 1½c coil and the 9c. These were followed by the 3 and 10c regular.

Bridgeport orders the 1c coil to replace the 1½c. I believe it will appear in the old style.

Wilmington, Del.—About a year ago an order was placed for the 1 and 2c coils, and then cancelled. These stamps were reordered in July.

Washington, D. C.—The 1c coil appears in the standard style.

Atlanta—Here is one that slipped by everyone. The 2c coil exists and has been shown me by A. E. Hagen. It has not been chronicled as yet, and it has not been reported as ever being ordered.

Chicago—The 7, 8, and 9c still remain in the city style. It is difficult to understand why Chicago and New York do not allow the Bureau to precancel these three denominations for them. Chicago has exhausted its supplies of the old style Bureaus and is carrying the new standard overprinted ones in stock. The 3 and 5c coils have not been seen to date, but the balance are in current use.

Decatur replaces the 1½c coil with the 1c, and adds the 2c. There will probably be no type change.

Joliet, Ill., will soon be using the 1c coil. It was ordered in August.

Kokomo has received about one million 1½c in the past, so it stands to reason that they will be ordering the 1c ordinary, but so far no order has been placed to my knowledge.

Muncie, Ind.—The 2c ordinary is now on sale in the new standard style.

Portland, Ind., will be a new Bureau Print user, as the 1 and 2c coils were ordered in July. They will appear in the standard style.

Sioux City, Ia., is using the 1c coil, which is precancelled in the same style shown on the 1½ and 2c ordinary.

Waterloo—1c coil is unordered, but should be looked for, as Waterloo has always carried the 1½c coil in stock.

Wichita replaces the 1½c ordinary with the 1c.

Louisville will also be calling for the 1c coil before long.

Baltimore is using up its supplies of the 1½c coil, precancelled in the standard style.

Boston—The new style came to me today on the 1c, and the 9c has been reported, unofficially.

Lowell, Mass., is another newcomer. It will have the 1 and 2c coils.

Springfield, Mass., replaces the 1½c ordinary with the 1c coil. The standard style will be met with instead of the former type.

Battle Creek, Mich.—The 1c coil will probably be re-ordered and this will mean a big drop in price on this stamp.

Detroit comes out in the standard style on the 1c coils.

Lansing—1c coil is another that will suffer in price. It is now catalogued at 50c.

Minneapolis has finally received the new style Bureaus. My first specimen is a 3c.

Saint Paul—I have seen the 1½, 3, 5, 7, and 8c, in the standard three line type. None of the coils have changed their overprints.

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1921 "Dante" (set 3) .....
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1922 Nos. 117 to 120 (Yvert) (set 4) .. 1.
1922 "Mazzini" (set 3) .....
1922 "Propaganda Fide" (set 4) ..... 1.
1923-24 Nos. 142 to 145, 158, 159 (set 6)
1923 "Fascisti—March on Rome" (set 6) 1.
1923 "Fascisti—Black Shirt" (set 3)..
1923 "Manzoni" (set 6) ..... 2.
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1925-26 "Royal Jubilee" (set 3) .....
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1926 Nos. 553 to 557 (set 5) .....
1926 "National defence" (set 4) ..... 1.
1927 "Volta" (set 4) .....
1928 "National defence" (set 4) .....
1928 "Emanuele Filiberto" (set 10) .. 2.
1921 B. L. P. Complete as by Yvert Frs. 2670 (set 14) .....62.
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Fiume 1920 Nos. 86 to 99 (set 14) .... 3.
1921 Nos. 134 to 148 (set 15) ..... 6.
1921 Nos. 149 to 160 (set 12) ..... 7.
1923 Nos. 172 to 183 (set 12) ..... 4.
Trentino 1918 Nos. 1401-1417 (set 17) 124.
1918 Nos. 1421 to 1431 (set 9) ..... 3.
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Pekin 1918, Nos. 1, 3, 4 (set 3) .....14.
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Kansas City—Standard type is illustrated. It has appeared on the 1½, 8, and 10c.

Saint Louis, Mo.—The 6c perf. 10 persists in being very scarce. Who has a stock of them? I have a hundred of all the other values, but not a solitary 6c.

Lincoln, Neb., replaces the 1½c coil with the 1c.

Minden, Neb.—I'll wager this will be scarce—the 1c coil, which was ordered in August.

Westfield, N. J.—Westfield, Mass., has Bureau prints, but this is a New Jersey town that is now ordering them. The 1c coil will be out soon.

Rahway, N. J., replaces the 1½c coil with the 1c.

Dunellen, N. J.—1c coil. You will have to hunt for these in Canada. At least

WHY I COLLECT BRAZIL

By RALPH E. WARNER, Oberlin, Ohio.

To the average collector of today, general collecting has become almost an impossibility. To the philatelist it has become prohibitive. Anyone who really wishes to study what he collects has to limit his field. The question is what to collect.

My own answer was Brazil, not because of any premeditated idea, but through circumstance. I can see now why Brazil should prove a very attractive and profitable country to invest in.

In the first place, the stamps of Brazil are good, sound stuff, plenty of common stamps, but no speculative or other trash. From the investment standpoint, Brazils should prove one of the very good buys of today. The stamps of this largest South American republic have always had an even but rather slow increase in catalogue value. This has been due to the fact that, while the stocks of Brazil are limited, the demand outside of the country has, until now, not been great. Only within the last two or three years have collectors really begun to realize the possibilities, and one can still pick up some very pretty items quite cheaply.

One good reason why a Brazilian collection can be so worth-while is that even the collector of small means (and that includes most of us) can really afford a good representation of the stamps almost from the first issue and right down to date. As stamps go, even the first issue of Brazil, only two years younger than the famous penny black, is not very expensive, and of the second issue almost anyone could afford the first three stamps, none of them being above a dollar and a half, used. From the beautifully engraved Dom Pedros on down, with the exception of a very few rarities, it is possible to get together a handsome and worth-while representation at remarkably low cost. As a matter of fact some Brazilian stamps are priced so low as to be worth several times their catalogue value!

The stamps of Brazil offer all kinds of attractive fields for the connoisseur. One has his choice of regular postage, postage dues, newspaper stamps, officials, and now, airmails. Commemoratives there are, just enough to add variety, some of them very pretty stamps—without the speculative, the long sets or the endless succession of unnecessary issues which blight the interest in commemoratives altogether.

But one need not stop with that. The fellow who enjoys sorting out the differences such as perforations, watermarks, shades, and so on, has ample field here. In perforations, some very interesting studies could be made, and in quite available stamps at that. From 1890 to 1900, skipping most of the 1898 provisionals, there is a variety of perforations which are very fascinating, especially when one realizes that a number of them, likely to turn up in any lot of the common stamps, are quite valuable.

The watermarks from 1918 to date, offer a variety which can be cut down or extended to one's fancy. And they are not as hard to distinguish as they are reputed to be. Get from some reliable source a sample of each and compare them. One can soon see the differences and recognize them. They offer not only variations in the watermarks themselves, but differences in the position of watermarks. For the person who enjoys this sort of variations, great deal of interest is afforded as there are eight possible positions.

Are you an addict of color? If so, the shades of Brazilian stamps should prove to be a mint of fun. If you are not one yet, try almost any issue or stamp. Off hand I think of the current 10 reis stamp, number 264, listed as red-violet, which runs from a captivating bright red to a shade almost deep magenta. As one soon finds, there are some very marked shades, especially in the 1890-91 issue, Brazil's first as a republic.

Beyond this type of usually catalogued varieties there are differences such as the varieties of heads on the 100 reis stamp, number 116, the dotted stars on the Southern Cross stamps, plate flaws and scratched plates in the postage, newspapers and dues of the 1890's, and the paper varieties in the early issues or even in the current types.

One other thing which attracts attention and makes for beauty is the cancellation. Colored cancellations are used even today enough to content the heart of any cancellation collector, and they show up beautifully on most Brazilian stamps, which are fairly light-colored, or else green or blue. Registered covers are nearly always cancelled in color, and a few Brazilian towns in the interior use a purple ink all the time.

It would be impossible here to tell all of the interesting and worth-while possibilities in Brazilian stamps. I have collected them for years and every once in a while I find something new. For example, on going through some copies of the 200 reis red of the 1922-25 issue, number 239, I found a freak (probably something worn into the plate), which looked like the moon going down behind the head of the figure depicted on the stamp. As a rising sun is represented in the design, the whole effect is rather odd. If one wants investment, study, or just plain fun, there is plenty of each in a collection of Brazilian stamps.

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Fulton, N. Y.—If you have any of the 1½c coils you are fortunate, for this will be worth a two dollar bill before many noons have passed.

Tonawanda, N. Y.—I was almost tempted to travel north of Buffalo again this summer to find out where all the Tonawanda and North Tonawanda Bureaus are going to. Tonawanda uses the 1½c coil, and North Tonawanda the 1½c ordinary. Both these offices have ordered stocks of the 1c to replace the 1½c.

Peekskill, N. Y., has used local precancels for many years, but only upon circular matter. The Bureau will furnish a supply of the 1c coil to this office, or probably has by this time, for the stamps were ordered in August.

Rochester, N. Y.—It seems to me that this office should order the whole set from 1 to 10c in both the ordinary and coil stamps, for it is one of our largest users of precancels. So far the 1½, 2, and 3c have been all the Bureaus on hand. The 1 and 10c were ordered in August, and will probably be printed in the old type.

Brooklyn is out with the 1c in the standard style.

Garden City has replaced the 1½c coil with the 1c.

New York City—The 2c coil in the old type will be a good stamp as there was but one printing before the new standard cancellation appeared on all the coils from 1 to 10c. I have seen all the ordinary except the 6c in the new three line style.

Cleveland is using the 1, 1½, 3, 5, and 10c coils in the standard style, and the 2 and 4c in the old style.

Dayton has ordered the 3c coil, which will, no doubt, be of the same type as the rest of the series. The 2c coil from here has always been a slippery one to catch.

Cincinnati requisitioned the 10c coil some time ago, but I have yet to see a copy.

Lima, Ohio, will have the 1c coil before long, marking its first supply of Bureau precancels.

Toledo has ordered the 1 and 2c coils. Heretofore the 1½ and 3c were all that were carried in stock.

Philadelphia—The 5c coil now appears in the standard style. Also the 1½c coil, and the 1, 1½, and 7c ordinary.

Scranton will replace the 1½c coil with the 1c, as it was ordered in August. The 3, 5, 7, and 8c ordinaries are out in the standard style.

Warren, Pa., has never handled the Bureau coils, but now has the 1c on hand. It is in the new standard style.

Providence, R. I.—Add the 1c coil to the 1½, 2, 3, and 4c.

Dallas—I have the 5, 7, 8, and 10c in the new style.

Houston has finally ordered the 1c ordinary, which completes the set to 10c. The 1c coil will also be on hand shortly.

Fargo, N. D., will receive a supply of 1c coils, its first Bureau printed precancels.

Rutland, Vt., likewise will receive the same denomination.

Plainview, Tex.—And yet another, the same stamp. However, this is a noteworthy instance, for Plainview is comparatively an unknown town to the precancel collector.

Columbia, S. C., will add the 1c coil to the 1½ and 3c in the standard type.

Richmond, Va., followed its order for the coils, with an order for all the ordinaries from 1 to 10c. I have the 1½, 2, 5, and 10c coils, and the 1½ and 3c ordinary.

Alderson, W. Va., is out with the 1c coil.

Racine, Wis., Manitowoc, and Port Washington also are supplied with the same stamp. Port Washington is the only one of the four which has had a previous stock of Bureau precancels.

Reading, Pa., replaces the 1½c coil with the 1c, and so does *Lancaster, Pa.*

This brings to a close an account that is chiefly of interest to the active Bureau precancel collector. If any reader wishes to seriously begin a collection of this interesting group of stamps, the editor of this department will be pleased to forward a complimentary packet of over 100 varieties, upon receipt of return postage.

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W. W. Betts, the Clearfield, Pa., dealer, made glad the hearts of his customers by sending them a first day cover from Washington, Dec. 11, bearing the new 2c and 5c stamps issued in connection with the Aeronautical Congress. This bit of enterprise upon the part of Mr. Betts will be appreciated by his patrons, and is certainly worth our commenting upon.

We are also in receipt of first day covers from Albert E. Gorham (accompanied by a new yearly subn.) and Stanley Gregory.

COLLECTOR'S CONTEST

Some of ouru loyal friends have apologized for the few subscriptions sent in, saying "my total is so small that I feel ashamed and especially when I see what others are doing." Of course a dealer has unusual advantages over the collector.

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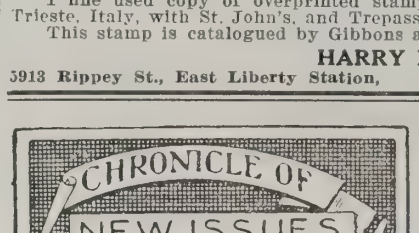

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United States

Aeronautics Conference Issue

The new 2-cent and 5-cent stamps issued in commemoration of the International Civil Aeronautics Conference, were placed on sale in Washington, on December 12th, in accordance with previous announcement. A branch post office was opened at the Chamber of Commerce Building, and during the day thousands of new stamps were sold, not only to collectors, but to the numerous delegates from the thirty-six Foreign countries represented. Mrs. M. C. Shaughnessy, Assistant Philatelic Stamp Agent, was in charge, and as usual catered to the requirements of the collector. While the President was in attendance at the Conference, I did not note that he visited the branch post office, but such dignitaries as —Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Orville Wright, Postmaster General Harry S. New, Second Assistant Postmaster General Warren Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General Robert S. Regar, and many others were not only in attendance at the Conference, but visited the branch office as well.

A special cancellor was used on all mail and was printed in a bright green which looked most attractive when applied to the blue and red stamps. It consisted of the usual circular, Washington postmark dated "Dec. 12, 1928," and in the killer we find the airplane illustrated and in three lines, "International Civil Aeronautics Conference—Dec. 12-14, 1928." A handstamp of the usual Washington type also printed in green was applied to a number of covers, especially in the case of blocks of four where the electric machine failed to cover the stamps. A similar cancellation will be applied on December 13th and 14th. The stamps on sale the first day were from the following plates:

2-cent, No. 19654-55-56-57
5-cent, No. 19658-59-60-61

Plates consisted of two hundred subjects and printings from these plates were cut into post office panes of fifty stamps, five horizontally by ten vertically, with straight edges on two sides. Both denominations in a light and dark shade were noted, and in some cases the two shades were to be found on the same sheet.

There was a long line also at the Philatelic Agency, and the mail they received this time was larger than ever before. Probably a thousand letters were on hand that they did not even have time to open, and hundreds of other orders that they were unable to fill on the first day. The Agency is becoming so crowded that it is absolutely necessary for those requiring large numbers, to make arrangements with others on the outside to do this work. It would not be surprising if the Department issued a ruling that no first-day covers would be furnished, as several are taking an unfair advantage of the courtesy offered; one dealer having ordered fifteen hundred covers and then sending in a second order for thirty-five hundred more; whereas a second and third dealer asked for almost as many. When there are upward of six to ten thousand others asking for from one to a hundred covers, it is not fair to expect the Agency to take care of what properly belongs to a paid outside agent. A department store in Washington sending out circulars might just as well send the mail to the post office and ask them to furnish the clerks to stamp it. It is certainly hoped that the larger purchasers of first-day covers will make other arrangements in the future, otherwise, the time is not far distant when there will be no more first-day covers supplied by the Department.

George Rogers Clark Issue

The new 2-cent stamp to be issued in commemoration of the George Rogers Clark campaign, will be placed on sale at Vincennes, Indiana, on February 25th next. It will not be available at the Philatelic Agency at Washington, so that first-day covers will only be available at the Indiana office designated. Those desiring an unused supply may apply to the Philatelic Agency, where they will be placed on sale the following day.

As this is the first stamp ever issued in commemoration of an Indiana event, and as Indiana is the home state of Postmaster General Harry S. New, the Third Assistant Postmaster General Robert S. Regar, has shown rare judgment in placing this on sale on the first day at Vincennes, only.

The stamp will be about the size of the current 5-cent air mail stamp, and the design, which we described in this column previously, will show the Surrender of Fort Sackville to George Rogers Clark, after the painting by F. C. Yohn.

The sketch has already been approved and while the post office had first issued instructions to print the stamp in red on December 12th, Mr. Robert S. Regar conceived of the idea of printing it in two colors and issued instructions that it should appear with a black center and red border. If the engraver takes advantage of this opportunity, we will have what no doubt will prove to be the most handsome stamp ever issued by this government. The size will enable him to make a handsome engraving, and being in black, will stand out most distinctly. The red border will add a touch of color which will produce a stamp of real beauty. An order for thirty-five million has been placed with the Bureau, and it is expected that a supply will be available throughout the country within several days after it appears at Vincennes. Postmasters will be requested to make requisition, and if collectors are interested in having the stamps on sale locally, it is suggested that requisitions be made by their postmaster, after the post office has officially announced the commemorative issue.

The Department desires to especially call to the attention of collectors the fact that no first-day covers will be sent from Washington, as the stamp will only be available at Vincennes. They will send someone from Washington to superintend the work at Vincennes in behalf of collectors, but they are making a positive ruling that not more than twenty-five covers will be sent to any one applicant, and that where the communication shows that the same applicant is using several names, that the money will be returned.

New Envelopes

The contract for the new envelopes goes into effect on January 1st next, and all printed after that date will be on paper bearing the new 1929 watermark. There will be three types of watermarks, as the paper will be made at three different mills, and envelopes will be furnished under the new contract on not only white and blue, but on amber, as well. At the present time, it is the intentions of issuing amber envelopes on special request only, so that all will show return cards. Should, however, there be sufficient demand over the post office counter, it is possible that later on the amber envelope will be carried in regular stock.

I had the pleasure of viewing an impression from the die for the new 5-cent Air Mail Envelope, and am not much impressed with its appearance. We find the airplane in flight partly within a circle in which "U. S. Postage via Air Mail" appears. The "5c" below the plane, however, is so large that when it is held a distance from the eye, it almost appears as a round price tag. These new envelopes will appear on white only, in sizes 5, 8 and 13. It is expected that the demand for the Air Mail Envelope will be somewhat large, and that the envelope is likely to cut vastly into the use of the 5-cent Air Mail stamp.

Abyssinia.—We are informed by P. C. Philibossian that certain information recently printed by us and taken from a British stamp magazine is not entirely correct. The actual facts are as follows:—

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Finland.—We have received word from H. Gulin that the 1 mark deep orange and 1½ mark blue-green and red-violet, watermarked posthorn, were issued on Nov. 11, overprinted in commemoration of the stamp exhibition in Helsingfors, Nov. 11-18, inclusive. In the top center are the figures "1928," and there are vertical inscriptions in abbreviations, which will be translated later.

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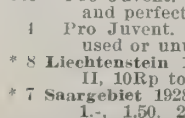

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(another map appeared on the two cent in 1908). The story of Newfoundland (as well as many other countries) may be found on its stamps; the colonial story very aptly told on the Cabot issue of 1897. On this 1928 "royal" series we find the General Post Office, House of Parliament, and other scenes.

In honor of the Sixth Pan-American Congress held at Havana, Cuba (which President Calvin Coolidge attended and opened), Cuba printed a commemorative series of postage stamps, the five centavos showing a map of the Western Hemisphere. Such postage will remain as memorials to bygone incidents. Stamps are valuable educationally in this way.

News from the month of April tells of Finland's celebrating her anniversary of freedom from Russia with two postage stamps (1½ and 2 marks). The stamps were sold out very shortly after they were placed on sale. Finland appears again, in the July-August notes with further independence commemorative issues; and we find that though the country is a republic, the arms of the Grand Duchy are retained, the lion wearing the ducal crown!

News from May is interesting from an historical point of view, in regards to the English Isle of Cyprus. Cyprus in 45 A. D. was introduced to Christianity with the landing of Saints Paul and Barnabas. Cyprus was conquered in 1191 A. D., by Richard Coeur de Lion (the lion-hearted), who was King of England at the time and bound for a Crusade in Palestine. He sold the isle to the Knights Templars; but the Templars were unable to keep the new possession, and Guy de Lusignan acquired it. From then (1192) until 1489 Cyprus was the main seat of the Kingdom of the Levant under the Lusignan "dynasty." Its last ruler was Queen Caterina Carnaro (widow of James II), and she presented the isle as a gift to the aristocratic republic of Venice! In 1571 the conquering Moslem Turks seized Cyprus. In 1878, in conference, England obtained from Turkey the right to have jurisdiction over that isle; on November 5, 1914, England took official possession of Cyprus, when Turkey joined the union of Germany and Austria against her. Cyprus is now a full-fledged colony of England, and its commemoratives of this year (1928) recall some of the history spoken of in this paragraph. The series of postage stamps commemorate the fiftieth anniversary celebration of England's influence there. We find one issue with a map of the isle; another showing the likeness of Richard Coeur de Lion, another with that founder of the stoical school, Zeno, and so on. The reigning King, George V, is likewise portrayed as is the custom on most of the British colony postage.

Monaco (that principality in which Monte Carlo is situated) issued three commemoratives according to May news, in deference to the International Philatelic Exhibition that was held there. The stamps were on sale only during that exhibition, and were sold over face value five francs, the surplus being used as the price for admission.

Brazil in celebrating her second centenary of coffee cultivation there, issued three "coffee propaganda" stamps; and we view the fields of coffee at Sao Paulo. Haiti later in the year issued one postage stamp showing the World that one of its products was coffee, also.

A devastating flood occurred in Liechtenstein (between Austria and the Swiss), and to help the flood relief fund postage stamps (2½ to 30 rappen) appeared, and sold over stated values, the surplus going to aid this fund.

June-July news told of the issuance of Holland Olympic postage stamps, eight values, showing various sports. This was the fifth Olympiade issue and the eighth Olympic Games. In August, Portugal issued an "Olympic" or "sport" stamp, showing an athlete going over the hurdles, and underneath the word "Amsterdam," where the games were held; the name of the country was omitted, so that "Portugal" had to be overprinted on this postage stamp. The reason for this issue was that its proceeds would go to help pay the Portuguese sportsmen expenses to Amsterdam, Holland.

The year 1928 might be called "Lindbergh" Year. This year many postage stamps appeared honoring the "Lone Eagle"; Panama put out two stamps—2c and 5c—in honor of Lindbergh's flight to that nation. The lower denomination reveals the "Spirit of St. Louis," the plane which carried the young aviator across the Atlantic Ocean from New York to Paris, alone. The isthmus of Panama appears on the higher value.

Again Lindbergh comes into the limelight of publicity with a surcharge "Lindbergh Febrero 1928" on an airmail stamp of five centavos of Costa Rica. He is recalled in an array of American stamps by our own 10 cent blue issue showing the famous monoplane.

1928 is likewise known for the year in which great strides were made by man in the air. During the first of the year, as a result of an airmail service established between Key West and Havana Cuba issued a special airmail postage stamp of five cent value for this service The view is of Havana Harbor and the famous Moro Castle looms in the rear.

Argentina issues another airmail (August) for use on that trans-national service over Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina which connects now with the Atlantic and ships for Africa and France.

Up to August, 1928, there were recorded 47 new varieties of airmail stamps for the year 1928! Argentina, Bulgaria Dominican Republic, Dutch Indies, Iceland, Malta, Panama, Peru, issued airmail stamps for the first time. Several of these states are isolated, smaller or backward states; and the establishment of air-services in them and the appearance of airmail postage stamps attests to the rapid advancement of man in the ether. The United States, July-August, reduced airmail rates for the first ounce to five cents, and a new airmail adhesive has appeared.

According to figures taken from Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., every month new stamps are appearing to the number between 50 and 150! And such in brief review are some of the postage stamps that 1928 has produced. In array they may form an outline of the events of the year; and some of them help fill the gaps in postal history that stamps tell. The first half of 1928 passes with notable postage stamp issues; the second half does not fall behind!

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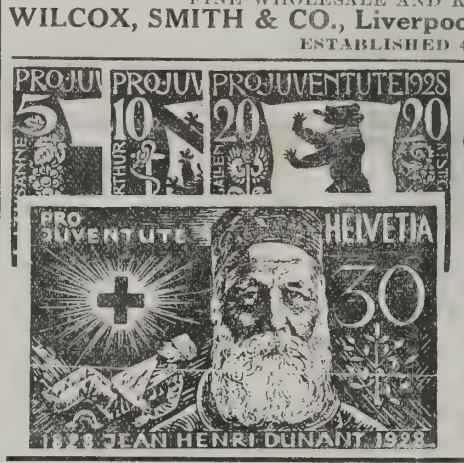

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NEW BRITISH VIRGINS, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Following the lowering of the foreign post card rate from 1½d to 1d, by Statutory Rules and Orders No. 10 of April 13, 1928, effective August 1, 1928, there was a great demand for 1d violet and 1½d red stamps of the Leeward Islands Federation, and all the Presidencies. In future printings, red will be restored to the 1d, and another color used for the 1½d. In the Crown Agents' color scheme of 1907, orange was assigned to the 1½d, and Antigua, Dominica Montserrat and St. Kitts-Nevis (now using 1½d red stamps) had orange stamps of this denomination (in use, or on order) when the increased foreign post card rate 1½d (raised from 1d) effective February 1, 1922, made necessary changing the color of the 1½d to red (then held by the 1d). Subsequent to August 1, 1928, the 1½d single and reply post cards were withdrawn and destroyed, there being no further use for cards of this denomination.

As stock of the 1d violet and 1½d red Presidential stamps in the British Virgins was being heavily drawn upon by collectors and dealers, it was necessary in September, 1928, for the authorities at Tortola to cable an indent to the Crown Agents in London, for fresh supplies. The *Crown Agents' Bulletin* of July-September, 1928, advised that 1d red and 1½d light brown Postage & Revenue stamps were on order for the Leeward Islands Federation, as well as Montserrat.

In the first week of October, 1928, a cable was received at Tortola (via St. Thomas) from Antigua, requesting that the stock of 1d violet and 1½d red British Virgins Presidential series, be forwarded to St. John's, Antigua, to fill an order which had been received from a stamp dealer for a composite lot of stamps of all the Leeward Islands Presidencies. When this was done the only 1d and 1½d stamps left for the British Virgins Post Offices were of the Federal series, i.e., 1d violet, and 1½d red.

On October 22, 1928, the new lot of 1d red and 1½d light brown British Virgins Presidential series, was received from London, and as the 1d red was not considered a new variety (the 1d as originally issued in the King George and Presidential Seal type, on June 15, 1922, was in this color), it was placed on sale immediately. The 1½d light brown, however, was not issued until October 29th.

The 1d re-issue is in a very deep red, and not at all like the rose-carmine of the 1d of June 15, 1922, nor the carmine-red of the 1½d of Jan. 24, 1927. The difference is so marked that it will undoubtedly find place in the catalogue.

The stamps are as before typographically printed from a keyplate (No. 1) and individual duty plates, in sheets of 120 (2 panes of 60 each), on script CA paper. The keyplate number 1 appears in the upper margin over the 2nd stamp of the left pane, and 5th stamp of the right pane, and in corresponding positions in the lower margin. As with the 1d violet and 1½d red, issued Jan. 24, 1927, there is a double marginal line. The original 1d red issue of June 15, 1922, had but a single marginal line, so that in addition to the color, sheets of the re-issue of October 22, 1928, may be distinguished by the double marginal line.

When the original 1d red, of June 15, 1922, was replaced on Jan. 24, 1927, by the 1d violet, 11,160 (£46.10.0) were withdrawn from sale and burned on Feb. 9, 1927. The 1d violet and 1½d red (issued Jan. 24, 1927) were sent out in very small quantities (i.e., comparatively, for stamps of such low denominations), and were in use for only slightly more than a year and a half.

C. R. Meade, since August, 1917, Chief Clerk of the Treasury at Tortola, and performing the actual duties of Postmaster there, was transferred in November, 1928, to Roseau, Dominica, and his place at Roadtown was taken by J. D. Thomas.

The ½d, 2d, 6d, 1s and 5s of the Leeward Islands Federal series, Roman CA watermarked, were still to be had at Roadtown, Tortola, on Sept. 20, 1928.

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1½d light brown. (October. 29, 1928.)

Leeward Islands New Varieties, 1929

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It is rumored (though not officially confirmed) that any stocks remaining of the 25 discontinued values of the Leeward Islands Federal and Presidential series, as set forth in Statutory Rules and Orders No. 15 of April 26, 1928, will be destroyed at the end of the fiscal year, i.e., March 31, 1929.

Hurricane of Sept. 12-13, 1928

On Sept. 12-13, 1928, a violent hurricane swept the Caribbean islands, resulting in the loss of much life and property. Montserrat was almost completely devastated; Nevis and St. Kitts were also great sufferers. In the British Virgins a few small houses fell; others were stripped, but the greatest damage was to the roads.

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By BEACH CONGER, JR.

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2½d ON 2d FIJI WIDE SURCHARGE

By A. J. DERRICK, Melbourne.

(This article will be published almost simultaneously in this paper and "Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal." We are indebted to Charles J. Phillips for the privilege of giving this article an early publication.)

I took advantage of my conversation with Mr. S. Bach (in which I discussed with him a problem concerning the 1917 type Printed Postage Dues), to consult him as to a possible explanation of the mystery of the wide surcharge on the 2½d on 2d of Jan. 1, 1891. It will be remembered that Mr. Chas. J. Phillips, in Stanley Gibbons Handbook of Fiji, on page 83, shows six diagrams of the positions in which he, and a friend in Fiji, had (after examination of complete sheets) found the wide surcharge, which was always in the second vertical row.

These were so irregular that there was apparently no explanation by the ordinary means employed of setting up one or more rows of type, and printing by shifting the lay.

Mr. Phillips after stating the difficulties of solution, suggests that "one way in which they could possibly have occurred, was that the printer used a single row of ten '2½d,' and that in the second one from the left (right—it is left on the print) the type was loose, and sometimes printed with the figures close, and sometimes with them spaced."

I discussed this in an article on "The Stamps of Fiji," which appeared in the *Australian Stamp Journal*, and the *Victorian Philatelic Record* of June and July, 1925, and pointed out that if Mr. Phillips' suggestion was correct, we would have other intermediate varieties.

I learned some time ago, that the trustees of the estate of a prominent official who resided in Fiji, and who was a collector, held a considerable quantity of unused Fiji stamps, and that these were in Melbourne. I obtained permission to inspect all they had of the 2½d on 2d stamps, and checked them off carefully with Mr. Phillips' diagrams before me.

In the lower pane, that has all five of second row wide-spaced, and in two or three of the other panes, I found an occasional stamp which was undoubtedly intermediate, so much so that I discussed with a friend, who was present, whether they could be classed as the narrow or the wide setting.

Apart from this, my results tallied with those in the Handbook.

The interview which I had with Mr. Bach, gave me a chance to discuss this problem with him, and I think that with his technical knowledge, and his memory of the history of the Suva Printing Office, over so long a period, I was able to settle the problem on the lines suggested by Mr. Phillips. Mr. Bach entered the Suva Printing Office in 1904, and in Dec., 1913, he took it over from his predecessor, Mr. E. J. March. He was therefore quite familiar with all the machines that had been in use. He says that these stamps would have been printed one row at a time, on a small platen machine. This was too small to allow the whole sheet of 100 stamps to be overprinted, and this would account for the stamps being in half sheets of 50—five rows of ten. Moreover, the small size of the machine used would not allow of the line of type being printed on the five rows by the usual method of shifting the lay. The position of the row of type would therefore have to be altered in the chase, instead of shifting the lay of the paper. This was because the size of the platen of the machine would not permit the sheet to be shifted.

If the second setting of the "2½d" from the right was loose in the chase it might easily vary if the form was not locked up carefully, and in the same manner, at each shift of the type; and it would make all the difference whether it was tightened up first from the end, or first from the bottom. In either case the loose setting on this particular stamp would be gripped differently, according to what the operator did.

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—New Set of Stamps to Commemorate London-Orient-Flight.

By PERCY A. HILL.

We have a surcharged issue released Nov. 9, to commemorate the London Orient-Flight, current issues from 2c to 1p being surcharged L. O. F., block letters with aeroplane in red on each stamp and the date 1928 below.

The numbers surcharged are limited and as follows: 2c, 101,200; 4c, 50,500; 6c, 12,600; 8c, 10,000; 10c, 10,000; 12c, 8,000; 16c, 9,000; 20c, 8,000; 26c, 7,000; 30c, 7,000; 1P, 6,000.

This issue was commemorative of the four sea-planes of the British Army, which left London in Oct., 1927, having flown 23,000 miles via India and Australia in leisurely hops. The last lap of the flight from Singapore and return, "a good-will flight" was as follows: Singapore to Kuching (Sarawak), Labuan (Borneo), Puerto Princesa, P. I., Manila, Salomague, P. I., Hong Kong, Cocoanut Bay, Bankok, Victoria Point, Penang, Singapore, completing some 30,000 miles.

The sale was began Nov. 9, the day of arrival of the London-Orient-Flight. Blocks of from 2 to 30c were sold the general public, and five sets to the peso to each member of the Association Filatelica Filipina, and no more. One man deposited 10,000 pesos, whose order if filled would have taken half the entire issue. He will be given his quota later. There were the usual 19% of straight edges, and a committee of three philatelists were allowed to go over the issue printed to exclude all varieties and errors, which were delivered to the postal authorities to be destroyed, thus doing away with one of the usual philatelic troubles.

Sufficient of the issue is being held by the postal authorities to frank all mail to be carried by the four large planes to Hong Kong, etc., after which balance will be sold in small quantities to those applying, so as to give everyone a chance to purchase this limited issue and to prevent it from falling into a few hands. Too much credit cannot be given the Director of Posts for the handling of it, so as to prevent speculation.

CO-OPERATION WITH A BIG "C"

The Managing Editor receives many evidences of good-will upon the part of our subscribers. We are not able to list them all. Occasionally one stands out so prominently that we cannot do otherwise than make mention of it. Charles E. Herrick of Chicago, Ill., renews his membership in the Honor Club, and supplements his remittance of $5 for five years, with yearly subscriptions for "four young protégés." Mr. Herrick writes that they are beginners and he is extending them a bit of Christmas cheer.

We call this a very substantial evidence of interest in the WEEKLY, and take great pleasure in recognizing the splendid co-operation extended by Mr. Herrick.

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Bookstores and stationers are also on the alert. From the *Publisher's Weekly* for May 28, 1927, we quote the following:

"A number of booksellers have lately begun to add stamp departments to their stores, notably Burrows Brothers in Cleveland, who took good space in their mezzanine floor for the purpose of developing stamp collecting. Their business, in the hands of an expert, has grown rapidly to most satisfactory proportions."

"Simon L. Nye, manager of the book department of S. Kann Sons Co., Washington, has recently been holding exhibits and sales of stamps and specializing in the packet business, and has reported that developments have been very satisfactory."

Far-sighted dealers and collectors will do their utmost to encourage the recognition of stamps by stores as a regular line of merchandise. The recruiting value to the hobby of newspaper advertising and publicity, store exhibits, and general display will be superior to any development which has yet been seen. Collectors will be more than ever assured of rising values in future catalogs, and of the essential soundness of philatelic investing. Dealers will lose nothing, as practically all stores are equipped to handle only the most elementary of a collector's needs. On the contrary, due to the greatly increased number of new collectors, regular dealers will soon find that they have more customers than ever.

Every far-sighted philatelist, in fact, will realize that "stamps in stores" constitutes the most progressive step forward in general recognition and popularity that the great old hobby of stamp collecting has yet taken.—*Harris & Co. Bi-Monthly Journal.*

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STRAY ITEMS—

THE three offices of the WEEKLY have been favored with numerous greetings appropriate to the season, and we thank all our friends for the kind wishes expressed and which are cordially reciprocated.

C. D. REIMERS of Forth Worth, Tex., after an enforced vacation from business of six months is once more on the job. He has been away at John Hopkins' Sanitarium. Mr. Reimers' advertising will be found in this issue.

"I HAVE what I call a Confederate Spy Envelope, being a hand stamped Confederate envelope, absolutely normal to the human eye, and the most powerful magnifier, but when put under the 'Ultra Violet Quartz Lamp' a secret writing appears on face and back of envelope in yellow ink, and may be partially deciphered in holding a mirror to same. No doubt a secret message that could be brought out by chemicals otherwise only by this light."—M. OHLMAN.

A NEW Stamp Club has been organized at the Salem (Mass.) High School, with a membership of thirty-one. John Tracy is president and Molly Phippen, secretary.

WE are indebted to Bradie Buchanan for a first flight cover in which Green Bay, Wis., was tied up to CAM No. 9, on December 15. Northville, Mich., observed Dec. 17, with a special Wright cachet originated by the local Rotary Club. Mr. Buchanan sends us a specimen. Buffalo furnishes us through Harry E. Klotzbach a special cachet used Dec. 17 in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight, also the first anniversary of CAM No. 30. It was a large circular cachet in black.

A FRIEND in Canada has just sent me single copies of the new 3c and 5c King's head (Canada) in carmine and purple respectively. Also a single of the new 10c Canada pictorial, in green, very pretty and showing a snow capped mountain scene with large evergreen trees in the foreground, the borders left and right showing Totem Poles. The denomination is in the two lower corners with "cents" between, and in the center top "Canada." In the upper left "Postes," in the right upper "Post." The scene on the 10c is very much like one in the Canadian Rockies.—CHAS. A. FORSTER.

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Extracts from our catalog, which will gladly be sent upon request. It is fully illustrated and contains much valuable information of quantities issued, etc.

	1906		
110	1c ultramarine	.65	.65
111	1c yellow green	.40	.35
112	2c orange	..	.75
115	4c red	3.00	..
116	5c red brown	..	3.00
117	5c pale blue	.15	.10
120	10c orange red	.50	.50
	1906 Pictorials		
125	1c green	.03	.02
126	2c vermilion	.05	.02
127	3c brown	.08	.04
128	4c carmine	.10	.06
129	5c blue	.75	.03
130	7c gray	.40	.30
131	8c carmine	.30	.25
132	10c red orange	.25	.05
133	15c slate green	.30	.25
134	20c blue green	.35	.30
135	50c red	.75	.75
136	1pi claret	1.25	1.00
	1910 Simon Issue		
155	2c red and black	.15	.06
156	3c yellow	2.00	..
157	5c blue and black	2.00	.25
158	20c yellow grn. and black	2.50	2.50
	1917-1919		
	Surcharges made under American supervision.		
249	1c on 4c carmine	.10	.08
250	1c on 10c red	.03	.02
251	1c on 10c red (B)	.25	.25
252	1c on 20c green (R)	.10	.10
253	1c on 20c green (B)	.10	.10
254	1c on 50c red (R)	.08	.08
255	1c on 50c red (B)	.10	.08
256	2c on 3c brown	.12	.12
257	2c on 8c carmine (R)	.06	.05
258	2c on 8c carmine (B)	.06	.05
259	2c on 15c green	.04	.04
260	2c on 20c green	.06	.05
263	2c on 30c yellow	.40	..
265	1c on 4c olive	.30	..
266	1c on 7c red	.30	.35
267	1c on 15c yellow	.40	..
270	2c on 8c green	.30	..
271	2c on 20c brown	..	.15
272	2c on 15c yellow	.35	..
274	5c on 10c red brown	.50	..
	Postage Dues		
505	2c black	.65	..
506	5c red brown	.30	..
507	10c orange	..	.65
511	5c ultramarine	1.50	..
512	10c violet	1.00	..
517	50c slate	2.00	..
518	2c red	.20	.20
519	5c blue	..	.20
520	10c violet	2.00	..
521	50c olive gray	2.50	..

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NOTES ON NORWAY

By REV. ELIAS RASMUSSEN.

In a recent article on Norway in the WEEKLY the issue of the 1878 Krone values were given as follows: 1 Krone, 1,020,000 issued, 1½ Krone, 1,050,000 issued, and 2 Krone, 1,020,000 issued. This is correct. There was only one printing of these values, and the numbers mentioned above are correct. As nothing was said about the burning of the remainders by the postal authorities of Norway, in order to give the right impression about the real value of these stamps, I wish to submit the following information also published in part in *C. C. P.* of N. Y., in my article on the "Krone Values of Norway."

In an article in *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* of March 20, 1913, on "The Sale of The Older Norwegian Skillingsmerker," we are told that the government intends to offer for sale the remainders of the older Skillings stamps and the Krone stamps with the picture of Oscar II.

The remainder consisted of the following stamps: 12,900 stamps of Scott No. 16, 1 skilling, 1872, yellow-green; 421,200 stamps of Scott No. 12, 2 skilling, 1867, yellow; 410,500 stamps of Scott No. 17, 2 skilling, 1872, ultramarine; 23,300 stamps of Scott No. 19, 4 skilling, 1872, lilac; 3,300 stamps of Scott No. 21, 7 skilling, 1872, red-brown; 491,000 stamps of Scott No. 10, 24 skilling, 1863, brown; 350,700 stamps of Scott No. 32, 1 Krone, 1878, grey-green and green; 836,700 stamps of Scott No. 33, 1½ Krone, 1878, ultramarine and blue, and 745,100 stamps of Scott No. 34, 2 Krone, 1878, rose and maroon.

The postal authorities sought the advice of the local philatelic society regarding the disposal of the remainders. Because of political consideration it was not considered ethical by the Government to overprint and thus use the Krone values of Norway. The local stamp club advised in order to reimburse the postal authorities for the cost of the stamps to be destroyed that the Krone values be placed on sale together with the old skillings stamps for a period of one year, the stamps in every case to be sold for face value, and that at the end of that period of time all the remainders be burned. It was the opinion of the stamp club that during a year's time at least 200 sheets of each of the three values of the Krone stamps would be sold, giving the postal authorities a net income of 90,000 Kroner. It was also advised that as the total amount of the 7 skilling was so small, the government keep the remainders of that stamp in its archives, and also keep a small number of all the other values about to be sold. This advice was followed. The postal authorities kept 1,000 stamps, or all told 10 sheets of each value that had that many left. All the other stamps, except the 7 skilling, were on sale for about 18 months, and instead of selling 200 sheets of each value of the Krone stamps as the philatelist of Oslo had thought, there was sold exactly 18 sheets of the 1 Krone value, 18 sheets of the 1½ Krone value, and 17 sheets of the 2 Krone value, giving the government a net income of 7,600 Kroner instead of the 90,000 Kroner expected. Of Norway, No. 16 was sold, 12,430; reserve, 500; burned, none. No. 17 was sold, 47,100; reserve, 1,000; burned, 362,400. No. 19 was sold, 22,813; reserve, 500; burned, none. No. 10 was sold, 6,700; reserve, 483,300; burned, none. No. 32 was sold, 1,810; reserve, 1,000; burned, 347,890. No. 33 was sold, 1,800; reserve, 1,000; burned, 833,900. No. 34 was sold, 1,700; reserve, 1,000; burned, 742,400.

Because of this supervised destruction of the Krone values of the 1878 series, the actual issue of these stamps is as follows: No. 32 total issue 697,200 stamps; No. 33, 216,100 stamps; No. 34, 277,600 stamps. It is very evident from these facts that No. 33 and No. 34 are very good stamps. These stamps were in use from 1878 to 1905, and because of many years of service in spite of the small issue, comparatively, many were saved, and for that reason the price for the used condition will not greatly increase. Please notice that Norway No. 38, the

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1904	No. 94	2½p ultramarine	.85	.45
1905	No. 100	1f gray & black	.15	.08
1906	No. 101	½p grn. & blk.	.35	.20
1906	No. 102	1p carm. & blk.	.40	.20
1907	No. 108	1f gray & black	.35	.20
1909	No. 111	1f brown	.06	.03
1909	No. 112	1p carmine	.15	.08
1909	No. 113	2p gray	.75	.40
*1912	No. 116	¼p brown	.15	.07
*1912	No. 117	½p green	.20	.10
*1912	No. 118	1p carmine	.35	.18
1912	No. 119	2p gray	1.25	.65
1912	No. 120	2½p ultramar.	1.25	.65
1912	No. 121	3p violet, yell.	1.25	.65
1912	No. 122	4p blk. & scar.	1.75	.90
*1916	No. 127	¼p brown	.05	.03
*1916	No. 128	½p green	.10	.05
*1916	No. 129	1p carmine	.10	.05
*1916	No. 130	2p gray	.60	.30
*1916	No. 131	2½p ultramar.	.30	.15
*1916	No. 132	3p violet, yell.	.75	.40
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*1921	No. 152	¼p brown	.05	.03
*1921	No. 153	½p green	.08	.04
*1921	No. 154	1p carmine	.10	.05
*1921	No. 155	2p gray	.25	.13
*1921	No. 156	2½p ultramar.	.50	.30
*1921	No. 158	6p claret	.75	.40
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But even if these stamps were used 27 years, when the issue was as small as it is, is it not true that this stamp as several other stamps of Norway has been neglected? The real trouble has been and is that there has not been enough literature available for the English-speaking public, on the stamps of Norway, and although much has been written lately in the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, the rank and file of the stamp collecting public is not reached, and thus there is little and no access for the average person to the treasures of one of the most interesting countries in the philatelic world.

Another thing is that some emissions as Herr R. Stoebe's pamphlet on the Stamps of Norway is full of erroneous and misleading statements, so that the German-reading public that seeks information through this source are also lead out in the wilderness. What we need is a first class dependable handbook on Norway, based upon the Norwegian classic: "Norges Frimerker 1855-1924" by Justus Anderssen and Henrik Dethlof of Oslo, Norway.

There is also, in my opinion, a distinct need at the present time for a dependable specialized Catalogue on Norway. It is understood that such a work could not attain perfection, and especially if an attempt was made to price in greater detail, but it would give everybody interested in the stamps of Norway a chance to follow up his specialty along certain definite lines to his heart's content. There has been some talk about issuing such a catalogue in Norway, but as far as I know, nothing has as yet materialized.

Westchester

—County Chapter of the A. P. S. Meets at Chappaqua, N. Y.

Twenty members of the Westchester County (N. Y.), Chapter of the American Philatelic Society met Saturday, Dec. 15, at the home of K. N. Woodward, its president, Chappaqua, N. Y. Each member of the society received a "first day cover" mailed from the Postoffice set up at the meeting of the International Civil Aeronautics Conference, held in Washington, Dec. 12 to 14. They were sent to the members by V. M. Anderson of Yonkers.

L. A. BEEBE, Yonkers
Active in the A. P. S. Chapter

A new member, A. C. Benschoff of Yonkers, was received, bringing the membership to 31. Vice-President Squier of Yonkers summarized the stamp news of the month. A balance of $24 was reported in the chapter's treasury. A collection of air mail stamps was shown by John O. Henschell of Scarsdale. Another large collection was exhibited by Mr. Woodward. Supper was served by Mrs. Woodward.

Beverly S. King of White Plains will be the host for the January meeting.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

BORDER CITIES STAMP CLUB ACTIVITIES

Windsor, Ontario, Flashes Forth Philatelically and a Busy Season Begins

By A. E. EDGAR.

The Border Cities Stamp Club, Windsor, Ont., Canada, is a year old. It has a membership of thirty active members. Through its efforts a Junior Stamp Club has been formed. Its publicity director, A. E. Edgar, conducts a weekly stamp column in the daily newspaper. It has held a successful non-competitive exhibit in a downtown store for the purpose of interesting the public in philately. A record to be proud of, and one any active club may attain.

A POPULAR EXHIBIT OF STAMPS.

The Border Cities Stamp Club, Windsor, Ont., Canada, held a popular exhibit of postage stamps in a local downtown store December 7 and 8, which was well attended. The club members got in touch with many inactive collectors, and interested others in philately. From conversations with these, the prospects are that the club membership will be greatly increased during the coming year.

The exhibit was in the hands of A. E. Edgar and N. R. Hendershott, publicity director and auctioneer, respectively, but every member of the club actively assisted in making it a success. C. L. Brisley exhibited two frames, one of early Great Britain, showing Mulready envelopes and penny-blacks in pairs and strips. George Bradford exhibited early stampless envelopes of Canada. A superbly arranged collection of Canadian stamps was shown by Reginald Simpson, president of the club, while the Classics of the British Empire were shown by W. B. Turner, vice-president. Early cancellations of Canada and the United States were shown in beautiful variety by Frank Durdle. Interesting first flight air mail covers were exhibited by Gordon Woodrow, secretary. A beautiful display of Switzerland, attractively arranged was shown by Walter Meyer, formerly of that country. N. R. Hendershott had a wonderful showing of United States and Confederate States in panes. An informal, semi-humorous and educational display of stamps was made by A. E. Edgar. This collection is not made by countries, but by subjects, such as Birds and Barnyard Fowls, Fair Daughters of Eve, the Zoo, Ships, Modes of Transportation, Toot-Toot Trains, the Barber's Nightmare, the Rogue's Gallery and others.

The columnist of the *Border Cities Star* gave the exhibit humorous publicity and the same daily had an editorial on stamp collecting. A publicity feature of the exhibit was a guessing contest. A two-quart jar was filled with stamps on paper and prizes were given for the best guessers as to the number. Strange to say the juniors captured all the prizes.

There was a gratifying attendance of juniors as well as adults, and many were started on the collector's voyage through the distribution of upwards of 15,000 stamps in packets to the juniors.

The exhibits were mostly made up of pages from the albums of local club members. These were arranged on counters and covered with glass to protect them. Any active club can increase interest in stamp collecting by means of an exhibt of this nature.

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Politics of the Air

Karl Figdor ("Vossische Zeitung").

Relatively few inventions have determined the social and economic structure of the world we live in, as well as its political life. The colonial empires of Greece, Spain, and Portugal would never have existed if some genius had not invented the sailboat, the colonial system of the nineteenth century was made possible by the steamboat, and the British Dominions and the United States were developed by the locomotive.

It is unfortunate that no one has thought of writing the history of mankind as a struggle against distance, for that is its true essence. Perhaps the most dramatic chapter of all would be the one that we are all of us living through to-day—the chapter of bird's-eye view policies made possible by the flying machine.

Although distance, the chief enemy of human progress, may not yet be completely conquered, it surely will be vanquished soon. Flying routes will be developed, and continents and oceans will be spanned at the rate of two and three hundred miles an hour. The antipodes of to-day will be our neighbors to-morrow, and our present boundaries will be as obsolete as the walls of ancient cities.

We have not yet quite reached this point, but developments are under way, and difficulties that were insuperable twenty years ago are now being overcome. The world is contracting, and world empires of the British type that once seemed about to fall apart are now growing stronger as a result of the flying machine. New economic and political problems have arisen, and a complete change of world politics is in order.

Almost every week ushers in some new development in world flying. Systems of airways are being developed, radiating from a few important political centres. No Great Power with oversea possessions is allowing any portion of its domain to be left unprotected, and every strategic point is being developed and equipped. The struggle to maintain these points is becoming an increasingly vital element in world politics.

A few examples will clearly show how the development of air traffic is influencing world history and world policies. Hardly more than a night is required for an Englishman to fly over friendly France to the Mediterranean, which is now the aeronautical centre of the British Empire. By far the most important district in this part of the world consists of the triangle formed by Port Said, Suez, and Cairo. In the course of the next few years this triangle will form a part of a gigantic air system by which England will spread its wings over the entire Orient and Southern Orient. Cairo will be more important to the future British Empire than the Suez Canal is at the present time or than the Panama Canal is to the United States.

Three great airways radiating from Cairo are now being developed. They will knit together India, Australia, New Zealand, and the South African Union, to say nothing of the East African Dominion that will be developed from British East Africa, German East Africa, and Rhodesia. On these three lines all the pearls of the British Empire except Canada and Newfoundland will be strung.

The first air line will run from Cairo over Arabia and the mandated territories of Palestine, Transjordania, and Mesopotamia, and across India to Singapore, where the Gibraltar of South Eastern Asia is now being built.

The second line will follow the course of the first as far as Singapore, and then branch to the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand. The third air line will extend southward the entire length of Africa. It is an overland route crossing Egypt, the Sudan, Uganda, British and German East Africa, Rhodesia, and the South African Union to Cape Town. Work on this route is already under way, and gasoline depots, landmarks, and landing fields are under construction. The other two routes will be opened as soon as beacons have been erected for the benefit of night flyers. The official flying time on the two eastern routes is fantastically short, and has been estimated at the following figures in hours:—

London to Cairo	35
Cairo to Karachi	33
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British policy in the Mediterranean and the British attitude in the Egyptian conflict are thus made abundantly clear. London will never tolerate a change of the present balance of power in the Mediterranean, and Mussolini's hopes of Italian expansion in the Eastern Mediterranean cannot be realized. If Mussolini would take the time to study the new air policy he would soon discover that all his ambitions in this direction will find themselves directly or indirectly thwarted by England.

It is therefore clear that England can follow only one course in any conflict with Egypt, no matter whether Conservatives, Liberals, or Laborites are in power. The *status quo* in Egypt must be maintained, and even strengthened if possible. All concessions that England will make will be limited by the fact that she requires absolute control not only of Cairo and the Suez Canal, but also of the overland air route to the Sudan and South Africa. Whatever the League of Nations may say, the Egyptians who demand independence will never attain it except by triumphing over the English will to power.

France is also seeking to consolidate her empire by air. Her flyers have just made the trip from Marseille to Timbuktu in a single day. The Sahara and the Mediterranean no longer separate the old France from the new France beyond the seas, from her black empire in Africa and all its resources of land and labor. Marseille is the great future airport of France, just as Cairo is the great future airport of England. From Marseille lines radiate to Tunis, Algiers, Oran, and Casablanca, and from those points further lines extend into Africa.

Mussolini's dream of a Roman Empire encounters its second insuperable obstacle at this point. Tunis will never be Italian, since it occupies a position on the flank of the French network of air routes over Africa.

In Eastern Asia the Philippines are still fighting for an independence that they will never attain, since the position of the United States in the Pacific Ocean and in relation to China demands more than ever the possession of these islands. The Philippines together with Hawaii form America's future line of approach to the East in both peace and war. Air routes will soon be radiating from this line, and will dominate the entire Far East extending to Singapore, where the two great Anglo-Saxon Powers will join hands.

In South America the Argentine Republic is developing air lines over its wide level plains. Buenos Aires will be the most important airport on the continent.

The time will come when flying machines and airships will cross the Atlantic Ocean regularly, and Ireland will then find itself the chief European port for traffic with the West, and will attain an international importance she never enjoyed before.

The most fascinating element in the air services and air policies of the future has to do with the ocean stopping places. An American company has already been formed to place a number of floating airplane bases across the Atlantic Ocean. The question of freedom of the seas at once arises. To whom will these islands belong? What flags will they fly? Will they be internationalized? Whoever controls them not only controls the ocean and the air, but all the seas that England used to rule.

In spite of our European airways, we Germans are mere spectators. We cannot participate in the great policies of tomorrow, for the World War has reduced us to a continental Power. Who knows, however, if that is not the better part?

South American Air Routes

Georges Bruni ("Journal des Débats").

The *Berliner Tageblatt* has announced that the last German Aeronautical Mission to South America has just closed its offices in Buenos Aires. Three lines are sufficient to state this piece of news, which marks a serious defeat for German aviation.

We have already commented on the rivalry that has been going on for several years in South America between French and German aviation interests. The great air line between Europe and South America that Pierre Latécoère established in 1918 stimulated our neighbors across the Rhine to attempt a vast intercontinental line from Spanish soil with German material and German personnel. The Spanish Government listened attentively to the proffered constitution of an ostensibly Spanish consortium that would actually be German and that would establish fifteen thousand kilometres of airways to South America as far as Buenos Aires, all dominated by the Reich. As a result of this ambition, extraordinary envoys paid many visits to the countries of South America, the most famous of these envoys being ex-Chancellor Luther, who went from capital to capital spreading propaganda in behalf of a German transoceanic air line. These efforts have not succeeded. The progress made by the Société Latécoère and its methodic development of land and sea organization have convinced our transatlantic friends that this company alone is able to establish the desired connections with the maximum of regularity, speed, and safety.

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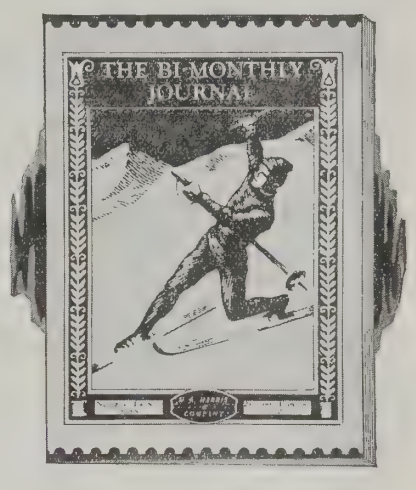

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WE are told that the rush for the new stamps at the Philatelic Agency was such as to swamp its facilities, and while a delay in filling some of the orders is regretted, yet it was impossible to avoid it in the existing nature of things. It is evident that the issue of the two stamps has been received with enthusiasm as the demand for them seems to have been unprecedently strong and in this connection, we are told that a second printing has been made of the issues.

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COLLECTORS may rejoice as a consequence of the swelling wave of publicity that collecting is receiving in the press at this time. Literally, hundreds of clippings have been received which do much to prove that an interest in philately is permeating the country. We can do little more than extract a few samples from this mass of documentary evidence that we are on an ascending scale. Dr. Homer P. Macnamara, Springfield, Illinois, sends an editorial from the old *Illinois State Register* of his city, in which the editor, Mr. Dallman, gives space to an exposition of "a new lure in stamp collecting," or air mail issues. Moreover, some paragraphs of general remarks about the fascinations of philately are given the following intelligent finishing touch, in this commendable editorial: "Many business and professional men are finding in it an interesting surcease from everyday cares, and as in generations past, hundreds of thousands of boys are experiencing a real thrill in hunting down stamps of all nations and all periods. The air mail provides a new incentive all down the line."

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THE treasurer of the Fort Orange Stamp Club, Albany, New York, Mr. Charles G. Riess, writes: "Mr. S. I. Rothchild, Freeport, Long Island, visited Albany during the week of Nov. 19th-24th; and his purpose, well-known, was to further philately especially among the young. He came at the request of J. Merritt Brundige of the Lavender book store of this city. Mr. Rothchild gave talks to schools, Kiwanis Club, The Fort Orange Stamp Club, and elsewhere, and a direct result of his work is the new Albany Junior Stamp Club, comprised of youngsters of Albany; there are forty-five members in this club which has its own set of officers, and meets each Saturday morning at Lavender's book shop, where Mr. Brundige has given the club the use of a large room for one morning each week. The adult club of this city is much interested in this youngsters' organization and is donating prizes for various contests which are enjoyed to the utmost." Three clippings from local newspapers accompany Mr. Riess' letter, one of which is illustrated, showing Mr. Rosenthal holding up a page from his album dealing with Mythology. While we stand around saying that something should be done to interest the young folks in stamp collecting, we give thanks that there are others who are unselfish enough to really take off their coats and buckle down to work. Incidentally, Mr. Rothchild is making a name for himself through his stamp lectures in different cities.

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MR. RALPH E. WARNER is the editor of *De Vez en Cuando*, the student publication of the Spanish Department in Oberlin College, Ohio. Moreover, he lived for a time in Brazil, and it may be said that he feels a kinship with the South American countries. When he saw reports of the trouble between Bolivia and Paraguay, his mind reverted to a significant feature that was incorporated in the design of a Bolivian stamp, and he now favors us with a little study of, What can a postage stamp mean? in the following words: "The papers are spreading headlines that may portend untold disaster. Bolivia and Paraguay are up in arms over the old question of the border, and Bolivia's outlet to the sea. Who started it? is asked, and no one really can say. But I should like to call attention to one fact familiar to many of us, but to which few have attached any significance. In 1925, Bolivia issued a set of ten stamps commemorating the centenary of the republic. Most of the designs were the ones usually used to typify industry, agriculture patriotism and high ideals. But—notice the design of the 25 centavos: a condor on the peak of a high mountain stretches a cruel-looking head toward the right. Besides the conventional labels of a commemorative, it bears the inscription, Hacia el Mar, 'On to the Sea.' Was that stamp a prophecy? Was it merely an overflow of popular opinion or a real threat? I am not trying to imply anything either way. It seems to me significant and worth considering (1) that such a label should be placed on any stamp, (2) that it should have appeared when it did, and (3) that the condor on this particular stamp apparently is facing the east, the direction of the present trouble."

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AN inquiry has been received from Mr. Arthur S. Engel, Charleston, S. C., as follows: "I am anxious to know some of the particulars of the booklet of air mail stamps of the 10c denomination that was issued by the department just before the rate was reduced to five cents, such as the date of issue and price as well as reasons for its issue." Under date of May 16, 1928, the post office department sent from Washington a circular which described the philatelic features in a governmental sense of the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition that was to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, the week of May 21-26. We read: "The Department will also offer for sale for the first time, stamp books of Air Mail stamps. Each book carries six 10-cent Lindbergh Air Mail stamps, and the book will sell for 61 cents." It is true that these booklets had a short tenancy, but they were issued to provide for convenience in handling of the air mail stamps by an increasing number of patrons of the service. It was not anticipated when they appeared that the rate would be reduced so soon.

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AN interesting side-light on Barbuda, one of the Caribbee Islands whose issue of stamps in 1922 is dismissed by the cataloguers as speculative and unnecessary, since there are not more than ten white men on the island, is furnished by Professor James L. Copeland of Chicago: "Some time ago I had the pleasure of learning something about this island out in the Atlantic Ocean, thirty miles northeast of Antigua, of which it is a parish presided over by a resident justice of the peace whose chief occupation is to control the poachers. His aids are a school-teacher and a doctor. Few travelers visit the island since it has no harbor, and one lands through the surf on the back of a sailor. Many other interesting particulars are to be had through various books, but I may mention that on the island is a village peopled by a physically fine race of negroes that is probably more thoroughly African than any other on this continent. The huts are of wickerwork with roofs of thatch, and each is enclosed in a wicker fence, all huddled together. These negroes gain their living by poaching, even though it is forbidden. Of all the postally useless stamps, those of Barbuda are entitled to a place in the front row, and yet they are not to be ignored as emanations of a country well off the beaten track of civilization." There are many interesting details of the island and its people in histories and books of travel that stamp collectors will be rewarded by reading.

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ONE of the big city newspapers recently contained a long article by a staff writer that was based on the query, What is a tical? The bankers, merchants and others who were interviewed did not know whether it was a laugh, a game, a monkey, or what not. Finally, the tical was traced to its lair by one genius who associated Siam with the tical and the baht, but the effort left him with a mind in collapse. Then, one determined soul wrote to Washington, and with the treasury department's coinage table before them solved the mystery. Why was not a collector consulted? Many a boy who knows his stamps could have said that the tical of Siam was approximately twenty-eight cents in our money.

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BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Official notice of the First Trip over FAM No. 6 gives the starting date as January 9th. Planes will leave both Miami and San Juan, P. R., on that date, touching at Havana, Port-au-Prince, Hayti, Santo Domingo City, Rep. Dominica. The rate is given at 5c for the 1st ounce, and 10c for each succeeding ounce or fraction, for Havana and Porto Rico. I have further information that states the rates out of Port-au-Prince will be 12c, and Santo Domingo, 15c, although this is not official. As neither of these latter countries have money order exchange with this country, bank drafts are necessary to transmit your funds to the postmasters.

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The rate on FAM No. 7, Miami to Nassau, will be the regular 5c charge for the first ounce, 10c for each succeeding ounce.

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Special Christmas services were authorized over CAM No. 1, 19, 25 and 23, the official notice in the *Postal Bulletin* reading—"A round trip of service is authorized on Sunday, December 23, 1928, over routes CAM No. 1 and CAM No. 19." "A southbound trip is authorized on route CAM No. 25 on Monday, December 24, and a northbound trip on Sunday, December 23." "A southbound trip is authorized on route CAM No. 23 on Monday, December 24, and a northbound trip on Sunday, December 23." These will be interesting flights, philatel-

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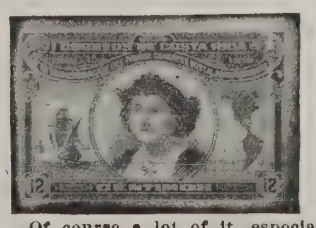

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"Surcharge"

This is an overprint found on certain stamps of Grenada intended for use as postage due labels. The word "surcharge" is very generally used by Post Office Departments as indicating the extra or over charge due on unpaid or insufficiently prepaid mail, so that its appropriateness in this particular instance is obvious:—

Off-Centre Stamps

In describing a mint stamp in the most perfect condition possible from a philatelist's point of view, the words *well-centred* are often used. A mint stamp is, of course, not necessarily well-centred, for lots of stamps are placed on sale at the post offices more or less *off-centre* as it is termed. A well-centred stamp is one in which the design is as nearly as possible equidistant from the perforations on all four sides, or with a nice margin on every side in the case of imperforate stamps. Where one or more sides of the design are cut into by the perforation or other method of separation and there are extra wide margins on other side the stamp is said to be off-centre. Perfect centering is a practical impossibility in the case of some old stamps, for the impressions were arranged so closely together on the plates that there was no room for perforations. Some stamps, like those of the United States, are notoriously difficult to obtain in well-centred condition; others like those of Great Britain, Germany and France are normally well-centred. A poorly centred stamp is certainly an eyesore but the absolutely plumb centering demanded by some collectors nowadays is carrying matters to extremes. The middle course is the sanest; if a stamp looks well and the perforation does not actually cut into the design, then it may be fairly described as a good and perfect specimen.

Prince of Wales

K.G., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., M.C., Heir Apparent to the British Throne, Colonel. Col.-in-Chief, 12th Lancers; R.S. Fus.; Duke of Cornwall's L.I. Hon. President of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.
Born June 23rd, 1894.

The Prince of Wales is a stamp collector of some years' standing, and his collection, unlike that of his father, is not confined to the postal issues of the British Empire.

At the International Philatelic Exhibition held in London in May, 1906, His Royal Highness exhibited a fine collection of unused stamps of Liberia, mostly in mint pairs, and practically complete from the first perforated issue. The Prince's general collection of unused stamps of France and Colonies was also shown on that occasion.

His Royal Highness accepted the honorary presidency of the Royal Philatelic Society in 1919.

During his world tour the Prince of Wales attended stamp exhibitions arranged in his honour at Bombay, Singapore and elsewhere, and was the recipient of loyal addresses from a number of colonial philatelic societies. He brought back from his travels a number of philatelic souvenirs.

It is understood that the collection of His Royal Highness has not been added to of recent years.—*Who's Who in Philately.*

Surcharges

By A. C. LeDuc.

When a stamp has something printed on its face after the stamp has been finished, we call such overprint, a surcharge. Sometimes the surcharge is a new value printed on the stamp to change the original value either higher or lower. Other surcharges are placed on stamps to denote historical events, changes of governments, charitable projects, etc., which may or may not change the original value of the stamp for postal purposes.

Stamps have been surcharged for use in other countries other than the one for which they were originally intended. Such cases for example was the use of United States stamps surcharged for use in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines, at the time of the Spanish American war.

Our Junior Dictionary

Cartagena.—The chief town in the state of Antlantico (part of the Department of Bolivar), Colombia, which has a population of over 20,000. During the civil war of 1899-1900 a large number of provisional stamps were issued in this town.

Carter's Paid Despatch.—A local post of Philadelphia established in 1849 and in connection with which two stamps were issued, neither of which bore any indication of the fee charged for the delivery of letters.

Cartophily.—A name which has now fallen into disuse, but which at one time was generally applied to the scientific collecting of postal cards.

Cartridge Paper. — Although this name was originally intended to designate the special paper used in making cartridges, it is nowadays used to describe a variety of drawing papers—generally those with a rough surface and of some degree of stoutness. Some of the lithographed 1d stamps issued in Trinidad in 1853 were printed on bluish cartridge paper.

Cash.—The value in which many of the stamps of Shanghai were expressed. Ten cash were equal to a candarin, which varied in value from 1½c to ½c in United States currency.

Blocks

By A. C. LeDuc.

Some people are not content to collect single stamps, they want to make a bigger showing so they collect them in larger lots. A block is usually meant four stamps as they came from the original sheet and still attached together in the form of a square. Some collectors want to get larger blocks such as six or eight or nine or more. Then in the case of U. S. stamps, some collectors want to get the stamps from the top or bottom or sides of the sheets in blocks of four or six so as to show the plate number which appears on the margin of the sheet. Some collectors go still further and collect whole sheets of stamps as they were issued by the post office.

Stamps that come from sheets that have not been perforated should be collected only in the form of pairs or blocks so as to show that there was never any perforation holes between the stamps.

A Transvaal Provisional

The surcharge "Cancelled—V. R. I." on a Transvaal stamp does not mean that it has been used. Stamps so marked were provisionally issued by the British authorities at the small township of Wolmaranstad during the South African war. The word "Cancelled" was supposed to fall across the inscription at top of stamp —"Postzegel: Z. Afr. Republiek"—and so cancel it, while the letters "V. R. I." showed the stamp was issued under British jurisdiction. Only a small quantity was surcharged and it is probable that the number actually used was very small indeed. The overprinting was done by means of a handstamp made by setting up ordinary rubber type, such as is included in the cheap outfits frequently advertised in boys' papers.

Double Paper Varieties

The double paper varieties of the United States stamps of the '70's are none too easy to identify and many stamps of the kind have been destroyed, unwittingly, so far as the paper variety is concerned, through immersion in water. Sometimes, when large numbers of the lower denominations of the 1873 issue are soaked, one or more blank pieces of paper, complementary to the stamp as to perforations, are found in the flotsam. Much conjecture as to the origin of these mysterious bits of paper sometimes follows cases of the kind. The double paper variety of the two-cent brown is an exception to the rule and usually may be detected by reason of the double sheet giving a thickness to the paper similar to the paper of the 1879 issue; there is no two-cent brown, 1879. When the corner of a double paper stamp is moistened, separation of the two layers readily follows; and when the water dries, there usually remains a brownish outline bordering the area that was wet; the discoloration is due to the dissolving of the ingredients holding the two sheets of paper together.

AIR MAIL NEWS

(*Continued from page 753*)

ically, for while no special cachets are expected, it is probable that daily service over the routes will be instituted in the near future. Those who subscribe to the *Bulletin* and live near enough to get their covers through in time, will have something nice to add to their collections.

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Appearing in the same issue of the *Bulletin* as the above items, is authorization for daily service over CAM No 2, the first Sunday flight being made on December 23rd. Another nice little Christmas present, if you get aboard in time!

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Effective January 7th, Air Mail service will be established at Rome, N. Y. on route CAM No. 20. A special cachet will be used at Rome on all mail despatched on that date.

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Covers from the Milwaukee-Green Bay flight, CAM No. 9, have been received and the outstanding feature of the cachet is the remarkable clearness of the design. The Milwaukee Association of Commerce also applied an additional cachet-map of the flight—and altogether the covers are exceptionally nice.

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The Winnipeg-Edmonton-Calgary flight brought in some very nice additional cachets to the previous set applied by the Canadian offices. The open design used by the Canadian Post Office Dept., lends itself well to stamp pad application and the cachets are carefully applied, making a combination that is welcome to every collector.

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Mr. George Shirk takes me to task for my item regarding Pawhuska, Okla., but takes the edge off his call-down, by stating Oklahoma City is building an Airport and may use a special cachet when dedicated.

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Promptly on time, the new issues arrived from the Philatelic Agency, and we can truthfully say the 5c is a mighty handsome stamp. The 2c doesn't quite seem to come up to expectations, but as we are no judge of art, it may be a *very fine* engraving. The special cancel used at the Conference, applied in green ink, stood out on the envelopes like a million dollars, and was unusually legible.

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A prominent Boston Business Service, in quoting their subscription rates, have a special box arranged on the sub. blank, quoting, "Send by Air Mail at added cost of $2.00 per year."

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Worcester, Mass., newspapers are authority for the statement that their city will be included on CAM No. 1 just as soon as the new Airport at Newark is completed. Courtesy of Mr. W. B. Brierly.

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In connection with the list of "possibles," published in this column a few weeks ago, Mr. Carter Glass, Jr., writes that two of the points given, Blacksburgh and Charlotte, Va., are very small points and that it is not likely they will have Airports in the near future. Mr. Glass informs me that Lynchburg and Danville, Va., are contemplating Airports, and that definite action will be taken within the next month or so.

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Enid, Okla., applied a vivid sticker to covers mailed on Dec. 12th. J. Paul Gleason, Secty. of the Chamber of Commerce of Enid, states that—"The stickers we use are those we use in connection with advertising Enid." Quoting from the aforesaid sticker, "Where the

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In connection with the item last week regarding flown covers carried from Manila to Hong Kong, I am in receipt of three covers, bearing the new L. O. F. surcharged stamps and a cachet reading —"Manila-Hong Kong, via British Far East Flight—First Air Mail." The cachet is made up of a large impression of a hydroplane in flight, with the reading matter above and below the plane. One cover is cancelled Manila, November 15, 1928, and backstamped Hong Kong, November 18, 1928, Needham, Dec. 17th, evidently the first covers to come through from this flight. Quantity of mail carried and other data will probably be forthcoming in the next few days, but it is quite evident that the British Squadron were prevailed upon to carry mail from Manila to Hong Kong. I am indebted to Mr. Walter Bruggman for sending the above.

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Jackson, Mich., was scheduled to apply a cachet to Air Mail on Dec. 17, through the C. of C., but covers sent out to that point came back without any cachet, cancelled Dec. 12!

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The Merrill-Ronne Airport at Matamoras, Pa., will not be dedicated before June, 1929, but Mr. Grover O. Strunk, Secty. of the Committee, writes that a special cachet will be used when the Airport is dedicated. Bear this one in mind and send your covers about April 15th, to be on the safe side.

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Mr. J. Rausch writes me that he is in touch with the Redding (Calif.) Chamber of Commerce with regard to the use of a special cachet for their Airport dedication, and that it is planned to apply something to Air Mail when the event takes place—probably by mid-summer.

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Coöperators sent through a lot of "possibles" this week, but we have carried some of the information in past issues and have had to pass up their offerings. This week, ending Dec. 18th—Walter Bruggman*, Victor M. Suarez*, Carter Glass, Jr., Merle C. Debban, Jesse T. Baker, Chas. A. Forster*, Wm. B. Brierly, Tom V. Bustamante*, Eva L. Herzler, Jos. Glenczewski, Henry O. Meisel*, Miss Anna M. Schafer*, George Shirk, Maj. C. M. Lopez*, Henry A. Meyer*, Harold Rosenthal, M. P. Colegrove, J. Rausch, L. B. Gatchell*, H. M. Brehm*, Harry E. Klotzbach*, Wm. J. Kotab*.

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The first anniversary cachet used by the contractors of CAM No. 20, and applied at Cleveland and Buffalo on Dec. 17th, came through nicely and was quite dignified and readable. A Bull's-eye, about 2½ inches in diameter, with the reading matter well spaced around the circumference of each of the three circles.

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By AARESS.

The first December meeting of the National Air Mail Society of Chicago was of interest. One of the members had just been to St. Louis and stated that a large amount of collectors' mail which had been sent in care of the postmaster *via* the first flight of route No. 30 on December 1 was still unreturned from that city up to December 7. Furthermore, he disclosed the fact that none of the mail from Chattanooga on this flight would receive the St. Louis backstamp because the plane carrying it was delayed in reaching Evansville in time to connect with the plane carrying the mail over the Evansville to St. Louis spur; consequently, the Chattanooga mail was taken to St. Louis on the earliest L. & N. R. R. train from Evansville.

Another member reported that he had a piece of cloth from the damaged fin of the airship "Graf Zeppelin." This souvenir was obtained from a friend who is a naval officer stationed at Lakehurst, and it was autographed by several of the Zep's crew.

What caused greatest discussion was a unique cover shown by R. J. Schwarz. This was an envelope of a letter mailed in 1920 from a French post office near Constantinople, and was franked with an ordinary 25 centime French stamp. On the back is the postmark of the British post office at Constantinople. However, what sets this envelope off from any other is the rubber stamp impression across the face, "Damaged in Air Mail Wreck Near Toledo, O. 9-14-20." The cover is without a doubt authentic because it was addressed to a person in California who makes it a practice to keep all letters intact, and just recently was persuaded to relinquish this one when a philatelist friend espied it.

Has anyone else such a cover? Who knows anything about an air mail wreck near Toledo in September, 1920? If you have any enlightening information, please get in touch with the Secretary, National Air Mail Society, Room 1623, 159 N. State St., Chicago, Illinois.

Annual

—Washington, D. C., Society Begins A New Year of Activities.

By MAURICE S. PETTY.

At the annual meeting of the Washington (D. C.) Philatelic Society on Dec. 12, the president William A. Johnson was re-elected unanimously. Mr. Johnson, known and beloved to philatelists all over the U. S. A., has been president for fifteen years, being one of the five remaining Charter members. These men who have been members since its organization December 11, 1905, are: W. A. Johnson, J. H. Houston, H. F. Colman, H. F. Dunkhorst and T. R. Hungerford.

The officers for the year 1929 are: Pres., William A. Johnson; 1st Vice Pres., James F. Duhamel; 2nd Vice Pres., Col. W. N. McKelvy; Sec., Maurice S. Petty; Treas., Philip S. Warren; Lib., Harry G. Webb; Auction Mgr., John D. K. Smoot; Sales Mgr., Prof. W. Frank Clark; Board of Governors, Officers and Mayo Dudley, Maj. F. H. Bonesteel, W. Hayden Collins and Carl Stodder.

The society has been in the habit of having an address on some subject connected with stamps or allied matters on every Wednesday night, the members frequently showing rare and unusual items. Recently the unsurpassed collection of Mexico was exhibited by Lt. Col. C. S. Hamilton, and a treat was had.

The treasurer's report showed 83 members in good standing. In its history this society has numbered some of Philately's most noted among its members, such as Major G. W. A. Camp, President of the S. P. A., Philip H. Ward, and others.

The boys' auxiliary meets Saturday afternoons under the leadership of Mr. Smoot and Prof. Clark. The latter also has a fine Boys' Stamp Club at the Central High School. The society is fostering an essay contest. Prizes will be given to the Washington boys submitting the best essays on different phases of stamp collecting. A more thriving society would be hard to find, and visitors are always welcome on Wednesday nights at 1022 Vermont Ave., N. W.

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Some of our loyal friends have apologized for the few subscriptions sent in, saying "my total is so small that I feel ashamed and especially when I see what others are doing." Of course a dealer has unusual advantages over the collector.

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There is not a great deal of difference in value between the first and third printings, and we will therefore content ourselves with recommending a careful lookout to be kept for the "wide setting" issue, particularly unused. In the opinion of the writer (who has specialised in Chinese stamps), *the 5 candarins, unused, wide setting, is the rarest normal stamp of China.*

Stamps of all three printings are worth very much more than normal when they are in pairs or blocks, or on entire envelopes.

The Dowager Empress Issue.—Here again two different printings provide interest, and also great difference in value. The first printing was in Japan and the second at Shanghai, in China. After the stamps had been in use for three years it was decided to alter the currency from "candarins" to "cents."

There were two main styles of surcharge:—(a) small figures, (b) large figures. Nearly all the Japan printing that were left on hand were surcharged in small figures. Meantime, supplies were renewed by making the Chinese printing, and almost the entire Chinese printing was converted into "cents" by means of the large figure surcharge.

The unsurcharged stamps of the Japanese printing are therefore comparatively common, but the unsurcharged stamps of the Chinese printing are very rare indeed. The question therefore is how to distinguish between them.

The shades of the two printings are entirely different for most values, but, of course, it is difficult for the amateur to tell them apart until he has had experience. To the experienced it is fairly easy, for the Chinese printings are altogether more delicate in tint—one might say more typically Chinese—while the Japan printings are of a firmer, more decided, and more vivid colouring. But this is too vague for the beginner, so, bearing in mind that the rare (Chinese) set unsurcharged is the commonest with the large figure surcharge, and that the small figure surcharge is only found on the Japan printing, he should try to mount up, side by side, one of each value surcharged with small and large figures.

This "small figure" set will provide a reference list of colours of the Japan printing—the small figure stamps can be nothing else. The stamps with the large figure surcharge, if the stamps show a marked difference in colouring, will be the Chinese printing.

With these two reference sets in his pocket, an exciting hunt can commence for the rare unsurcharged stamps of the Chinese printing, and so many collectors —and dealers—do not know the difference that a little diligence may bring ample reward.

We must make it clear that not all the large surcharge stamps are of the Chinese printing, for some small remainders of the Japanese printing which came in late from the outlying offices had the large figure surcharge applied, but in general the test holds good—Japanese printing, commonest unsurcharged or with small surcharge. Chinese printing commonest with large surcharge (do not exist with small surcharge), and very rare without surcharge.

Imperial Chinese Post.—Next came the stamps of more normal shape, worded "Imperial Chinese Post." They are a pretty series, with two scarce varieties to look for among them. These are: ½ cent purple. On one stamp on the plate there is a variety in which a large coloured ball (it is larger than a full stop) appears between the two words "Chinese" and "Post." Of course, it was accidental, but it was never removed, and therefore appeared once on every sheet throughout the whole issue. The sheets were printed in a curious arrangement of four panes side by side, and this variety happens on the second stamp on the top row of the third pane. It is not a variety with which the ordinary collector should trouble himself, but the specialist in Chinese stamps naturally wants it, and it is worth, say, 5/- as compared with 3d for the normal stamp.

The other variety is the 50c deep green, instead of bright yellow-green, which is the colour of the 10c. Obvious errors of colour are outside the scope of the "Bargain Hunter's Chronicle," but we include this error because we have ourselves picked it up on several occasions as the normal stamp, with which it is easily confused. The error is worth twice as many pounds as the normal stamp is worth in shillings, so it is worth looking for.—*Junior Stamp Magazine.*

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AIR PATHS AND POLICIES

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ission to its native land proves that ermany has abandoned the struggle, id that, although her future may be in ie air, South America will not be in-olved. The success of the Société atécoère, now known as the Compagnie énérale Aeropostale, is complete. It is a honor to our aviation, for its 12,795 ilometres that comprise the France to outh America air line make it by far ie longest commercial air line regularly sed.

The history of this line's development nd the present conditions under which functions must be familiar to everyone nterested in the economic expansion of rance. The Toulouse to Buenos Aires oute was developed in the following tages: September, 1919, Toulouse to asablanca, 1845 kilometres; June, 1925, asablanca to Dakar, 2850 kilometres; ovember, 1927, Natal to Montevideo to uenos Aires, 4650 kilometres; March, 928, Dakar to Natal, 3450 kilometres; aking a total of 12,795 kilometres. All ie land flying is done in airplanes, and ie sea is negotiated in amphibians and ispatch boats. Within a year the dis-atch boats will be removed and the mphibians that are just being completed ill be put into service. At the present ioment one trip a week is made. The ime taken for the first five voyages, in-luding stopovers, was 374 hours, 431 ours, 380 hours, 305 hours, and 287 ours. Thus the longest of these trips ook eighteen days, whereas now the av-rage is ten days, with better time being nade each week. Long before the lapse f the six months' period specified in the ontract to the Compagnie Générale eropostale, the service will be function-ng in less than eight days.

When the personnel becomes familiar vith its duties, and when the amphibians ave replaced the dispatch boats, the time vill be cut still shorter. Let us suppose hat the ordinary letter takes nearly a nonth to get from Chile to Paris by oat. It now takes thirteen days by air, nd next year the trip will take only six r seven days at the most. These fig-ures are so eloquent that comment is nnecessary.

The personnel that is now required to un this enormous service includes sev-nty-two pilots, two hundred mechanics, four hundred laborers, forty naval of-icers, three hundred sailors, thirty radio perators, and thirteen base commanders. The material includes two hundred air-planes, ten amphibians, three hundred motors, six rapid dispatch boats, six watchtowers, three reserve gasoline tanks, and two reserve water tanks.

The recruiting, training, and develop-ment of a skilled personnel, the construc-tion and coöperation of such a large naval and air fleet, and the organization of thirteen landing fields have cost mil-lions of francs and have involved an enormous amount of work. The chief difficulties lay between Natal and Buenos Aires. But in spite of everything, a total distance of three hundred thousand kilo-metres has been flown during seven months, and during the last two months the service has been one hundred per cent regular. Is it necessary to add that the number of letters carried is increas-ing at a formidable rate?

Such is the achievement of a thorough-ly French air service organized in a su-perior way over a space of some years. It is the fruit of determined, intelligent will power, and the reward of prodigious labor. M. Pierre Latécoère and his faith-ful collaborator, M. de Massimi, have silently, methodically, and faithfully created a marvelous tool whose world-wide importance public opinion is just beginning to recognize.

Flying Across Africa

Lady Heath ("Saturday Review").

I listened on Monday to an account by Mr. Gerald Bowyer of his adventures in traveling from Cape Town to London by motor car—the first time a standard motor car has made this trip. Mr. Bow-yer refuses to call Africa the Dark Con-tinent; he calls it the Light Continent. He says that throughout his journey he saw but one leopard, a few buck, a cou-ple of hyena, and an odd jackal or two. Roads, whether they are the better roads of the Uganda, the narrower native tracks of Tanganyika, or the very occa-sional roads that thread the swamps in North Rhodesia, all bring a certain amount of civilization close to them, for civilization follows the path of transport. But in flying over Africa one is unable, much as one would like to, to stick to the safer lines of civilization and roads, and is obliged to get from landing place to landing place across anything that may lie between, whether it be swamp or forest, or craggy mountain ranges with desolate valleys in between.

Looking back on my flight, I am chiefly impressed by the minute scratches human effort has made on the surface of Afri-ca. Over great areas there is no sign of living habitation. The fever and damps of the swamps make life impossible, and in other closely wooded areas there is depopulation owing to the ravages of sleeping sickness. Even in the more highly civilized parts there are great areas of lonely country—mountainous stretches of veldt in South Africa, and still more mountainous areas of desert to the north. But the centre of Africa cannot be called moun-tainous. From all its coasts Africa slopes upward to a great central plateau, on which are found, far away from the ravages of civilization, the lowest forms of animal and vegetable life. Many pi-lots have flown this route, and I have heard one of them say that on the whole trip he saw no game or anything alive. I can only surmise that this man did not know his Africa and did not know what the living things looked like when he saw them. The natural instinct of game is to stand stock still when it hears a suspicious sound, and to remain still un-til it discovers the cause and direction of that which startles it. It is therefore not so easy for one who has not actually walked and shot over the country to dis-tinguish wild life. For my part, having lived in all three of the British East African territories, and having traveled through all our other possessions in that continent, often with a gun in search of game, my eyes were quick to see wild animals, and there was an abundance of them.

As far south as Livingstone—twenty miles south of it, in fact—I saw rhinos in the bush, and flying low over them was horrified to observe the devoted mother of a baby rhinoceros run headlong from her charge when she heard the machine. Other game behaved quite differently. On the Serengati plains in the west of Kenya the great herds of buck, number-ing often many thousands, ran like a frightened herd of sheep from the noise of the engine. But two or three times on the edge of the plains when I passed over groups of lions, either sunning themselves in the morning heat or rang-ing from place to place, I was surprised to find that they took apparently no no-tice of my machine. They probably re-garded me, as the natives did in various wild places in which I landed, as an "act of God." In the Southern Sudan I found the rhinos more quiescent, the white rhino, a creature peculiar to that region, ignoring my presence completely; and the large herds of elephants took but lit-tle notice. Of the smaller game hidden among the undergrowth I can say little, the tiny buck, guinea fowl, and snakes being altogether hidden from my view. Other birds than the guinea fowl, such as the great eagles which frequent the granite hills rising out of the forest plains, drifted by with complete con-tempt, sometimes only a few yards off.

I retain wonderful memories of the beauties of Central Africa. On the Equator itself there is no great heat, ow-ing to the height of the central plateau, and where there is not forest or swamp there are vast rolling plains of agricul-tural land, which the white settler is be-ginning to discover and to exploit. As soon as the powers that be help him by laying down transport and postal facili-ties—for those are the two things neces-sary to open up Central Africa—we shall have a great storehouse of mineral and agricultural wealth. A railway runs northward from the Cape for five days' journey before it branches off toward the Belgian Congo. Westward a line runs inland through Portuguese East Africa from Beira, and again another line runs from Dar-es-Salaam to Lake Tangan-yika. Another line is gradually creeping eastward from Lobito, but in the very centre, where there are gold and dia-monds, and that still more priceless pos-session, a rich virgin soil, there is noth-ing except impossibly bad roads which cannot be used during the rainy season, from March to October. Never shall I forget the beauty of climbing at nine thousand feet over the ridge of the Rung-wa Mountains on the southern side of Tanganyika. The drifting white clouds that held the coming of the rains were flecking the sky and gilding the crest of the next range. Underneath them, in-tersecting the mottled ground of the val-leys, were the silver ribbons of water-courses flowing to Lake Rukwa and the semi-dry swamp which lies to the north. In this valley there are hundreds of white people finding a living by washing the gold from the rivers. A little far-ther north a new diamond mine has re-cently been discovered. Two or three hundred miles still further north, on the shores of Victoria Nyanza, there is an enormous meat-canning industry starting. All these industries are begging for transport facilities to connect them with the Mother Country. Unless the Im-perial Government can find means to provide the help that is required these people will have to go elsewhere, and their industries will be lost to the Empire.

From a navigational point of view, flying over Central Africa is child's play. The visibility is wonderful. One can see fifty or seventy miles with the greatest ease, and in Africa things are built on a big scale. A single range as large as the Pennines, a lake as large as Ireland, a solitary hill as big as Vesuvius, are common occurrences, so that one does not have to concentrate on the details immediately beneath one, such as roads, crossroads, railways, and the twists of tiny rivers, as one does in the small area and perpetually bad visibility of the Brit-ish Isles. An hour before reaching Lake Bangweota the shining stretches of its waters and the glittering silver of the bend of the Nile can be seen. The ex-treme beauty and bigness of things make one forget the possibility of a forced landing.

This danger is really an ever-present one, and it is a danger that could be greatly lessened or altogether removed if the governments of Central Africa would combine to provide a chain of wireless stations such as they have in the Sudan and such as the Italian and French colonies so proudly possess. To my mind, Abercorn is the centre of Africa, and for five hundred miles to the south there is a single telegraph line which lies on the ground for nine months out of twelve owing to the thefts of wire-loving natives or the pell-mell rush of careless giraffes or the ravages of storms. To the north of Abercorn to Tabora there are four hundred miles of forest and swamp over which the trans-African aviator must fly and through which the trans-African traveler must go, and here there is no line for communication of any kind. To herald one's advent or to warn the villages of one's coming means a ten days' job by runner, and one might be lost for weeks in the forest before the country people became aware that it was even necessary to send out a search party. These things must be remedied.—*The Living Age.*

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Aeronautic Conference Stamps

The two stamps issued to commemorate the International Civil Aeronautic Conference, are meeting with general approval, and while the 5-cent is considered the more attractive, it must be remembered that when the Wright Brothers designed their airplane, it was designed for service and not for artistic attractiveness, so that the engraver gave us the best possible stamp under the circumstances. The green cancellation used by the Washington office results in a most attractive cover and furnishes a pleasing addition to any collection.

The Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, also arranged a most unusual postmark for use at Kitty Hawk, N. C., on December 17th, the twenty-fifth anniversary of aviation's birthday. Twenty-five years previous to that date, the incredible happened at lonesome, windswept Kitty Hawk, a mere speck on the map down upon the sand dunes of the North Carolina coast. The Wright brothers ascended in a heavier than air machine and actually stayed in the air at first for twelve seconds, at which time a horizontal distance of 120 feet was covered, and later the second brother eclipsed even this feat by remaining aloft for fifty-nine seconds and traveling 852 feet. Few believed the news at the time, but today the whole world pays tribute to the courage of the Wright brothers, whose pioneer flights ushered in a new era of transportation.

At Kitty Hawk, on December 17, 1928, a memorial of the most appropriate character was started. The cornerstone was laid by Orville Wright, and from this cornerstone will arise a tower that will be a beacon of light for the guidance of both aviators and mariners along this dangerous coast. Later on, it is hoped that an air field will surround the tower.

The postmark used on the occasion is a two-inch square, and shows a portrait of the Wright airplane, with a modern airplane above. Below we find in five lines—"Twenty-fifth anniversary, first flight made by the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk, N. C., Dec. 17, 1903." The marking was applied in black on the cover, and in addition, the stamps received the small handstamp postmark of the North Carolina office, bearing date in addition to name of city and state.

"Molly Pitcher"

Mr. M. Ohlman has shown me a block of four of the 2-cent "Molly Pitcher" variety, wherein the stamps of the lower row are surcharged at a distance of about twenty-nine millimeters from the surcharge above, whereas the normal surcharge runs around eighteen millimeters. It looks as if a whole row of the surcharge dropped, as the variety is not constant in all sheets. Mr. Ohlman states that five blocks were located, which leads me to believe that these blocks formed a complete horizontal row. The surcharge between the word "Molly" and "Pitcher" is the same in both cases.

Paper Shrinkage

Mention was recently made in this column of the fact that many stamps had been recently located which were smaller in size than those heretofore distributed. As differences at times occur in sheets from the same plate, it was known of course, that it must be due to either paper or gum, or both, for naturally the same plate could not print two sizes of stamps. The subject was taken up with the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, and Mr. A. W. Hall, Director, advises as follows:

"There is no difference in the layout of the plates, but we are now printing flat-bed stamps with the grain of the paper running in either direction, which probably accounts for the difference in the size of the blocks of stamps submitted by you. The unequal size of these blocks of stamps might also be accounted for by the variance in the quantity of water in the paper at the time the impression was taken. The identical stamps are herewith returned."

Playing Card Stamp

Mr. Howard C. Buttermore has shown me a new Playing Card stamp not noted heretofore, namely, the 10c blue Scott's No. 4518, perforated 10 on all sides. This stamp has been noted heretofore rouletted, perforated 11 and in coil form, but this is the first time the variety has been noted in the condition just described.

Canal Zone

Scott's Monthly Journal notes a new variety not seen hertofore, namely, the 5c blue, No. 71, with inverted "Zone."

Philippines

A new series of air mail stamps overprinted locally, has just made its appearance, the overprint being in red, showing an airplane in flight with "L. O. F." above, and "1928" below. The initials stand for "London-Orient Flight," and they were placed on sale at Manila on November 9, at which time a special postmark was used for the occasion, the marking being in black and consisting of three concentric circles. Within are four airplanes in flight, in addition to "London-Orient Flight, Manila, Nov. 9, 1928, First-Day cover." The issue of stamps was occasioned by the visit of the British Army Sea-plane Squadron on their far-eastern good-will flight, at which time arrangements were made for the flyers to carry a certain number of letters, and one of these letters on hand, shows the postmark of "Manila, Nov. 15, 2.30 P. M.", in addition to a postmark of "Hong Kong, Nov. 18, 9.30." (does not state A. M. or P. M.) and a Philadelphia postmark of December 17. Our correspondent advises that only ten letters were permitted to each applicant, and that many of the letters did not contain the surcharged stamps, as only one set was sold to a single applicant, although some few by favor, secured more.

The issue consists of eleven denominations from two centavos to one peso, inclusive, and judging from the numerous reports coming from the Islands, it seems that the issue was cornered almost before it was placed on sale.

Heretofore, the local director of posts received much criticism in this country but had the fighting support of local philatelists. On this occasion, he even has his local friends asking the question "Is the director of posts going into the stamp business?" While the number issued are not available, the total amount of face value was 15,000 pesos, or about similar to the Madrid-Manila stamps in number. It is stated that no error occurred.

Speaking of the flight our correspondent states that the aviators under the command of Captain Cave-Brown-Cave arrived in Manila from Puerto Princesa on November 9th, and were the guests of the U. S. Army and Navy officers at the Army and Navy Club, until November 16th. On this day, the squadron of four British sea-planes left Manila at 6.00 A. M., for Salomague, which is on the western coast of Northern Luzon where they arrived the same date, and on the following morning, November 17th, left for Hong Kong, being the first flight from Manila to Hong Kong and the first flight east to west across the China Sea.

They carried official mail from Manila to Salomague, the rate being sixteen centavos. They also carried mail from Manila to Hong Kong, the rate being two pesos, and a limit was set of not more than ten letters to any sender, and to any addressee. The post office kept a special register and took a special record of each letter giving the name of addressee, sender, and the amount of postage paid, hence, it will be possible to check all genuine flown covers. The cover previously mentioned, shows a block of four of the 26c, a pair of the 20c, and a single of the 30c, with the airplane overprint, in addition to a normal 30c ultramarine.

We wish to thank Messrs. Ernest R. Ackerman, H. C. Buttermore and H. E. Harris for first-day covers from Kitty Hawk, and Messrs. H. M. Brehm and F. E. Moorehouse for further covers of interest.

Australia.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent for note the 3p blue, Kookaburra design. A special setting was made for use at the Melbourne Exhibition, consisting of 15 panes of 4 with plain double perforated gutter between the panes. The stamps are machine perf. 11.

Azores.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the 1928 Independence set noted under Portugal, surcharged for use in the Azores.

Bulgaria.—Mr. H. L. Meeken has shown us two values of a new design, surface printed stamps on highly surfaced paper. They are perf. 11½, and no watermark. The values are 1 Leva sage green and 2 Leva brown.

Cuba.—Mr. John C. Kunz has sent for chronicle the 1c postage due stamp in rose-red shade.

Eritrea.—Mr. R. Roberts calls our attention to the 75c carmine and 2L 50c myrtle and orange stamps of Italy, which have been overprinted "Colonia Eritrea" in black.

Estonia.—We are indebted to Latmarka Ltd., Riga, Latvia for specimen

NEWFOUNDLAND-DE PINEDO

In May, 1927, 300 copies of the 60c Cabot were overprinted in red "Air Mail—DE PINEDO—1927". Commr. de Pinedo was given 20 copies; four were damaged and destroyed; 46 sold to Government officials, and the remainder (230) used on letters in the Trans-Atlantic air mail.

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Latvia.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the following values of the 1928 Independence series: 6s green and magenta, 15s brown and grey-green, 20s bright red and green, 30s ultramarine and brown, 50s grey-brown and claret, and 1 lats dark brown and light brown. Each stamp bears the dates "1918 1928" in the upper corners with "Latvija" between. In an oval is a different view for each value with the subject name beneath. The value is below the view.

Also a Liberty set has been put on sale in similar designs to the Independence set, but perforated and watermarked swastika. The values are 6+10san green, 10+10san red, 15+10san claret, 30+10san blue, 50+10san grey and 1 lats+10s purple-brown. These stamps have also been issued in imperforate condition.

Leeward Islands.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 10sh green and carmine on green, and 1 pound black and lilac on red, in the Nyasaland type. The former value is script watermark, but the pound value is the old multiple CA.

Monaco.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 60c of the 1926-27 issue with the surcharge "50" in black. Also the 1fr50 on 2frs mauve and sepia has been reported by the same correspondent.

Netherlands.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 12½c bright blue and 27½c grey, both new shades have appeared. These stamps are watermarked circles and are perf. 12½.

Norway.—Mr. Gustave Larson advises that we may soon see a new set of Norway surcharges. This time they will be on the set of postage due stamps which were withdrawn sometime ago. The remainders have been made over for use as ordinary postage stamps, but as yet have not been distributed. They will bear the same face value as previous, viz.: 1, 4, 10, 15, 20, 40, 50, 100 and 200 ore. There is a good supply of all values excepting two of which there is less than half a million.

Portugal.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle a new set of stamps called the 1928 Independence issue. Values and subjects are 2c light blue and black, (Gualdim Paes); 3c green and black (Conquista De Santarem); 4c brown-red and black (Batalha Da Rolica); 5c olive and black (Nuno Alvares Pereira Na Batalha Dos Atoleiros); 6c brown and black (Joana de Gouveia); 15c grey and black (same as 3c); 16c violet and black (same as 4c); 32c green and black (same as 6c); 40c brown and black (same as 5c); 50c orange and black (same as 4c); 80c grey and black (type of 3c); 96c red and black (design Joana de Gouveia); 1Ex brown-red and black (type of 5c); 1Ex 60c blue and black (design of 2c), and also a 25c ultramarine and black of the design of the 2c.

In addition to the new items noted above Mr. R. Roberts writing under date of November 24th last reports that the Camoens set of 1924 overprinted "Porte franco 1929" in red has been placed on sale in the following values: 30c brown, 40c ultra, 80c bistre brown, E1.50c vermilion, E1.60c indigo and E2.40c green on green.

San Marino.—Mr. R. Roberts is informed that the colors for the new Parcel Post Postage Due stamps, which have just been printed, are as follows:

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You have seen, or have now a general collection of precancels, running all through as per the standard catalog by states, cities, types, and last by issues.

Then there is the state specialist (I'm guilty), the value specialist, the one who collects a certain issue only, the one who likes the two straight edges of coils, the type hunter and then some.

But another method unknown to many, and at least new in Kansas City is the I. B. S. system issues by states, and is not copyrighted. The U. S. specialist, not precancellially speaking, will have perhaps a dozen or more shades of a certain stamp as the 3c offset. Why not carry this just a little further and try (I say try) and get just one 3c offset from each state. If this is not enough include Hawaii and Porto Rico.

The most satisfactory method of arrangement is to get a loose leaf album, one page of which will hold fifty stamps. This will give you a page for each value and a space for each of the forty-eight states and the two colonies.

As a suggestion, *don't* start on the 1898 issue, but try say the 1922, the rotary perf. 10, or the rotary perf 11x 10½. To complete the 1922 issue (including 13c and 17c) would take 1,100 different stamps not going over the $1.00 value. The two rotary press issues which are now more plentiful would take 550 each or another 1,100. Bringing one issue together from all different states will give you just about all the shades you could expect.

In addition to the foregoing current issues don't overlook the coils and dues which will add several hundred more. Then back up on the older issues, and you are a busy collector.

To add true value and interest, always remove the lower priced or more common ones to add a rarer or higher priced item. For instance, why have Atlanta, Ga., and Chicago, Ill., 1½c coils if you can include a Macon and a Batavia instead.

There is one thing that remains a question. To the average collector with no reserve stock to pick from, what would be the first page to be filled. No doubt 1½c would lead, but what is next.

Will be glad to help anyone interested or explain anything not clear and would appreciate hearing from any attempting the I. B. S. system of collecting.

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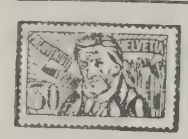

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THE FIRST POSTAGE STAMPS

With the near approach of the London Stamp Exhibition of Great Britain stamps we shall have the old, old problem of the date of the first postage stamps cropping up from many quarters. If we write of May 6th, some will clamour for the record to be put back to May 1st; if we write of May 1st, others will bring us to book for giving the date before it was permissible to use the stamps. The question of the date of issue has often been argued, but the position is best summarised by "An old Collector," writing many years ago in the *Bazaar*. His remarks are full of useful information:—

"There seems to be a growing desire amongst philatelists (writes this 'Old Collector') to make what in post office language is termed the 'day of issue,' of a particular stamp, to depend on *the day when it was sent out*, and not on the day it became available for the payment of postage. It has constantly been the case that, when an issue (and especially a first issue) of stamps has taken place, they have been supplied to the various post offices some few days previously to that fixed for their use, to enable the public to furnish themselves with what quantity they may require: the tickets for the entertainment might be had in advance. But if the date at which the stamps might be purchased in advance is to be made the date of issue, it will alter the date of the first issue of the stamps of half the countries of the world. Before examining what occurred with those of Great Britain in 1840, I will give two or three instances of other countries in Europe, as the ministerial orders are more familiar to us than are those in other portions of the world.

"It has been accepted by every philatelist that we have heard that the date of issue of the first Belgian stamps was 1st July, 1849; yet the ministerial order of June, 1849, states that 'the stamps will be put on sale on and after *25th current*, but cannot be made any use of before 1st July, the date fixed for the postal reform to come into effect.'

"In Wurtemburg, the first use of postage stamps dates from 15th October, 1851; yet a post office notice informed the public that 'they would be on sale at all the post offices, either singly or in sheets, on 12th October.' In Saxony, the use of the first postage stamp dates from 1st July, 1850, and the order of the post office states that 'the sale by all the post offices would commence on the 29th June, though their use for prepayment was not permitted till 1st July.' I could adduce many other instances, but these will suffice to show that the day when the stamps were put on sale and the date when they were available for the prepayment of postage, which has hitherto been regarded as the 'date of issue,' were not synchronous.

"Now let us refer to the stamps of Great Britain. On 29th April, 1840, the General Post Office sent a circular to the various post offices, enclosing specimens of the One Penny label, and the Mulready cover and envelopes of 1d and 2d, and on the same day a notice was issued by the Commissioners of Stamps and Taxes that stamps might be used on and after 6th May for prepayment of postage, and that on and after 1st May, such stamps could be purchased either at their office or at the Sea Policy Office in Threadneedle Street, at the prices therein given, which were for quantities of not less than half-ream of 1d covers or envelopes, quarter-ream of 2d covers or envelopes, and a sheet of 240 adhesive stamps of 1d or 2d; the latter, however, were not ready. On 30th April a notice was issued by the Post Office, which commenced as follows:—'The Lords of the Treasury having fixed *the 6th May next for the issue of postage stamps*, on and after that day all letters written on stamped paper or enclosed in stamped covers, or having stamps affixed to them . . . will pass *free* of postage, in whatever part of the United Kingdom they may be posted.' From this it is clear that the Post Office regarded the 6th May (i.e., the first day of *use*) as the 'day of *issue*,' and we cannot understand why any philatelist wants to prove that the Post Office was wrong, and that the day of issue was the day when a sort of wholesale sale was commenced at the two stamp offices in London.

"In 1840, London was not divided into postal districts, and there were no district post offices, only Receiving Houses, which were generally stationers' shops. These could have obtained supplies from the two wholesale offices; but only a few did so, and it was some days before they obtained direct supplies and were able to retail them to the public. It is true that Sir Rowland wrote that the issue was made on 1st May, the same as he wrote that the embossed stamp of 1s was made on Saturday, 11th September, 1847; but when we speak of stamps, it behoves us that we ought to use the words as they are employed by the Post Office, for though the language of this office is not always most intelligible, yet it is precise enough on some points. Sir R. Hill wrote as to when the stamps were sent out of the office of the Commissioners of Stamps and Taxes; the Post Office dated from the day they were available for use. We see no use whatever in endeavouring to antedate the date of issue; but we see a great deal of harm in it, as it would affect the date of issue of so many other stamps, and not only make every other catalogue wrong, but in many cases the date could not be fixed—as, for instance, in the French stamps, that came into use 1st January, 1849, but which commenced to be sent out to the various post offices on 20th December, 1848."—*Postage Stamp.*

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The cat. solves the riddle
Of what's jumped over the moon;
The specialists look to see what they've caught
And what's the next country to spoon.

Doubtless each of us have our little worries, but what a life these Cataloguers must live, keeping their two eyes on hundreds of countries ready to break out with spasms of shades and varicose varieties. And the time is never fully ripe for publication, for as soon as the printers' presses have done their fell work, all our picture galleries are being rehung.

"One knows there is a real crisis," once said Abraham Hayward, "when Lady Palmerston forgets her rouge, and Palmerston omits to dye his whiskers"; and I fancy the Catalogue Editor must grow a patriarchal beard till the crisis is past and the Gillette can be taken up whilst the Sub-Editor probably takes to eye-shades, and not whiskers, but whiskies or any port (even grocer's) in the storm.

How Herr Karl Baedeker got a night's untroubled sleep was a perpetual problem to Mr. E. V. Lucas; but forty winks must be as much as a Cat. Ed. can allow himself with 48,707 standard varieties floating about, of which number 1,73 had to be added to the census last year.

Who would have thought the tin acorn, sown in 1840, would have sprouted and extended its branches over the earth? No, sir, only the very far-sighted in 184 realised the trouble they were storing up. Let me quote you Lord Beauvale:—

"The penny postage is a humbug and an expensive one," wrote the first Lord Beauvale to his sister, Lady Palmerston, on August 2nd, 1839, "but we have at least one humbug a year. The greatest error in policy and the most common is to look for the consequence of measures the week after they are passed. The strawberry bears the year it is planted: it requires a century before the oak bears its full crop of acorns. The most prolific bearers require time to develop their fecundity. Those who are in the stream remark not, I suppose, its force, but it looks fearful from a distance."

It does indeed, when one compares the issues of 1850 with those of 1900; or the stamp album and catalogue of 1880 with those of to-day.

"Those in the stream" must apply to the watermark specialists who will need no further words of mine, either Single, Mult., or Script, to realize the force of Lord Beauvale's remark.

Our authority states that it takes a hundred years before we get the full crop, so the Cataloguers will have to carry on a bit longer. Like the painters of the Forth Bridge, our Cataloguers must, as soon as they have finished one end, recommence t'other.

Let them take what consolation they can from Lord Dewar's aphorism, "The sun never sets on the British Empire; that is why her troubles are continuous."

But all things have an end; even the Farmer exhausted his somewhat lengthy list of possibly-prospective wives, for you may remember the last words of that delightful play (*The Farmer's Wife*)—"Three marriages in one house in one day. I guess they'll be some pretty eating and drinking."

I'm quite with the old boy. May I be alive on the anniversary of the first postage stamp, and May 6th, 1940, will find me ready for "the good guzzle and no tiddlers."

And then poor Cataloguers will have earned it.

And I'll drink their 'ealth.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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